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**Santa Maria Community Services Receives Grant from The Daniel and Susan Pfau
Foundation to Support Youth Development in Lower Price Hill**

CINCINNATI, OH – Santa Maria Community Services, Inc. is grateful to announce it has received a generous grant from The Daniel and Susan Pfau Foundation to support its Youth Development Program.

Santa Maria's Youth Development Program provides Lower Price Hill youth with opportunities to build life skills, strengthen character, and participate in healthy recreational activities. The program supports sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students at Oyler School through social-emotional skills groups and welcomes Lower Price Hill youth of all ages to take part in positive after-school activities at the Joe Williams Family Center.

"We're thankful to The Daniel and Susan Pfau Foundation for its investment in young people and families in Lower Price Hill," said H.A. Musser, Jr., President and CEO of Santa Maria Community Services. "This support helps Santa Maria continue providing safe, positive spaces where youth can learn, connect, and grow."

Through the program, students focus on topics such as peaceful conflict resolution, peer resistance skills, youth safety, bullying prevention, self-management, and healthy relationships. After school, youth can participate in activities such as basketball and volleyball, receive homework assistance, and spend time with caring adult mentors.

"Every young person deserves to feel supported as they build confidence and make choices that shape their future," Musser said. "We're honored to walk alongside youth and families in Lower Price Hill, and we're grateful for partners who help make that work possible."

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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. A United Way Partner, Santa Maria provides close to 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 SantaMariaCincy.org.

About The Daniel and Susan Pfau Foundation

The Daniel and Susan Pfau Foundation was established in 1994 in Cincinnati by local businessman Daniel A. Pfau and his wife, Susan Laufer Pfau, a community volunteer. The Foundation's primary focus is on the education, health, cultural experience, and social welfare of children, adolescents, and young adults (to age 30) with physical, mental, or developmental disabilities and those facing significant economic barriers to success. The foundation also places an emphasis on supporting these individuals' families. The Foundation maintains a commitment to programs that help clients realize their full potential and also supports arts and cultural organizations as well as public parks and other recreational areas. Learn more at pfaufoundation.org

