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# Samaritan Car Care Clinic

From Under the Hood!

Addressing Transportation Barriers to Self-Sufficiency

From the Director's Chair...

amie H. is a single mom with four kids referred to the Samaritan Car Care Clinic by Brighton Center. Jamie is finishing job training in the medical technology field, and begins a co-op position at a local hospital this summer.

Problems with brakes and tires were a barrier for Jamie to stay on her path to financial independence and provide

> DIRECTOR Bruce Kintner

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## Help LIFT Lives!



## This lift in the Clinic shop lifts cars. Your gifts lift lives!

a better life for her children. When Brighton Center referred Jamie to the Clinic, fortunately the Clinic had funding to be able to help. Now Jamie's van is safe and reliable and will allow her to get to and from work.

The lifts in the Clinic shop lift cars. Your gifts lift lives. Thank you for your support!

— Bruce Kintner, Director



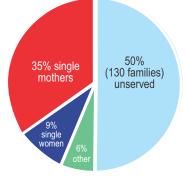
One of three newly-installed lifts in the garage repair bays

#### SCCC First Half 2023 Summary

Without a doubt, the Samaritan Car Care Clinic has tapped into an unmet need to address transportation barriers in our area. Unfortunately at this time, the Clinic does not have the funding to help all of the families referred to the Clinic for help.

Because of your great support, we will celebrate that the Clinic was able to provide a hand up to 129 low-income families in the first half of 2023.

#### TOTAL 259 Referrals 129 families served thru June 2023



- 129 low-income families helped with car maintenance and repairs
- 70% single mothers
- Another 18% single women
- ▶ 37% ethnic minorities
- 130 low-income families NOT helped because of low funding

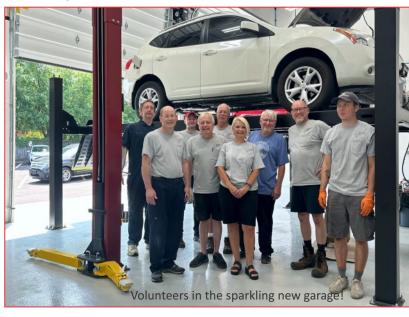
Tell a friend about the Clinic and that more than a dozen social service agency partners count on the Clinic to help their clients with car repairs. Together we can keep families on their path to financial independence!



Donate by mail or online: www.samaritancarcare.org









Changing engine oil

Look at those LIFTS! ... and Smiles!

On June 24 Samaritan Care Care Clinic volunteers held the inaugural quarterly maintenance event in its new facility. Appointments were filled with referrals from Life Learning Center, Brighton Center, Lincoln Grant Scholar House, and ReSet Ministries.

Volunteers this quarter included Eric Driscoll, Bruce Kintner, Steven Young, Roger Schwartz, Tom Seeger, Shari Caldarelli, Bernie Franke, Ron Pieper, and Ethan Taylor.



#### The BOOK BAY — the place for smiles and dreams!

There are *Service Bays* for cars. Well, the new Clinic shop has a *Book Bay* for our youngest clients! Every child accompanying a parent can "park" themselves right there in the office and enjoy a book while we work on their vehicle. It's a dedicated space with bookshelves filled with children's books. Every child receives the gift of a book.





Look at those SMILES . . . and Books!

Clinic supporter Suzy Quinn and her husband Dell Williamson donate books each quarter.

#### Volunteers rock!





Clinic volunteer Alan Nguyen helping clean a donated **2005 Sienna** van June 21. The van is currently slated for a single mom of 4 going through job training at Gateway Community College.



Richard Clark, Bernie Franke, and Ty Stevens building a set of shelves for the Clinic storage area.

Recognition Updates

May 3, 2023 WINNER On May 3 the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce held its annual Business Impact Awards program. In one of nine categories, The Chamber selected the Samaritan Car Care Clinic to receive the 2023 Community Champions Award for Non-profits.







SCCC Director Bruce Kintner receiving the award along with representatives from the Chamber, sponsor Huntington Bank, category sponsor Clark Schaefer Hackett, and Emcee Joe Danneman of Fox News.

Representing Samaritan Car Care Clinic are Rachel Geiman and Bruce Kintner.

June 1, 2023 WOMEN'S FUND IMPACT REPORT On June 1, the Women's Fund of Greater Cincinnati Foundation released its 2023 Impact Report. The Women's Fund chose to profile the Samaritan Car Care Clinic in that report in part because of the Clinic's efforts to address transportation barriers for low-income female-headed households.

To read the Women's Fund, report go to https://www.flipsnack.com/98A98FB9E8C/women-s-fund-2022-impact-report.html

**June 27, 2023 FINALIST** The Samaritan Car Care Clinic is pleased to share that Impact 100 has selected the Clinic as one of seven finalists for the **Impact 100 2023** grant cycle. Impact 100 is a group of more than 500 women who support philanthropy in the Greater Cincinnati region. For the 2023 cycle, just over 100 initial Letters of Intent were submitted by non-profits in the area. That was condensed to 33 actual applicants. That was then further reduced to 15 site visits by Impact 100 members. And out of that group of 15, Impact 100 members selected seven non-profits to be considered for four grants. Each grant will be for \$100,000.

The Clinic finds out in September whether the members of Impact 100 will select the Clinic as one of the 4 grant recipients. The Clinic grant application was for a vehicle purchase program to support low-income single moms at Brighton Center and Ion Center for Violence Prevention.



Look for an update in the next newsletter! Clinic Board member Karen Zengel, and Clinic Director Bruce Kintner.

## SCCC in the News!

Samaritan Car Care Clinic Unveils new Covington garage
April 19, 2023 LINK nky

By Kenton Hornbeck

By Nancy Daly

https://linknky.com/business/2023/04/19/samaritan-car-careclinic-unveils-new-covington-garage/

Samaritan Car Care Clinic scales up Covington operation to help low-income drivers

May 19, 2023 SOAPBOX Cincinnati

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https://www.soapboxmedia.com/features/samaritan-carcare-clinic-covington.aspx

NKY Car Care Clinic expands its reach: 'Help us help the next single mom' April 18, 2023 Cincinnati Enquirer By Jolene Almendarez



https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/local/2023/04/17/samarit an-care-care-clinic-helps-families-in-need-of-autorepairs/70012074007/

How one organization is tackling barriers to transportation June 13, 2023 Season 2 Episode 9 Kentucky Educational Television By Sarah Helton





On a sun drenched April 19 afternoon, more than 120 friends of the Samaritan Car Care Clinic gathered to celebrate the official Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Clinic. Guest speakers during the event included SCCC Board Chair Marty Butler; Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr., Foundation Director Bernie McKay; R. C. Durr Foundation Asst. to the President Jean Mize; Life Learning Center President Alecia Webb-Edgington; Lincoln Grant Scholar House graduate Amanda Mills; and Clinic Director Bruce Kintner.

The building was not yet ready for "prime time" car work (lifts did not get installed until May). Still, it was wonderful for everyone to see the building and hear about the incredibly positive hand up the Clinic has been providing community members in need over the last 16 years. And now the Clinic will address transportation barriers from its own location!



#### BIG THANKS TO CONSTRUCTION GURU WOERNER!

Luke Woerner may deny he is a construction guru, but for the Samaritan Car Care Clinic, he absolutely filled the role.

Luke is a Vice President and Construction Manager with Covington based Urban Community Developers. Over the last year, Luke has volunteered his time to oversee the construction of the Samaritan Car Care Clinic building in Covington. Luke was able to take advantage of his many industry contacts to get multiple services provided at a discount, or sometimes donated outright, to help the Clinic create the region's first, dedicated non-profit vehicle repair shop.

One huge thank you to Luke for all of his efforts over the last year. The results of his great work are proudly on display at 1428 Madison Avenue in Covington!

- Bruce Kintner, Director

### **NKU Student Grant**

On April 18, 2023, Northern Kentucky University held its Spring Celebration for the Mayerson Student Philanthropy Project. A total of 15 undergraduate and graduate school classes were charged with distributing more than \$30,000 in grant funds from eight different foundations, including the Mayerson Foundation, Greater Cincinnati Foundation, R. C. Durr Foundation, Elsa Sule Foundation, and Horizon Community Funds.

One of those classes was a graduate level English class taught by Dr. Janel Bloch. Her class was assigned 16 grant applications to review for a potential \$2,000 grant, and one of those applications was from the Samaritan Car Care Clinic. The Clinic is pleased to share that Dr. Bloch's class chose the Clinic to receive the **\$2,000 grant**.

Photo below is of Clinic Director Bruce Kintner with graduate student Garrett Blank, who served as the interviewer, then student advocate, for the Clinic's application.



Garrett was so impressed with the Clinic's efforts in addressing

### **Thank You**

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Photo is of Ryan Schultz, Warehouse Team Leader for Valvoline's Cincinnati Plant, loading a donated pallet of motor oil on May 4. Many, many thanks!



transportation barriers, he volunteered to help clean a donated car. Pictured below is first-time volunteer Garrett Blank with Director Kintner waxing a donated **2006 Toyota Highlander.** 



On the Road



**Kacey N.** (right) was referred to the Clinic by a volunteer with St. Vincent de Paul of NKY. Kacey is a single mom who desperately needed safe and reliable transportation. The "good Samaritan" SVdP volunteer had access to an older van that still had a lot of life left. After a few needed repairs, the van was ready to begin its new life helping Kacey and her kids. Kacey is now back *On the Road*!



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