



Samaritan Car Care Clinic

From Under the Hood!*Addressing Transportation Barriers to Self-Sufficiency***From the Director's Chair... Celebrating Your Generosity!**

As I write this column on January 6, 2025, there is close to a foot of snow on the ground, it is still snowing, and tonight's low is expected to be a balmy 12 degrees F. The snow will be staying around quite a while!

The cold invariably means more referrals from our partner agencies because their clients' cars really struggle in the cold: weak batteries die; bald tires prevent the car from

gaining traction in the snow; leaking power steering pumps finally fail; and more. It is the sad reality of wintertime driving when you can't afford maintenance and repairs.

Your tremendous support allowed the Samaritan Car Care Clinic to help almost 350 families in 2024 with desperately needed vehicle repairs and maintenance. Similar to prior years, about 3/4ths of referrals were female headed households. The Clinic was able to help all those families because of donations received from more than 250 individuals, and several dozen foundations and companies. Together we can celebrate that the Clinic exceeded its goal of helping at least 300 families. 300 was the original stretch goal for 2024, since the number of families helped was 237 in 2023.

Was the Clinic able to help everyone referred for help? No, we don't have enough funding for that yet. But in a "glass half full" statement, the Clinic had to turn away fewer families in 2024 compared to previous years because of your generous donations. How much does your Clinic need to raise to exceed its stretch goal? At least \$10,000 every week.

In addition to celebrating our financial supporters, this newsletter continues our tradition of celebrating our volunteers. The Clinic has enough hands-on volunteers to provide a weekend maintenance event at least once each month, (two this past December!). Volunteers also sweep, wash and wax donated vehicles, and even bring books for the Clinic's Book Bay for children.

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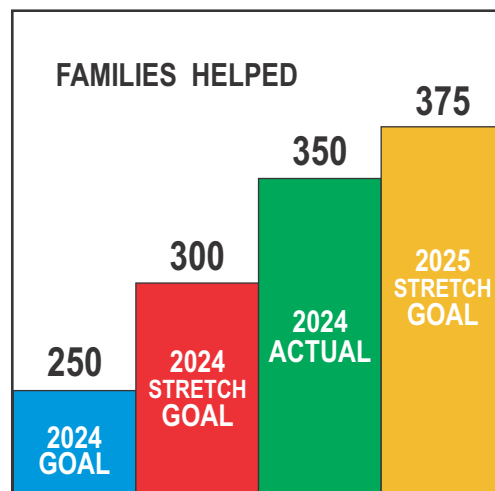
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Thank you does not seem enough, but we offer the Clinic's sincere gratitude for the great work made possible because of support from donors and volunteers. Please continue your financial support for the Clinic throughout 2025, and spread the word about the Clinic's incredible impact, so that we can again exceed our goal of helping at least 300 families stay on the path to self-sufficiency!

— **Bruce Kintner**, Director

"...and I just enrolled my Kroger card to support! Thanks for the reminder!"

— **Laura M.**

Greater Cincinnati Foundation

Every little bit helps!

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Celebrating Volunteer Maintenance Teams

In the 4th quarter of 2024, the Samaritan Car Care Clinic was able to host four separate Saturday maintenance events for clients of Brighton Center Scholar House, NorthKey, Ion Center, Gateway Community & Technical College, Lincoln Grant Scholar House, and several other partner agencies. The volunteer teams were able to help more than 60 families with critical maintenance that will help keep their cars running longer.

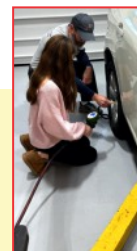
Here are some photos of our volunteer teams at each event, and on page 4, several with children enjoying their new books. A special recognition for first time volunteer Charlotte Dube, the daughter of Kim Dube, who came to the December 21 maintenance event. Charlotte was great help with passing out and reading books to the children, and she also wanted to learn more about cars and car maintenance. So job number one was learning how to air-up tires!



October 2024



December 14, 2024
Gateway CTC event



Learning to
air-up tires



November 2024



December 21, 2024

Celebrating Fifth Third Bank Financial Volunteers

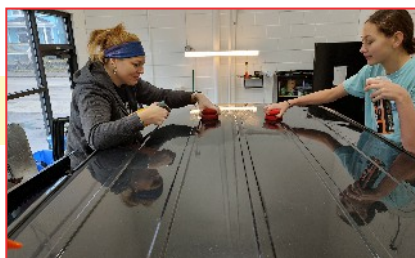
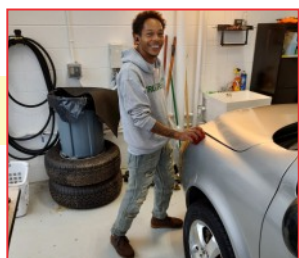
Employees from Fifth Third Bank volunteered at the Clinic's November 2024 maintenance event that helped clients of NorthKey. The employees shared information about budgeting, credit scores, and other financial literacy topics.

Organizing the financial team was Clinic board member Hammad Siddiqi, who is a Community Impact Manager for Fifth Third Bank. Not pictured is Fifth Third employee Tobias Hoppe, who actually volunteered for the day helping with oil changes in the shop itself. Fifth Third employee Steve Timothy shared he loves cleaning on cars, so he was put to immediate work cleaning on a donated Honda Pilot (as seen on page 3). Thanks for everyone's help!



Celebrating Volunteers Who Clean & Detail The Vehicles

The Samaritan Car Care Clinic is incredibly fortunate to have volunteers willing to help clean on donated vehicles. Here are some examples from the 4th quarter of 2024. Thank you to our volunteers who enjoy detailing cars!



From left to right: Brenden Partridge from Gateway working on a donated Chevrolet Uplander. November Redleaf from PNC Bank and her daughter Sophia working on a donated Dodge Caravan. Garrett Blank, NKU graduate, working on a donated Chevrolet Uplander.

Celebrating Car Placement With ION Center Client/Impact 100 Grant Use

On December 3, 2024, the Samaritan Car Care Clinic was able to do a title transfer for Ion Center client **Kassi W.** Now a single mom with three children, Ion Center has helped her substantially over the last several months.



Part of that help has been connecting Kassi with the Samaritan Car Care Clinic for a vehicle. The special connection with the **Honda Pilot** behind Kassi in the photo to the right is that the vehicle was donated to the Clinic with the specific goal of helping an Ion Center client. With funding from the 2023 Impact 100 grant, the Clinic was able to perform the necessary repairs and maintenance to help make Kassi's new-to-her vehicle as road worthy as possible and safe for her children. Ion Center was also able to assist with the \$1,000 purchase price.

Many thanks to everyone who was able to help Kassi progress towards her independence.



Kassi and her Honda Pilot



First time SCCC volunteer Steve Timothy (left) helped wash and wax the Honda Pilot.



Celebrating Collaboration – SCCC, Brighton Center & Impact 100

December 19, 2024 — Shown below, **Denise T.** proudly stands beside her new-to-her van. Denise is going through a job training program at Brighton Center, so access to affordable and reliable transportation is a key part to Denise's efforts to stay on the path to financial independence.

The Samaritan Car Care Clinic received a donated **Honda Odyssey 7** passenger van earlier this year. After repairs to make it safe and more reliable (including timing belt, water pump, tires, brakes, and even a battery), Brighton Center was able to nominate Denise to participate in the Impact 100 sponsored program of being able to purchase a repaired vehicle for only \$1,000.

The balance of the repair costs were covered with the Impact 100 grant.

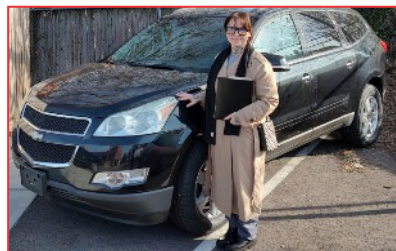
This is another great story of multiple partners collaborating to offer a hand up to Denise on her journey. AND another big THANK YOU to Impact 100 members who helped make this program possible!

Celebrating SVdPKY Connections

During the 4th quarter of 2024, the Samaritan Car Care Clinic and St. Vincent de Paul of NKY's microloan program were able to partner three times to help referred neighbors obtain affordable and reliable transportation. These vehicle placements were made possible at the outset by generous vehicle donations, and then financial donations that supported repairs. Many thanks for the volunteers at SVdPNKY that help support the microloan program for neighbors in need!



Staci B.
former Brighton Center client



Kay G.
Gateway CTC referral



Denise and her Honda Odyssey 7



Jennifer M.
Life Learning Center referral



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PNC PRIVATE BANK *Gift Card Donation*

The Cincinnati office of PNC Private Bank gave the Clinic a wonderful gift in December. That gift was hundreds of dollars of AutoZone gift cards. They were put to immediate use!

Market Leader Lisa Sampson surprised the Clinic with the thoughtful gift that came from co-workers looking to support a non-profit with great community impact.



In the photo, from the left:

Lee Gibson, Gateway CTC Auto Technology student

Jim Dennis, Director SCCC repair and training

Bruce Kintner, Samaritan Car Care Clinic Director

Kay Gurmen, Gateway CTC Ready To Work program participant

Lisa Sampson, PNC Bank

Luke Jowers, Gateway CTC Auto Technology student

Greater Cincinnati Fdn. Visit To The SCCC

On October 31, 2024, representatives of Greater Cincinnati Foundation were able to tour the Samaritan Car Care Clinic shop in Covington. The SCCC is very fortunate to have received direct support from GCF and the Women's Fund over the years as well as donations from donor advised fund holders at GCF.



Representing Greater Cincinnati Foundation were Tara Behanan, Adison Nelson, Kristin Riepenhoff Zelinskas, and Isabella Frueh, shown here with Jim Dennis and Bruce Kintner from the Clinic.

It was great to have GCF visit the shop!



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Covington Catholic H.S. Student Donation

In December 2024, students at Covington Catholic High School hosted a fundraiser for the Samaritan Car Care Clinic. The students raised more than \$850, which is enough to buy two sets of tires. Way to go students!

Pictured are students in Tony Bacigalupo's Junior Achievement economics class where Clinic Director Bruce Kintner volunteered for the fall semester. The class came to the Clinic shop for a quick tour and a tasty pizza lunch!



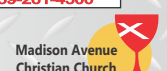
The Book Bay

We are grateful to Clinic supporters who donate books for these children.



Our Haunted House
by Bud Simpson
ISBN 1-56144-049-3

We'd like to THANK



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