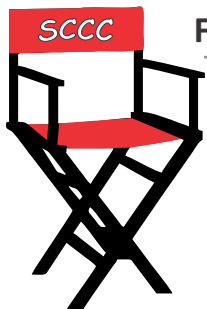




Samaritan Car Care Clinic

From Under the Hood!*Addressing Transportation Barriers to Self-Sufficiency***From the Director's Chair...****Donations Accepted!**

The Samaritan Car Care Clinic is thriving because of your donations. With the help of like-minded individuals and foundations, the Clinic continues to help low-income people stay on their path to self-sufficiency. One car repair at a time!

Possibly I should have titled this article "Donations Needed!" The reality is that the great work done by the Clinic can

only be sustained with donations, both of money and of vehicles.

The Clinic continues to partner with Saint Vincent de Paul of Northern Kentucky to repair vehicles donated to SVdP that in turn end up with SVdP clients. Donating cars directly to the Clinic is also an excellent way to get cars into the hands of needy individuals. This newsletter has brief summaries of successes with cars that came through the Clinic using both paths.

On behalf of all of the people the Clinic serves, I offer one huge thank you!

— **Bruce Kintner**, Director

SCCC in the News!

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By Michael Monks

Interview with Bruce Kintner, Director

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Hello Mr. Kintner,

I just wanted to write you and thank you so very much for the help with getting the work done on my car. . . apparently it was a lot worse than I thought and now we have a safe dependable car and I'm so very much grateful for everything you do for myself and the community. Thank you again & hope all is well with you.

— **Annette S.**, Recipient

THANK YOU!

Hi Bruce,

I just want to say thank you very much for assisting my client Richard S. I greatly appreciate it and so does he. You do such amazing work to help low income families. He actually just got a job and will be starting this week, just in time that you all were able to fix and his car is now safe to drive. Thanks again!

— **Marie Heeb**, Targeted Case Manager
Positive Solutions Behavior Group

The Mercury has been awesome. It has meant that I am able to get back and forth to work, to get my kid's to their medical appointments, and to take them to the pool for the first time this summer! Without SCCC help these are things we wouldn't have been able to get to do. I can't put into words how appreciative my children and I are. Also, I picked up a few extra shifts now that I have a reliable car!

— Sincerely, **Callie G.**, Recipient



James Kintner sprucing-up a 2000 Mercury Sable donated to SVdP, that ended up with Callie G.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

SCCC website is up and running. More content to come!

The site address is www.samaritancarcare.org.



On the Road Again!

Three SCCC success stories:

donated vehicles that absolutely provided a hand-up for their new owners.



Abigail C. is pictured here with her new-to-her **Ford Focus**. A friend of the Clinic donated the Focus to the Clinic specifically to be fixed up and sold at a discount to someone in need. Repairs



included the usual suspects: tires, brakes, some problems with the power steering system, etc. Abigail is a single mom who was referred to the Clinic by Life Learning Center. Abigail has a warehouse job, and was able to qualify for one of St. Vincent de Paul's microloans to support the purchase of the Focus. The loan covered most of the repair costs. Abigail's previous car (with close to 300,000 miles) had proven to be very unreliable. With the repaired Focus, Abigail can now get to and from work with confidence. A small piece of trivia – it took the Clinic two months to place the Focus with someone who needed a car, solely because it was a challenge finding someone who could drive a manual transmission! Abigail is very grateful to have her Focus, and has confidence she can support her daughter now that she has reliable transportation.



Callie G. is single mom of 5 who works nights cleaning offices in NKY. Callie had to abandon her 25-year-old car in 2020 when the engine quit and she could not afford repairs. Callie's work hours were cut back because she did not have a car to drive to the various offices. The TANK schedule is not very complete for evening and night runs. Sadly, Callie and her kids ended up in a homeless



shelter when Callie could no longer afford rent after her income was reduced. Callie was finally able to get subsidized housing, so at least that part was addressed. But how to get back to working more hours? A co-worker connected Callie with the Clinic, which was in the process of repairing a **Mercury Sable** donated to St. Vincent de Paul of NKY. Because the Sable was still in fairly good shape (but definitely needed tires and brakes), that car was NOT sent to auction, but rather repaired by the Clinic with the goal of placement to provide someone in need with a hand up. With the car in hand, Callie shared that she was immediately able to tell her manager to give her more cleaning jobs, since she would not have to rely upon the bus schedule. Callie is definitely in a better financial position courtesy of the Clinic being able to provide safe and reliable transportation.

Stephanie B. is a single mom of 3, who has been working days as a housekeeper at a nursing home, and nights washing dishes and being a prep cook at a restaurant. While driving on I-275 to her night job, Stephanie had



the water pump fail on her 17-year-old Kia. Before she could get the car safely pulled over, the engine overheated and warped the cylinder head. Stephanie had spent a month walking to her day job, and getting rides or paying an Uber driver to get her to her night job. Stephanie had \$1,000 saved toward the purchase of a car, but nothing she could find for \$1,000 was even close to reliable, or needed thousands of dollars of repairs. A Clinic volunteer found out about Stephanie's situation through a work connection, and the Clinic was fortunate to have received a car donated by a widower who had seen WCPO's news segment on the Clinic. Now Stephanie can get to her two jobs safely and reliably in her 2011 **Chevy Malibu**!

Why I Support the Clinic

...I know first hand the impact of a hand up.

I support the Samaritan Car Care Clinic because I know first hand the impact of a hand up. My mother was a single mother of three kids. While she did not have access to something like the clinic, she had family that were mechanically inclined. Had it not been for the various hands that came to help with car repairs and maintenance over the years she would not have been able to get to school and work, and all the while care for us properly. There were times when our car would break down and we felt the fear of what would happen if we did not get it back up and running quickly at an affordable cost. We lived in an area with little to no public transportation and I cannot even fathom us making it without a car. Not every low income single mother has a support system from family like my mom had, so where family is not, services like this are critical. — **April Mays, SCCC Friend**

Dear Bruce,

In the last couple of months the Samaritan Car Care Clinic has made a huge difference to our formerly homeless guests. One, a family of six, was able to drive their van again after the clinic repaired the sliding door that had completely come off! Another woman was able to purchase a reliable car at a greatly reduced cost through the clinic. I can't say thank you enough for this ministry. It's so concrete, so necessary, and so appreciated. The Lydia's House extended community has been much enriched by working with you.

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In gratitude, — **Meridith Owensby, Co-Director, Lydia's House**

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