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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****November 17, 2025****A Thank You to the CPPS Heritage Mission Fund**

Cincinnati, OH - Santa Maria Community Services, Inc. is deeply grateful to the CPPS Heritage Mission Fund for its generous \$40,000 grant supporting Santa Maria's Wellness Program in Price Hill.

Families in Price Hill face significant barriers to maintaining and improving their health, including persistent poverty, limited healthcare access, unsafe housing, food insecurity, and transportation challenges. Chronic diseases disproportionately affect Hispanic immigrants, African Americans, older adults, and low-income residents, making access to consistent care especially critical.

Santa Maria's Wellness Program addresses these challenges by providing free, accessible health services in a welcoming environment. Annual health fairs offer education and on-site services such as mammograms, flu shots, glucose and blood pressure screenings, and vision and hearing tests. Through community partnerships, participants also receive access to mental health counseling, eyeglasses, hearing aids, pregnancy services, diapers, menstrual products, healthy food, and other essentials. Staff engage with participants regularly to provide personalized support and promote overall well-being.

The \$40,000 grant from the CPPS Heritage Mission Fund will strengthen these efforts by covering essential program costs, including wellness coaching, the annual Health Fair, food distribution, and community outreach. It will also provide direct financial assistance for participants with urgent health-related needs such as food, rent, and utilities. With this support, Santa Maria can continue to help families access the education, resources, and care they need to achieve long-term health and stability.

"We are so thankful to the CPPS Heritage Mission Fund for their generous support of our Wellness Program," said H.A. Musser, Jr., President and CEO of Santa Maria Community Services. "These funds will make it possible for us to continue offering vital health education and resources that help families live healthier, more stable lives."

Santa Maria's Wellness Program fosters family self-sufficiency and resilience through health education, direct services, and accessible care. Together with the CPPS Heritage Mission Fund, Santa Maria is working toward a stronger, healthier, and thriving Price Hill.



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#### **About the CPPS Heritage Mission Fund**

*The CPPS Heritage Mission Fund is a singular donor-sponsored fund established by the Sisters of the Precious Blood in Dayton, Ohio, in 2017. For more than 180 years, over 1,800 women have dedicated their lives to the mission of the Sisters of the Precious Blood. Through lives of sacrifice, simplicity, and careful stewardship, the Sisters have been blessed to share their resources with organizations that serve others in ways consistent with Precious Blood values and spirituality.*

#### **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 around 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).*