



Samaritan Car Care Clinic

From Under the Hood!*Addressing Transportation Barriers to Self-Sufficiency***From the Director's Chair... *This Is What We Do!***

In each of our quarterly newsletters, your Samaritan Car Care Clinic celebrates vehicle placements with low-income families who need a major hand-up. Having a safe and reliable vehicle, when you have had to try to get through life without one, is an incredible benefit. All you have to do is ask our clients and referral partners!

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What your Clinic does day in and day out, of course, is car repairs. The Clinic helped 83 families in the first quarter of 2025. Referrals came from Life Learning Center, Brighton Center, Ion Center, NorthKey, SVdPNKY, Gateway Community College, Be Concerned, and more. Each repair or oil change and fresh engine air filter literally keeps a low-income family on the road to jobs, school, doctor appointments and more. Here is the story of one of those 83 repairs: **Brittany B.** (photo at right), a referral from Faith Community Pharmacy.

Brittany is a single mom of three who took advantage of Gateway's Ready To Work program which includes a job placement while in school. Brittany was placed at Faith Pharmacy. Faith Pharmacy so valued Brittany's work that the pharmacy offered her a part-time job when she finished school. As Brittany shared, a part-time job was about all she could handle trying to raise three children on her own.

Earlier this year, Brittany confided with a co-worker that she was having problems with her brakes and was having to press very hard to



come to a stop. To add more misery to the situation, Brittany could see oil leaking from her engine. Fortunately, Brittany's co-worker was able to make a connection with the Samaritan Car Care Clinic. Brittany is similar to many of the single moms referred to the Clinic. She works, but with no child support payments, she struggles to make ends meet. If Brittany has to miss one day of work because of a sick child or cancelled school, her financial challenges are even greater.

Brittany's car is now safe and reliable because your donations make it possible to help Brittany and the hundreds of single moms that rely on the Clinic each year for help. Your support is a game changer for these women. Thank you.

— **Bruce Kintner**, Director

**MOZART
AND MOTORS**

Fluidity is a non-profit choral group that holds fundraising concerts to support non-profits addressing community needs.

Fluidity is partnering with SCCC for this concert, that is a fundraiser for both Fluidity and the Samaritan Car Care Clinic.

Samaritan Car Care Clinic & Fluidity Choral Group
 Joint Fundraiser Concert

Sunday April 27 4:00PM RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Madison Avenue Christian Church
 1530 Madison Avenue, Covington

Reserve your free tickets. Please consider making a donation to SCCC and Fluidity.

Fluidity website: www.fluiditycccc.org OR scan ►



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First Quarter Volunteer Maintenance Teams

Volunteers with the Samaritan Car Care Clinic held three weekend maintenance events during the first quarter of 2025. What a wonderful way to give back to the community!

Clients helped during those events came from Ion Center for Violence Prevention; Life Learning Center; Brighton Center Scholar House; NorthKey; Welcome House, and several other agencies.

Volunteers also cleaned several donated vehicles despite the sometimes chilly temperatures.

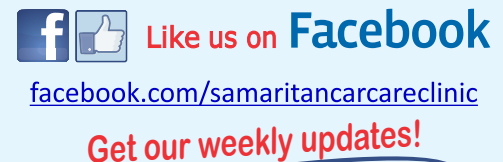
What a wonderful hand up to families in need! Together we are addressing transportation challenges to self-sufficiency. Thank you.



We Are Grateful For These First Quarter 2025 Foundation Gifts

During the first quarter of 2025, the Samaritan Car Care Clinic was incredibly fortunate to receive several foundation gifts. The Clinic needs to raise more than \$10,000 each week to achieve our goal of helping 350 families this year solve their transportation issues. Gifts from individuals and foundations are what allow your Samaritan Car Care Clinic to offer a hand up to the families referred to the Clinic for help.

Foundation gifts came from the Butler Foundation; the R. C. Durr Foundation; altafiber's Bell Charitable Foundation; Charles H. Dater Foundation; and Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trust, Fifth Third Bank, N.A., Trustee. Thank you to everyone who supports the Samaritan Car Care Clinic.



Gateway students Luke Jowers and Lee Gibson with the two new MAC Tool sets at the Clinic.

Donating Since 2007!



Valvoline® continues to make significant in-kind donations to the SCCC. Valvoline®'s donations of engine oil, anti-freeze, and even wiper blades and oil filters allow the Clinic to stretch our other financial donations. Valvoline® Warehouse Team Leader Ryan Schultz is shown here on a chilly February 18 morning loading a pallet of donated engine oil. Thank you Valvoline®!

In February the R. C. Durr Foundation provided a grant to purchase another two sets of professional grade mechanic tools. The tools support the Gateway Community and Technical College co-op students who work at the Clinic helping repair vehicles for the families referred to the Clinic. Thank you R. C. Durr Foundation!

Celebrating SVdPNKY and SCCC Collaboration For A Car Placement



On Friday March 21, the Samaritan Car Care Clinic was able to place a car with St. Vincent dePaul NKY neighbor **Patricia A.** Patricia qualified for a SVdPNKY-provided microloan to buy a Toyota Prius that had been donated to the Clinic.

After some maintenance, repairs, a thorough sweeping, washing and waxing, the car was ready for a new home with Patricia.

THANKS to everyone who helps support the collaboration between SVdPNKY and SCCC!

Patricia with her "new" Toyota Prius.



Another Great Collaboration: Impact 100, Ion Center, SCCC

On February 6 the Samaritan Car Care Clinic completed a vehicle transfer for Ion Center client **Brooke**.

Last fall the Clinic received a donated Dodge Caravan. Very clean, very good shape, but donated because the "known problems" with that era of Dodge/Chrysler automatic transmissions had developed. In other words, the transmission failed.

Because the van was in such great shape otherwise, it made sense to fix the transmission. With some of the remaining Impact 100 funds, the Clinic was able to work with a local transmission shop to do a rebuild at a significant discount, and the shop even added a five year warranty on the transmission. Now Brooke has a safe vehicle so she can start a new chapter in her life for her and her child.

THANKS to everyone who made this possible!



Brooke's new-to-her Dodge Caravan



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Celebrating Collaboration – SCCC, Brighton Center & Impact 100

A second Dodge Caravan was donated to the Clinic last fall. Pretty clean, overall good shape, and lower miles, but needed the usual tires, brakes, radiator replaced, wiper blades, fluids changed, etc.

Because the van was in relatively good shape otherwise, it definitely made sense to do the repairs. Volunteers helped wash and wax the van once repairs were done. A Brighton Center customer was next in line for this van. Remaining Impact 100 grant funds were used to help with the repairs.

On February 21st the Samaritan Car Care Clinic transferred the van to Brighton Center Scholar House resident **Jaylynn C.** Per the Clinic's grant agreement with Impact 100, the van was sold to Jaylynn for \$1,000.

Jaylynn is a single mother close to finishing her studies to become a medical data assistant, and hopes to land a job/externship opportunity at a local doctor's office or St. Elizabeth hospital very soon. Jaylynn has not been able to afford a car of her own for close to two years. In her own words, being able to buy this van will allow her to juggle child care and get to her externship each day, which will hopefully lead to full time employment. Also in Jaylynn's own words, any other vehicle she could find for \$1,000 barely ran and needed a lot of repairs.

Jaylynn specifically asked us to THANK EVERYONE who made this hand-up possible!



Jaylynn and her new-to-her Dodge Caravan



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Save the Date

Save the Date and get your free tickets for the benefit concert with Fluidity - A Creative Choral Community for a Cause - Sunday, April 27th 4:00pm.

The Samaritan Car Care Clinic is honored to partner with Fluidity for this joint fundraiser. Proceeds will help the Clinic address transportation barriers for families referred to the Clinic and support Fluidity's efforts to champion the great work of area non-profits. ++

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The Book Bay!

Every child accompanying a parent can relax in the office and enjoy a book while we work on their vehicle. Many thanks to Clinic supporters who donate books for these children.



Chrysanthemum
by Kevin Henkes
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SCCC in the News!

ROTARY CLUB OF CINCINNATI

Clinic Director, Bruce Kintner, was invited to participate in the Rotary Club of Cincinnati Jefferson Award presentation held on March 20, 2025. The Rotary Club of Cincinnati had selected the Clinic as a 2024 local Jefferson Award recipient, which then qualified the Clinic for national consideration. Fortunately the Clinic was honored last year to receive a national Jefferson Award as well.

Many thanks to Rotary Club of Cincinnati for including the SCCC as a past honoree in this year's event!



Thank You Zonta Club Of Greater Cincinnati!

Zonta Clubs all across the globe work to improve the lives of women through service and advocacy. Zonta Club of Cincinnati selected the Samaritan Car Care Clinic and City Gospel Mission to receive grants as part of the club's Fall 2024 grant cycle because of their great work helping low-income women.

Zonta invited Clinic Director Bruce Kintner and representatives from City Gospel to share more about their organizations at a dinner meeting in March.

Thank you to Zonta Club of Cincinnati for your support!



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We got a Thank You card!

(To) Jim and other volunteers of the Samaritan Car Care Clinic.

You are all extraordinary and the work you do for God and us doesn't go unnoticed. You are all in my prayers, please accept this donation as a gesture of my thanks.

THANK YOU!

— Lisa S.
SCCC Supporter

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