



## Samaritan Car Care Clinic

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

From the Director's Chair...

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**Samaritan Car Care Clinic**

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**T**he Samaritan Car Care Clinic is finally officially OPEN! After several months of construction and permitting delays, the Clinic was able to open for business on August 1. The Clinic began moving tools from Jim Dennis' shop in Elsmere late July to the Clinic shop in Covington. Many thanks to St. Vincent de Paul of NKY for loaning the Clinic a box truck (with a powered lift!) so that tools and equipment could be relocated.

The Clinic operates as what is called a Social Enterprise Model. The Clinic schedules a blend of repairs for regular paying customers, as well as partial pay customers referred to the Clinic by our social service agency partners. Work is largely done by Jim and his two apprentices, Lee Gibson and José Frias, both with Gateway Community College (photo top, right). The Clinic is also incredibly fortunate to have volunteers who help several days each month around the shop in any way they can.

One huge thank you to all of the supporters who kept the dream alive of opening the region's first dedicated non-profit vehicle repair shop. With your great help, the Clinic is keeping families on the path to self-sufficiency.

— Bruce Kintner, Director

**MEET the TEAM**

After frustrating delays, the Samaritan Car Care Clinic finally opened officially on August 1. Previous newsletters have shared the great news that Jim Dennis, 25+ year owner of A-N-D Auto in Elsmere, has joined the Clinic as Director, managing all repair and training operations at the combined A-N-D Auto and Samaritan Car Care Clinic. Jim has done a great job of making sure his clients are driving the few extra miles to the Clinic shop in Covington for repair services.

Joining Jim at the Clinic for hopefully the next year or more are two Gateway Community and Technical College students who aspire to be mechanics. Lee Gibson and José Frias both began at the Clinic August 1, and are drinking from the proverbial firehose as they "learn by doing" alongside Jim. It is an incredible pleasure to have all three working with the Clinic, along with great volunteers who are able to help out several days each month.



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## Your Clinic in ACTION!!

The Clinic is incredibly fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who help in so many ways – quarterly maintenance events; cleaning on donated vehicles; landscaping and litter pickup; plant watering; painting; and yes, helping with fixing cars.

On September 16 Samaritan Care Care Clinic volunteers (shown at right) held the second 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.



September 16, 2023

Volunteers this quarter included Bernie Franke, Ron Pieper, Lee Gibson, Tom Seeger, Richard Clark, José Frias, Ben Seeger, Shari Caldarelli, Ed Seeger, Roger Schwartz, Brant Fischer, Bruce Kintner, and Eric Driscoll.



Gateway Community College students and Team Members Lee Gibson and José Frias cleaning a donated Volvo wagon.



Volunteer Tom Seeger carefully removing stickers off of a box van donated to the Clinic by Be Concerned after the van had reached the end of a great life of service!



Team Members Lee Gibson and José Frias adding a coat of fresh paint to the waste oil tank before moving it into the shop.



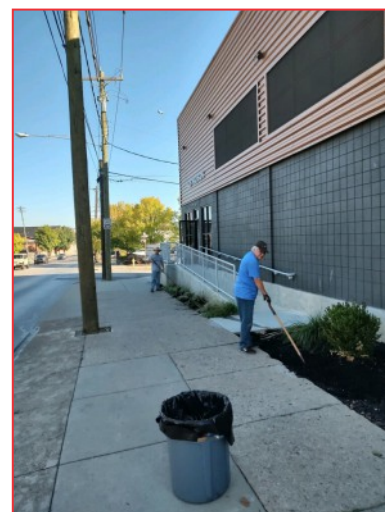
Volunteer Tony Griffin helping stain and seal steps that lead to the storage area at the clinic.



Moving day! Director of Operations Jim Dennis and Team Member José Frias wrestling a big box of tools into a moving truck, graciously loaned to the Clinic for a day by St. Vincent de Paul of NKY.



Volunteers Scott Caldarelli and Bernie Franke helping with mulch at the Clinic. Good now until spring!



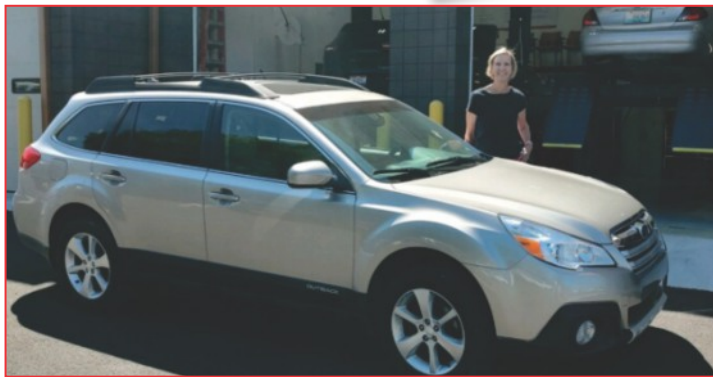
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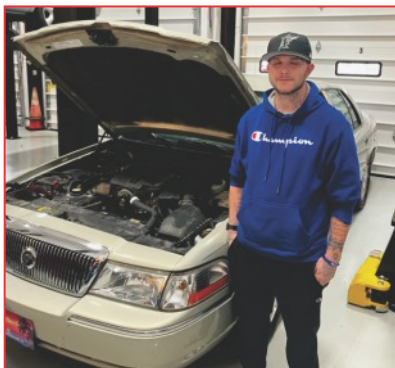
## On the Road



► Above, **Anne Badanes** and her **Subaru Legacy**. Anne is a member of Impact 100, and heard about the Samaritan Car Care Clinic through the Clinic's application for an Impact 100 grant. Anne shared that she and her husband had a car to donate to charity. Anne then asked if the Clinic accepts car donations? Absolutely!

Many thanks to Anne for donating her Subaru that had lots of life left. For those reading this article, please keep the Clinic in mind for potential car donations. The Clinic always has a waiting list of low-income families (mostly single moms) needing safe and reliable transportation.

► **Thomas M.** successfully graduated from Life Learning Center, but lacked reliable transportation to help him get to his new job & help his growing family get to doctor appointments. LLC referred Thomas to St. Vincent de Paul of NKY for a potential microloan to help with a car purchase. Fortunately SVdPNKY and the Clinic had received a donated **2005 Mercury** that still had a lot of life left. After making necessary repairs, the Mercury was available for a new home. Thomas was able to qualify for a microloan, and now has safe and reliable transportation. Many thanks to all who helped Thomas stay on his path to financial independence.



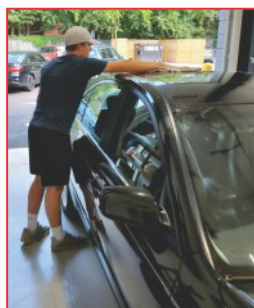
### How it started



### Who we helped



► Above left, Clinic volunteer Alan Nguyen helping clean a donated **2005 Toyota Sienna** van, ultimately benefitting Gateway Community College Ready to Work student **Roxanne H.** Roxanne (right) is a single mom who had very bad luck with a car purchased at a buy here/pay here car lot. Because of the SCCC and Gateway collaboration, Roxanne was able to get on the Clinic's wait list for a vehicle. Fortunately a family donated a Sienna van to the Clinic. Though high in miles, the van had a good body & overall condition. After making necessary repairs, Roxanne now has a vehicle that allows her to get to school and work safely.



► Above left, Clinic volunteer Ty Stevens helping clean a Hyundai Elantra. Above right, **Tracie B.** with that new-to-her **2009 Hyundai Elantra**. Tracie B. was referred to the Clinic by the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission after the transmission failed in her older Ford. Tracie is now good to go in a safe and reliable vehicle. Tracie B. is "who we helped!"

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

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.

Many thanks to Clinic supporters Suzy Quinn and her husband Dell Williamson for donating books each quarter.



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

**NKY Spotlight Podcast:**

**Check in with Samaritan Car Care Clinic August 21, 2023**

**NKY Chamber of Commerce**

By Sarah Brookbank



Check out this NKY Spotlight Podcast, presented by CVG! We are joined by Bruce Kintner of Samaritan Car Care Clinic, who showcases their new Covington Garage and how they're filling an unmet need for families in NKY.

<https://youtu.be/4RMPryUCnPC>

## Recognition Updates

### Impact 100 Includes SCCC in 2023 Funding Round



Impact 100 is a group of over 500 philanthropic women in Greater Cincinnati who sponsor an annual grant award process for non-profits. The goal is to support innovative and transformative projects that address community needs. Impact 100 members raise enough funds each year to provide four \$100,000 grants.

The Samaritan Car Care Clinic was one of just over 100 initial applicants to be considered for a grant in 2023. The Clinic's grant idea was to provide safe and reliable transportation for women referred to the Clinic by Ion Center for Violence Prevention, and Brighton Center.

In June 2023, Impact 100 announced that the Clinic made it to the Finalist round of seven non-profits. And from those seven, four would receive grants.

On September 12, 2023, Impact 100 held its annual award gala. And fortunately for the women the Clinic will be able to help, **Impact 100 members chose the Clinic to receive one of the four grants.** The \$100,000 will fund a vehicle purchase program to support low-income single moms at Brighton Center and Ion Center for Violence Prevention.



*Celebrating the great news with Clinic Director Bruce Kintner are left to right Karen Zengel (Clinic board member and Director, St. Vincent de Paul of NKY); Laura Menge (Greater Cincinnati Foundation and Impact 100 member); Sharon Kintner; Rachel Geiman; Barbara Schaefer (Director, Butler Foundation); Bridget Stadtmiller (Ion Center).*



*With Clinic Director Bruce Kintner on stage at the Music Hall Ballroom were two representatives from Impact 100, as well as representatives from fellow Finalists: People Working Cooperatively, Tikkun Farm, and Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank.*

## Clinic Celebrates Support from Greater Cincinnati Foundation

In September 2023, Greater Cincinnati Foundation provided the Samaritan Car Care Clinic with a \$20,000 grant. What a wonderful gift! The Clinic will use the grant to repair vehicles for low-income families referred to the Clinic by our multiple referral partners. One big thank you to Greater Cincinnati Foundation for helping address transportation barriers!



## Sustaining Member Campaign Update

Earlier this summer, the Samaritan Car Care Clinic received a challenge grant of \$25,000 from the Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr. Foundation. The goal, of course, was to raise at least \$25,000 to receive the full matching gift opportunity. Many thanks to the Haile Foundation for the push for the Clinic to try its first ever Sustaining Member Campaign.

Carol Ann and  
Ralph V. Haile, Jr.  
FOUNDATION

We are pleased to share that the Sustaining Member Campaign conducted from late July through late August was a success! The Clinic was able to raise just over \$25,000 with a combination of existing and new donors making one time gifts as well as signing up for monthly "sustaining" contributions.

More than half of the \$25,000 goal was met by several individuals making larger gifts through donor advised funds, as well as using Qualified Charitable Distributions from IRAs. One huge *Thank You* to all of the friends of the Clinic who made donations. For those able to do so, gifts from donor advised funds, IRAs, and gifts of appreciated stock are creative and very meaningful ways to support the Clinic's efforts to address transportation barriers. Please reach out to Clinic Director Bruce Kintner if you have any questions.

The Samaritan Car Care Clinic offers its heartfelt thanks to the Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr. Foundation for helping make the Sustaining Member Campaign such a success!

## We'd like to THANK



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