

**CONTACT:****Natalie Moo Young****Santa Maria Community Services, Inc.****Natalie.MooYoung@SantaMaria-Cincy.org****513-557-7297****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****July 29, 2025****Santa Maria Community Services Receives \$100,000 Grant from
Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trust to Sustain Critical Programs**

CINCINNATI, OH – Santa Maria Community Services is honored to announce the receipt of a generous \$100,000 Rapid Response Fund grant from the Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trust, Fifth Third Bank, N.A., Trustee. The funding arrives at a pivotal moment, helping Santa Maria address a significant and unexpected loss of funding that has threatened the continuity of two essential programs: Stable Families and Workforce Development.

Both programs serve as lifelines for families in the Greater Price Hill area, offering the support and tools needed to stabilize housing and improve financial well-being. Due to the recent funding cuts, Santa Maria has faced longer waitlists, increased caseloads, and an urgent need to bridge the growing gap between available services and the rising number of families in crisis.

“This grant couldn’t have come at a more crucial time,” said H.A. Musser, Jr., President and CEO of Santa Maria Community Services. “Families are struggling with housing instability, underemployment, and basic needs. Without this support, we were facing the real possibility of scaling back or delaying services when our community needs them most. We are deeply grateful to the Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trust for helping us continue to stand with our neighbors as they work toward stability.”

About the Programs

Santa Maria’s Stable Families program helps families on the brink of homelessness by offering intensive case management focused on housing retention. Through this program, Santa Maria expects to support at least 150 families each year, with a goal of maintaining a 90% housing retention rate and reducing school mobility for children in participating households.

The Workforce Development program follows the nationally recognized Financial Opportunity Center (FOC) model and offers job coaching, financial education, and connections to income supports. Each year, the program supports at least 100 adults, with a goal of 85% obtaining employment and 50% of those maintaining it for at least six months.



For more information about Santa Maria's programs or to support its mission, visit www.santamaria-cincy.org.

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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.

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