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**A Thank You to The Charles H. Dater Foundation**

*CINCINNATI, OH - Santa Maria Community Services, Inc. is honored to announce the receipt of a \$75,000 grant from The Charles H. Dater Foundation, Inc. through its Dater4Kids initiative.*

This generous grant will help Santa Maria Community Services continue to support the growth and development of its Youth Development program in Price Hill, including its social and emotional skills group. The program provides at-risk youth ages 10-16 with structured social-emotional learning, after-school academic enrichment opportunities, and family support services that strengthen stability and connection.

The Youth Development Program features group-based lessons and activities that emphasize peer resistance, coping, interpersonal, and peaceful conflict resolution skills. These sessions aim to help youth share what they learn, build trust within their families, gain parental support, and better understand the challenges that affect family stability.

Other features of the Youth Development program include after-school recreation, skills classes in areas such as cooking, gardening, music production, cosmetology, research, and statistics, as well as community volunteering and summer learning opportunities. Santa Maria partners with organizations such as Meiser's to provide teens with job and leadership experience, the Community Learning Center Institute and Community Matters to offer youth community engagement and learning opportunities, and Best Point to ensure participants receive essential mental health support for academic and social success.

“We are so thankful to The Charles H. Dater Foundation for their ongoing investment in our young people,” said H.A. Musser, Jr., President and CEO of Santa Maria Community Services. “The Charles H. Dater Foundation has been providing support to the youth in Santa Maria’s programs for nearly four decades. Their generosity gives youth a safe space to learn and grow, to build confidence, and to practice the skills that will guide them toward brighter, more stable futures. It’s inspiring to see their progress and the positive impact this program has on the youth, their families and the community.”



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Since 1987, The Charles H. Dater Foundation has been a steadfast partner to Santa Maria, awarding 40 grants totaling more than \$870,000 to strengthen programs that help children and families thrive.

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**About The Charles H. Dater Foundation, Inc.**

*Founded in 1985, The Charles H. Dater Foundation makes grants to nonprofit organizations in the Greater Cincinnati area that benefit children through programs in arts and culture, education, healthcare, social services, and community needs. Charles H. Dater (1912–1993) established the Foundation to ensure continued funding for worthwhile community programs beyond his lifetime. The Foundation honors his legacy and the philanthropic spirit of four generations of the Dater family. Learn more at [DaterFoundation.org](http://DaterFoundation.org).*

**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).*