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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****December 15, 2025****Santa Maria Community Services, Inc. Announces Board of Directors Changes**

Santa Maria Community Services, Inc. is pleased to announce the appointment of two distinguished professionals to its Board of Directors, along with several officer transitions. These leaders bring deep expertise and fresh perspectives that will strengthen the organization's strategic direction and support its mission of helping families reach their educational, financial, and health goals. Their service will deepen Santa Maria's impact in Greater Price Hill and the surrounding community.

**Peter Williams**

Peter Williams joins the board once again, bringing decades of experience in economic development and financial management. He serves as Senior Vice President and Portfolio Manager at Osborn Williams and Donohoe. Pete also gives his time to the Cincinnati Hamilton County Public Library Foundation as Chair of its Investment Committee. His past leadership includes serving as Chair of the Investment Committee at the Health Foundation and serving on the Board of Directors of Cincinnati's Appalachian Council. He holds degrees from Harvard, Princeton, and Northwestern.

Pete previously served as Treasurer and Board Chair during an earlier term with Santa Maria. "I enjoyed my past affiliation with Santa Maria immensely and would very much like working on their behalf again," Pete commented. "Plus, happy to say, along the way I've learned a few things that should be useful!"

*Peter Williams***Hunter Poindexter**

Santa Maria also welcomes Hunter Poindexter, Associate Attorney at Calfee, Halter and Griswold LLP. Hunter brings strong experience in legal affairs and has volunteered as Supervising Attorney at the University of Cincinnati's Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic, where he supported small businesses and entrepreneurs who face barriers to accessing legal services. Hunter earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Cincinnati.



When asked what inspired him to join the board, Hunter shared, “I am passionate about serving the community, particularly through my legal background. I think it’s important that I use the tools I have as an attorney to help others. I work in the Cincinnati community with small businesses and entrepreneurs who can’t otherwise afford legal assistance, and I’ve seen how impactful that work can be. I want to continue to serve others in the community generally, and I think working with Santa Maria is an excellent way to do that. Its mission largely aligns with my personal beliefs, and I think I can provide a positive and meaningful impact to the organization and the families it serves.”



*Hunter Poindexter*

### **Leadership Excitement**

“We are thrilled to welcome such accomplished individuals to our board,” said H.A. Musser, President and CEO of Santa Maria Community Services, Inc. “Pete and Hunter will bring diverse perspectives and a shared commitment to our mission. Their leadership will undoubtedly enhance our ability to innovate and make a lasting difference in the lives of the families we serve.”

### **Board of Directors Officer Transitions**

Santa Maria is also proud to share updates to its board officer positions.

- Chair: Sisan Cuervo, beginning her first term one-year term
- Vice Chair: Chris Hart, beginning a first one-year term
- Secretary: Leah Bluemel, beginning a first one-year term
- Treasurer: Chris Lahni, beginning his second one-year term

These officers offer steady leadership and a strong commitment to the families Santa Maria supports.

Lastly, board members Christopher Zimmerman and Guillermo Villa have completed their terms after 14 and 10 years of service, respectively. Santa Maria extends its gratitude for their long standing commitment and the care they’ve shown to families in Greater Price Hill. Their guidance, time, and steady support have made a lasting impact, and the organization is deeply thankful for the role they played in helping strengthen the community.



The addition of these board members and the transition of officers support Santa Maria's vision for the future. Together, the board will continue to help guide new initiatives that uplift and empower families in Greater Price Hill.

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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 nearly 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](http://SantaMaria-Cincy.org).*