

**CONTACT:****Natalie Moo Young****Santa Maria Community Services, Inc.****Natalie.MooYoung@SantaMaria-Cincy.org****513-557-7297****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****July 27, 2026****Foundation Support Drives Santa Maria's Programs in Second Quarter of 2026**

Santa Maria Community Services is pleased to announce its receipt of seven generous grants supporting its programs and services during the second quarter of 2026.

Santa Maria was awarded grants by Guardian Savings Bank, Daniel and Susan Pfau Foundation, SC Ministry Foundation, Scripps Howard Fund, Jack J. Smith, Jr. Charitable Trust, US Bank, and Wohlgemuth Herschede Foundation for the following programs and services:

- Guardian Savings Bank awarded \$7,000 to the Workforce Development program.
- Daniel and Susan Pfau Foundation awarded funds to the Youth Development program.
- SC Ministry Foundation awarded funds to the Promoting Our Preschoolers (POP) program.
- Scripps Howard Fund awarded \$35,000 to the Promoting Our Preschoolers (POP) program.
- Jack J. Smith, Jr. Charitable Trust awarded \$14,500 to the Youth Development program.
- US Bank awarded \$15,000 to the Workforce Development program.
- Wohlgemuth Herschede Foundation awarded \$10,000 to the Supportive Services program.

About These Programs**Supportive Services:**

Santa Maria's Supportive Services program connects Price Hill residents with the resources they need to stay healthy, fed, and stable. Through partnerships with local organizations, Santa Maria offers free HIV testing with Caracole, free produce courtesy of Freestore Foodbank, and free food courtesy of La Soupe and Last Mile Food Rescue. The program also provides application assistance for Medicare, Medicaid, and SNAP, along with free haircuts by appointment with Franciscan Ministries, helping neighbors access the everyday support that strengthens their health and well-being.

Youth Development:



Santa Maria's Youth Development Program is centered on violence prevention, giving Lower Price Hill youth the skills and support they need to stay safe and thrive. Sixth, seventh, and eighth graders at Oyler School take part in social and emotional skills groups covering topics like peaceful conflict resolution, peer resistance, youth safety, bullying prevention, self-management, and healthy relationships, building the foundation to avoid violence and make positive choices.

Youth of all ages are welcome to join positive after-school activities at the Joe Williams Family Center, where they can play sports like basketball and volleyball, get help with homework, and socialize in a safe space surrounded by caring adult mentors who help steer them away from violence and toward healthy futures.

Promoting Our Preschoolers:

Santa Maria's Promoting Our Preschoolers program helps children ages 3 to 5 build the skills they need for kindergarten readiness and early school success. The program supports both children and caregivers through early learning activities, developmental screenings, and resources that strengthen learning at home.

Workforce Development:

Santa Maria's Workforce Development program helps program participants build the skills and confidence needed to pursue employment and greater financial stability. Services include job search support, resume and interview help, career coaching, and financial coaching to help individuals work toward their employment and financial goals.

These grants will help Santa Maria Community Services continue to make lasting change by being a catalyst and advocate for Greater Price Hill families to attain their educational, financial, and health goals.

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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, a United Way Partner Agency, 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