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## Santa Maria Community Services to Host Free Safety Fest for Families on June 21

**CINCINNATI, OH –** Santa Maria Community Services, Inc. is excited to invite families to its upcoming Safety Fest, taking place Friday, June 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. at 2122 Hatmaker Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45204. This free, family-friendly event will focus on building a safer and healthier community through educational activities and community connections.

Safety Fest will offer a range of resources to help families learn more about crime prevention, emergency preparedness, health, and wellness. Local partners such as 1N5, Cincinnati Fire Department, and Whitney Strong will be on site with safety demonstrations and information booths. Free meals, snacks, and children's activities will also be available, including games and crafts designed to engage youth in fun, educational ways. This comes at a time when Cincinnati is concerned about youth violence increasing during the summer in its community, making events like Safety Fest even more vital and impactful.

"We believe the path to preventing violence and building a safer community starts with connection and support," said H.A. Musser, Jr., President and CEO of Santa Maria. "Events like Safety Fest give families the chance to engage with resources, build positive relationships, and feel seen and valued."

This event is made possible with support from PreventionFIRST!, The American Heart Association, and The Charles H. Dater Foundation as part of Santa Maria's commitment to violence prevention through its Youth Development programming. By working alongside local partners, the organization aims to promote positive community engagement and equip residents with the tools and knowledge they need to thrive.

The event is free and open to all.

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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 <u>SantaMaria-Cincy.org</u>.