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Santa Maria Community Services Receives $34,500 Grant from Nehemiah Manufacturing to Support Youth Development

CINCINNATI, OH – Santa Maria Community Services, Inc. is pleased to announce that it has received a $34,500 grant from Nehemiah Manufacturing to support its Youth Development Program, which provides young people in Lower Price Hill with opportunities to build social and emotional skills, develop positive relationships, and work toward successful futures.

Santa Maria's Youth Development Program focuses on violence prevention, education, and personal growth by providing a safe, supportive environment for children and teenagers. Through social-emotional learning groups at Oyler School and after-school programming at the Joe Williams Family Center, youth learn important life skills, including conflict resolution, emotional regulation, healthy relationship building, and positive decision-making. The program also offers recreational activities, academic support, and opportunities for youth leadership and community involvement.

Nehemiah Manufacturing's generous contribution, which stems from its 12th annual Make a Difference Golf Classic, will help Santa Maria continue providing these opportunities while strengthening the organization's capacity to serve Greater Price Hill families.



“Santa Maria is our neighbor, and we believe the same thing they do: give people a real opportunity, stand beside them, and families get stronger,” said Dan Meyer, founder and CEO of Nehemiah Manufacturing. “We see it every day with our own team members. Santa Maria has been doing that work in Price Hill for more than a century, and the young people in their programs are the future of this neighborhood. That’s why we keep investing in this partnership and in the difference Santa Maria makes in our community.”

In 2025, 273 youth participating in Santa Maria's Youth Development Program reported an increased sense of safety, while 216 felt better equipped with emotional regulation skills. With

continued support from community partners like Nehemiah Manufacturing, Santa Maria is helping young people develop the confidence, skills, and connections they need to succeed in school, at home, and throughout their communities.

“Having a safe place to go, positive role models to look up to, and opportunities to learn and grow can make a real difference in a young person's life,” said H.A. Musser, Jr., President and CEO of Santa Maria Community Services. “We're grateful to Nehemiah Manufacturing for its continued partnership and commitment to the young people of Lower Price Hill. Their generosity helps us provide the guidance, encouragement, and resources youth need to build brighter futures.”

Santa Maria Community Services extends its sincere appreciation to Nehemiah Manufacturing for its continued investment in the well-being of Lower Price Hill youth and the strength of the Greater Cincinnati community.

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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 for Santa Maria to be the trusted place where Greater Price Hill families find support and opportunities to thrive. Our vision is for Greater Price Hill to be a place that generations are proud to call home. Learn more at SantaMaria-Cincy.org.