



## Samaritan Car Care Clinic

***From Under the Hood!****Addressing Transportation Barriers to Self-Sufficiency*

From the Director's Chair...

**Nearing the Starting Line!**

**W**hen I began writing this quarter's article, the first thought for a title was "Nearing the Finish Line!" After all, the Samaritan Car Care Clinic is getting really close to opening the region's very first dedicated non-profit vehicle repair shop (see photos far right).

An even better image turns out to be a *Starting Line*. After being "virtual" for

more than 15 years, the Clinic is ready to write a new chapter in its mission to address transportation barriers to self-sufficiency. The Clinic has made tremendous progress over the last year because of support from you – the people reading this newsletter.

For all of 2022, the Clinic offered a hand up to more than 300 low-income families who needed help with shared cost car repairs. Referrals came from Life Learning Center; Brighton Center; Lincoln Grant Scholar House; Ion Center/Women's Crisis Center; Gateway Community College; St. Vincent de Paul of NKY; EKCEP; St. Elizabeth; Welcome House; Emergency Shelter NKY; and many more. More than 70% of the referrals were for female headed households, and just over 30% identified as ethnic minorities. The Clinic's ability to offer a shared cost repair program allowed the wage earner in those families to keep getting to their job.

I offer my thanks for a great group of supporters – the donors who make the Clinic's work possible; our partner repair shops; our referral partners; the contractors who have done such great work on the future Clinic site. And the list keeps going!

What is known is that the Samaritan Car Care Clinic has tapped into an unmet need for help with car repairs. With your financial support, the Clinic will continue to offer a hand up to keep families on their path to financial independence. Thank you and Happy New Year! — **Bruce Kintner**, Director

**Clinic Shop Opens Soon***Madison Ave. & Martin St., Covington*

The Samaritan Car Care Clinic's own vehicle repair shop should be open

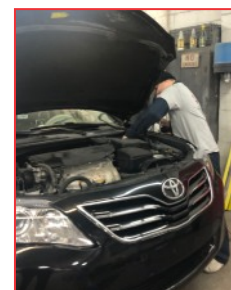
sometime in April. The tentative date for a ribbon cutting ceremony and an Open House to celebrate the new building is Wednesday, April 19. Ribbon cutting is scheduled for 2-2:30PM, with an Open House to follow until 5PM. The Clinic will send an email update in April to confirm the date and time. Until then, work continues on electrical, plumbing, insulation, and drywall. A very exciting time!

**Thank You****Walther Auto Body***for over 15 YEARS of service!*

Beginning in 2007, Walther Auto Body owner Dave Brownfield has graciously offered his shop for Samaritan Car Care Clinic volunteers to hold their quarterly maintenance and oil change events. This has been a fantastic in-kind gift for the last 15+ years.



Assuming all goes as planned, the Clinic will soon have its own building

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Bruce Kintner

**FINANCIALS**

Shari Caldarelli, Rachel Geiman

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St. Vincent de Paul of NKY  
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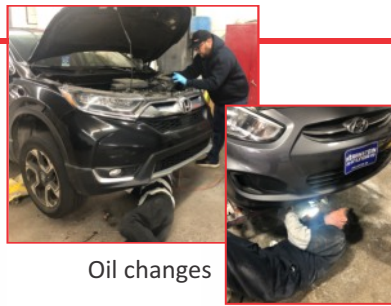
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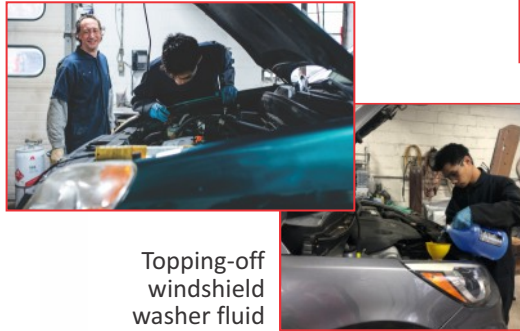
for repair work, as well as the quarterly maintenance events held by volunteers. Here are photos from the December 10, 2022 event. The 16 appointments were filled with referrals from Life Learning Center, Lincoln Grant Scholar House, and Brighton Center.



Many thanks to our volunteer team who helped that day! That group was (left to right) Eric Driscoll, Ethan Taylor, Brant Fischer, Alan Nguyen, Steven Young, Shari Caldarelli and Bruce Kintner.



Oil changes



Topping-off windshield washer fluid



Each child whose parent(s) visit the Clinic receives a free book to take home! Clinic supporter Suzy Quinn & her husband Dell donate books each quarter.



**Baby Faces**  
By DK Children  
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## *SCCC in the News!*

### CINCINNATI BUSINESS COURIER

November 23, 2022

**Cincinnati Business Courier**

By Chris Wetterich

The Courier used its Thanksgiving week issue to highlight regional non-profits that provide crucial assistance, but often fly under the radar.

Fortunately, the Cincinnati Business Courier included Samaritan Car Care Clinic as one of two NKY non-profits to be profiled. As a result of this article the Clinic has received many welcome contributions.

*"I saw the Courier article, and immediately reached out. What an incredible program! This won't be my only donation."* — **Scott M.**, Donor  
<https://www.bizjournals.com/cincinnati/news/2022/11/23/samaritan-car-care-giving-issue.html>

## *... from Our Donors*

*Supporting your organization that changes so many lives for the better in our region has become an increasingly important priority for me personally. I am very blessed to be in a position to give and look forward to continuing to work to lift others up who are in need."*

— **Luke W.**, SCCC Donor

*In the spirit of the holiday season, I want to make a donation to the Samaritan Car Care Clinic. The Clinic does so much good in the community! Your team has worked hard to bring the Clinic to life."*

— **Susan C.**, SCCC Donor

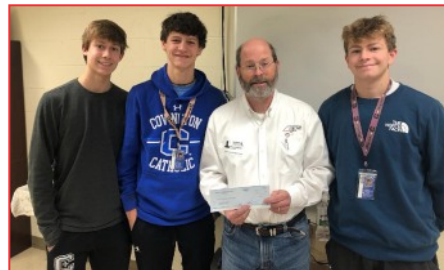
## *Thank you*



The Samaritan Car Care Clinic has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the City of Covington's ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) program. The grant will be used on outdoor projects at our new building.

Samaritan Car Care Clinic's beautification projects will be in the form of landscaping, a permanent outdoor table, benches, and a bicycle rack near the corner of where the bicycle repair shop will be in the new building.


Originally submitted for funding from the much sought after City of Covington Economic Development Dept.'s Quality of Place Grant, our SCCC request was deemed worthy of funds from ARPA. Director Bruce Kintner, Sarah Allan & Patrick Duffy (City of Covington), and Luke Woerner (Urban Community Developers) recently met to coordinate the projects.



SCCC Director Bruce Kintner's Covington Catholic High School Junior Achievement financial literacy class held a fundraiser to support Samaritan Car Care Clinic for the third year in a row. On December 2, 2022 they presented Bruce with a donation check for \$813.50.

Many thanks to the CCHS students and economics teacher & Athletic Director Tony Bacigalupo for supporting the students in these efforts.



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## More successful Collaborations



Pictured to the right is single mom **Teresa M.** with her new-to-her **Nissan Murano**. Teresa is a Life Learning Center graduate, and works full time at the Emergency Shelter of NKY. Unfortunately, Teresa's car needed major repairs that were beyond her, and the Samaritan Car Care Clinic's, ability to tackle.

Teresa asked to be added to the waiting list of people who want to buy a car from the Clinic using a St. Vincent de Paul of NKY microloan. Fortunately a SVdP NKY supporter donated the Murano to SVdP NKY, and the Murano was immediately targeted as a car the Clinic could repair and repurpose for a low-income family in need. The Murano did need some major repairs, but overall the vehicle was in very good shape.

Teresa was able to use her SVdP NKY microloan to purchase the Murano, and can now get to and from work safely and reliably. Yet another great example of collaboration between **Life Learning Center, St. Vincent de Paul of NKY,** and the **Samaritan Car Care Clinic!**

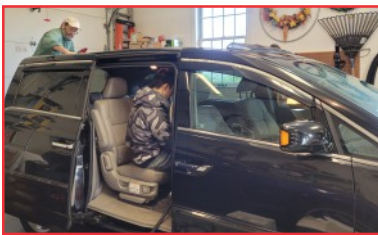


Pictured to the right is single mom **Hilary L.** with her new-to-her **Chrysler Town & Country van**. Similar to Teresa, Hilary is also a Life Learning Center graduate and works full-time for a non-profit in the NKY area.

Through Life Learning Center, Hilary contacted the Samaritan Car Care Clinic and asked to be added to the waiting list of people who want to buy a car from the Clinic using a St. Vincent de Paul of NKY microloan.

Fortunately Hilary did not have to wait very long. A friend of SVdP NKY donated his van to SVdP NKY, and the Town & Country was immediately targeted as a vehicle the Clinic could repair and repurpose for a low-income family in need. The van did have a lot of deferred maintenance, but definitely had life left.

Hilary was able to use her SVdP NKY microloan to purchase the Town & Country, and can now get to and from work safely and reliably. **Teresa and Hilary are two great examples of how partners working together can offer a hand up to address transportation barriers to financial independence.**



SCCC volunteer Alan Nguyen and Clinic Director Bruce Kintner are seen here cleaning on a donated **Honda Odyssey** van on December 16. St. Vincent de Paul of NKY has identified a single mother who will hopefully be able to purchase the van at a deep discount in early 2023. Your contributions make it possible to repair donated vehicles and help low-income families stay on the path to financial independence!



Clinic volunteer Ethan Taylor and Clinic Director Bruce Kintner are seen here cleaning on a **2009 Nissan Cube**. A family donated the Nissan to St. Vincent de Paul of Northern Kentucky, and the Clinic is working on doing repairs. Before passing along the car to a new owner in good mechanical order, the Clinic tries to get the donated vehicles into good cosmetic order as well. Beautiful fall day for washing and waxing!

## Donations via **Zelle** now accepted!

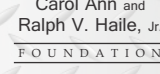
SCCC can now accept donations made using the Zelle electronic funds transfer application offered by many banks in the area. Zelle is a bank account-to-bank account electronic transfer that uses either a cell phone number or an email address, linked to the originating account and the receiving account as the identifier.

- A Clinic supporter sends the donation to [bruce@samaritancarcare.org](mailto:bruce@samaritancarcare.org)
- Clinic Director Bruce Kintner then receives an email notice from Zelle that a deposit has been made to the SCCC bank account.

Thank you to those who have used Zelle! The advantage for the Clinic is that there is no fee associated with making the donation, unlike using a credit/debit card.

Regardless of method – a mailed check, credit or debit card over the website, or a Zelle payment – **a big THANK YOU to all of our donors!**

## We'd like to THANK



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