



## Samaritan Car Care Clinic

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

From the Director's Chair...

**An Offering of Thanksgiving**

**M**arch and April bring images of spring and blooming flowers, not so much the Thanksgiving holiday. But the theme of this quarter's Director's Chair note is definitely one of thanks.

**DIRECTOR**  
Bruce Kintner**FINANCIALS**

Shari Caldarelli, Rachel Geiman

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**Samaritan Car Care Clinic**

1530 Madison Avenue  
Covington, Kentucky 41011

The Samaritan Car Care Clinic held a Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Covington shop location on a rather chilly April 19, 2022. Our ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for exactly one year later – April 19, 2023. The dream of building a non-profit vehicle repair shop couldn't have become a reality without a physical location.

In December 2021, Corporex and Bill Butler donated the land that the soon-to-be-ready building sits upon. That incredible gift literally paved the way for the Clinic to work out of our own shop helping low-income families stay on their path to self-sufficiency.

There are so many partners to thank (see a listing in the next newsletter). For now, special thanks to the Catalytic Development Funding

Corp. for financing the construction of the region's first non-profit vehicle repair shop. Without the loan from the Catalytic Fund, the Clinic's shop would not exist.

Because of your support, in the first quarter of 2023 the Clinic was able to help 67 families with shared cost car repairs. Just over 70% were female headed households, and just under 40% were ethnic minorities. The Clinic always has more requests for help than we can cover, so we stretch donations as much as we can to address the need.

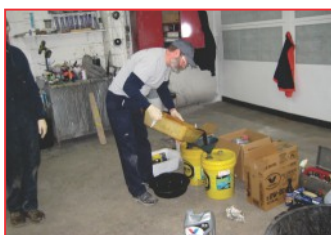
I remain confident that the Samaritan Car Care Clinic will receive the funding needed to help clients of our referral partners stay on their road to financial independence. Thank you for your support!

— **Bruce Kintner**, Director

## Clinic Update



Topping-off fluids



Draining and oil disposal



Volunteers rock!

On March 18 Samaritan Care Clinic volunteers held a quarterly Samaritan Car Care Clinic maintenance event. Appointments were filled with referrals from Life Learning Center, Brighton Center, Lincoln Grant Scholar House, and ReSet Ministries.

Volunteers this quarter included a three generation set: Tom Seeger (proud grandfather), Ed Seeger (son), Ben Seeger (grandson). Other volunteers included Steven Young, Roger Schwartz, Brant Fischer, Eric Driscoll, Shari Caldarelli, Bruce Kintner, and a new volunteer, Bernie Franke. Bernie heard about the Clinic from Madison Avenue Christian Church member Larry Meyer; so a big thank you to Larry for sharing about the Clinic with Bernie, and to Bernie for joining the team!

A special thank you to Dave Brownfield of Walther AutoBody in Covington for letting us use his shop, & to Valvoline for donating the oil used for all of the oil changes.

Great to have Clinic volunteer (on the computer/IT side) Chris Beckman & his wife drop by. Hopefully the June maintenance event will be in our own, brand new shop!

## On the Road



**Carmen B.** and daughter with their new-to-them **Honda Odyssey**

February 16, 2023 — Single mom **Carmen B.** with one of her four children in front of their new-to-them **Honda Odyssey** van. The van was donated to the Clinic by a friend of the Clinic. Carmen was referred to the Clinic by Be Concerned in Covington, and Be Concerned was able to procure a grant to cover the repair costs.



Clinic Director Bruce Kintner, and Clinic volunteer Alan Nguyen, cleaning a donated **2003 Honda Odyssey** van on Jan. 24, 2023. After addressing necessary repairs, the van found a home with **Carmen B.** as shown above!



## SCCC in the News!



*Samaritan Car Care's new garage on the way: A story about good people working together to help others*

January 26, 2023

NKY Tribune

By Andy Furman

The Jan. 26 NKY Tribune includes an article on the Samaritan Car Care Clinic. We appreciate another opportunity for the Clinic's name to be shared.

<https://www.nkytribune.com/2023/01/samaritan-car-cares-new-garage-on-the-way-a-story-about-good-people-working-together-to-help-others/>



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On February 15, 2023 SCCC Director Bruce Kintner was included in the *Live United* event. Sponsored by United Way of Greater Cincinnati and United Way groups all across Kentucky, the goal of the event was to raise awareness of issues critical to NKY: housing, education, child care, and of course transportation! Representative Clines met with us as part of this event held in Frankfort.

**LIVE UNITED DAY**



United Way NKY Director Chuck Session and the group from NKY that attended the Live United event.



Pictured right-to-left: NKY United Way Director Chuck Session, Campbell County School Board Member Kim Fender, Kentucky Representative Mike Clines, and SCCC Director Bruce Kintner.

## Thanks to Team Kentucky!



The Samaritan Car Care Clinic received a \$100,000 grant last October from the Team Kentucky Nonprofit Assistance Fund. Kentucky's Lt. Governor, Jacqueline Coleman, came to Covington on Monday, April 3, for a presentation ceremony for local non-profits that received grants. The Clinic is pleased to partner with several agencies in this program including Life Learning Center, Brighton Center, and Ion Center. The photos below include the Lt. Governor and representatives of the grant recipients, and SCCC Director Bruce Kintner.



## Recognition Updates

**March 17, 2023 FINALIST: NKY Chamber Community 2023 Business Impact Awards:**

Congratulations! Samaritan Car Care Clinic is a finalist for the 2023 Business Impact Awards, presented by Huntington Bank, in the Community Champions Award – Non-Profit category.

The Business Impact Awards recognize businesses – small and large, new and long-standing, impacting the Northern Kentucky community through innovation, creativity, strong business practices, and leadership. Being recognized as a Business Impact Award finalist not only spotlights your business within the NKY Chamber community, it also promotes your business throughout the entire Northern Kentucky region. It is businesses like yours that make our region a great place to live, work and play.

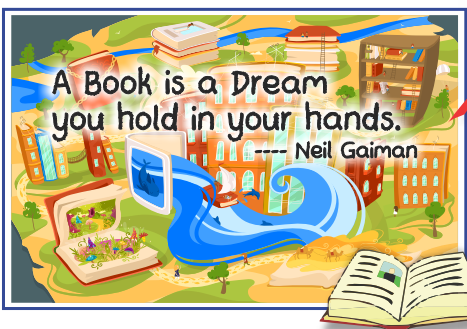
The 2023 Business Impact Awards will take place on Wednesday, May 3rd. The winner in each category will be announced at the event. — **Brent Cooper, NKY Chamber**



**March 23, 2023 FINALIST: Cincinnati Rotary Club Jefferson Award**

The Jefferson Award honors non-profits and volunteers nationwide. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Senator Robert Taft began the Jefferson Award program in the 1970s. The Cincinnati Rotary Club selected Samaritan Car Care Clinic as one of three regional finalists for the 2023 annual award. The Clinic, though not selected as a national level nominee, is incredibly honored to be included as a finalist.

As one of three finalists for this annual award, Channel 12 News compiled videos on each of the nominees, narrated by reporter Bob Herzog, who was also at the event. The Clinic video also included Ion Center director Christy Burch and Brighton Center employee Tashiba Shorter. The video will be available on the SCCC website soon: [www.samaritancarcare.org](http://www.samaritancarcare.org)



## A Book is a Dream you hold in your hands.

— Neil Gaiman

Clinic supporter Suzy Quinn and her husband Dell donate books each quarter so that each child accompanying a parent receives the gift of a book. In the new building, a special bookshelf will be dedicated to this children's library! It is certain to bring smiles to a lot of faces!



After finding out about the Clinic online, Michelle L. was able to get new tires and other repairs through SCCC.

Hers is just one of many expressions of gratitude the Clinic receives after providing a hand up to low-income families needing help with car repairs.

**THANK YOU!**

*Bruce,  
I can't thank you and your organization enough for the tires and repairs!! I feel safe to drive to my doctor appointments and that alone is priceless. Thank you again!*

— **Michelle L., Client**

## ... from Our Donors

*So great to see the Samaritan Car Care Clinic paving the way forward for so many people who are less fortunate.*

— **Dan M., SCCC Donor**

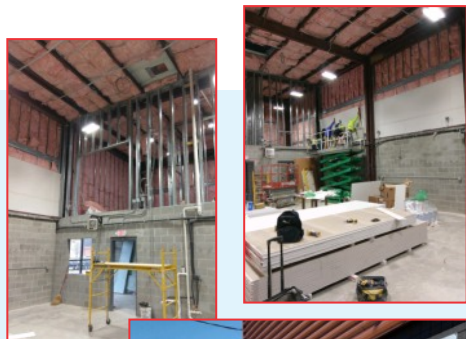
*Thank you to the Samaritan Car Care Clinic for the good work you are doing to improve family life. So inspiring to see your time and talent changing lives.*

— **Susan S., SCCC Donor**

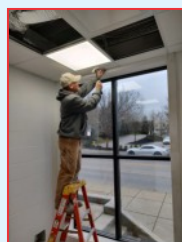
# Building Updates

1428 Madison Ave., Covington 41011  
corner of Madison Ave. and Martin St.

Drywall began being installed Jan. 26, 2023 (photo below right). The photo on the left shows the storage room above the office area.



Barry Meyer, owner of B&M Construction, shown in the photo below, adding wood casing around the windows in the office at the Samaritan Car Care Clinic shop. Barry donated his labor.

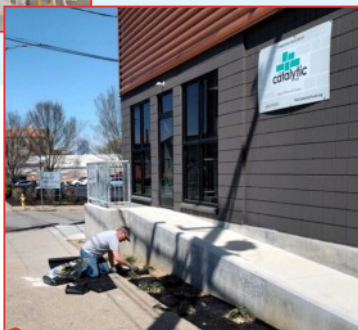
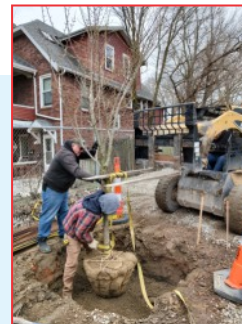


Kelly Brothers Lumber in Covington donated the wood trim. Thanks to both!

John Fischer of Halls Creek Nursery (Morrow, OH) steadies a tree, with Jacob Chamberlin of Chamberlin Contracting in the hole helping set the tree. Brant Fischer is operating the skid steer.

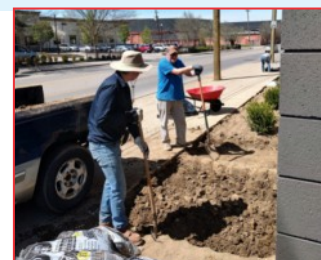
Halls Creek Nursery donated three large trees for the Samaritan Car Care Clinic lot.

Oberson's Nursery and Landscape (Fairfield, OH) donated more than a dozen bushes added to the area around the Clinic.



**Left:** Clinic volunteer Scott Caldarelli helping with mulch April 10, 2023.

**Right:** Clinic volunteers Ethan Taylor and Bernie Franke preparing an area by the Clinic for a bicycle rack and table with two benches. They will be added later this spring.



# Fundamentals of Car Maintenance



showing engine piston & connecting rod



Samaritan Car Care Clinic has led Fundamentals of Car Maintenance classes for partner agencies over the years. These photos show Clinic Director Bruce Kintner leading a class for residents of Lydia's House in Norwood, in March 2023.

Now that we have our own shop, the Clinic plans to hold regular maintenance classes for clients of our partners.



from a DREAM Architect's rendering March 2022



to a REALITY Building under construction March 2023



## We'd like to THANK



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