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**Santa Maria's Every Child Succeeds program receives financial assistance from the
Stillson Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, N.A., Trustee**

Santa Maria Community Services, Inc. is delighted to announce their receipt of a \$30,000 grant from the Stillson Foundation for their Every Child Succeeds program.

This generous grant will aid Santa Maria Community Services by supporting the growth and development of their Every Child Succeeds (ECS) program in Price Hill. The ECS program provides pregnant mothers and new parents with a structured, evidence-based home visitation program designed to support the needs of at-risk mothers and optimize the development of their infants and small children, prenatally to age three.

These comprehensive services optimize child health and development, facilitated by professional home visitors who work closely with both expecting and new parents to develop parenting skills, improve maternal and child health, create stimulating and nurturing home environments, and connect families with other community supports.

"This funding is extremely important for our Every Child Succeeds program," says H.A. Musser, President & CEO of Santa Maria Community Services. "With 80% of the brain developing in the first three years of a child's life, it is extremely important to provide this foundation for families and their babies as early as possible. We are so grateful to have the support of the Stillson Foundation to continue this vital work."

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About Santa Maria Community Services, Inc.

Santa Maria Community Services, Inc. is an independent, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization originally founded by the Sisters of Charity in 1897 and place-based in Cincinnati Ohio's Price Hill community. Santa Maria provides more than 3,000 individuals with educational tools and resources to build strong families, promote healthy residents, and foster neighborhood revitalization. Our Price Hill Family Centers provide a welcoming environment and the coaching, support, and flexibility to assist families to achieve their identified goals toward stabilization and self-sufficiency. Our mission is to be a catalyst and advocate for Greater Price Hill families to attain their educational, financial, and health goals. Our vision is for Greater Price Hill to be a vibrant, thriving, and self-sustaining community. Learn more at SantaMaria-Cincy.org.