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Santa Maria Community Services Receives \$100,000 Grant from the Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr. Foundation

CINCINNATI, OH - Santa Maria Community Services is pleased to announce that it has received a \$100,000 grant from the Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr. Foundation in support of its Promoting Our Preschoolers (POP) program.

This generous grant will directly support POP's mission to prepare young children in Greater Price Hill for kindergarten and lifelong learning success. With this funding, Santa Maria will continue providing home visiting, literacy-rich experiences, and summer reading camps designed to help children develop key skills in print knowledge, linguistic awareness, and receptive and expressive language.

Funding from the Haile Foundation will help achieve the following outcomes in 2026:

- **Short-term outcome:** 120 children will be enrolled and pretested through the Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning (DIAL) screening during July and August.
- **Long-term outcome:** 90% of those 120 children who participate in the 2026 reading camps and complete the post-test DIAL screening will show an increase of at least 10 percentile points.

"Promoting Our Preschoolers helps children enter kindergarten ready to learn and thrive," said H.A. Musser, Jr., President and CEO of Santa Maria Community Services. "We are deeply grateful to the Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr. Foundation for this significant investment in the future of Price Hill children and families."

This program is partly made possible through the generous support of the Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr. Foundation, which promotes the vision of its founders by investing in education, arts and culture, and community development across Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

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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.



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Helping Families Help Themselves Since 1897

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.