



Samaritan Car Care Clinic

From Under the Hood!*Addressing Transportation Barriers to Self-Sufficiency***From the Director's Chair... *A Heaping Helping Of Gratitude***

Full disclosure: many times in my life I have had the well-intentioned plan to start a gratitude journal. Nothing fancy, just writing something down every day for which I am thankful. Well, best laid plans. . .

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That does NOT mean I am not thankful. That is actually the purpose of this quarter's note. Every day when I see the Samaritan Car Care Clinic shop in Covington I offer thanks. For people more recently connected with the Clinic, you may not know that the physical location began as a gift of a vacant lot from Corporex in December 2021. No building on the lot, just gravel and outlines of where the buildings had once been many decades ago.

But with a blank canvas, much can be done. So the next thank you goes to ATA Beilharz Architects in downtown Cincinnati. ATA Beilharz donated hundreds of hours of time to design the building we now have, working patiently with the City of Covington on design and material finishes.

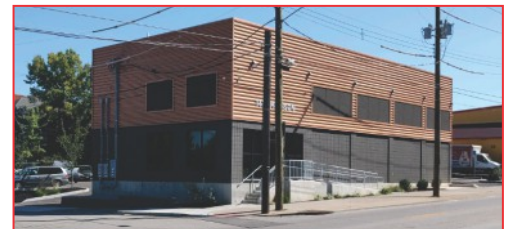
Corporex did the Clinic another huge favor and drafted Luke Woerner to serve as a construction manager. Another wonderful in-kind gift.

And the building would not have been built at all without loan financing from the Catalytic Development Fund in Covington. The principals at the Catalytic Development Fund understood there was a critical unmet need – no single agency was trying to address transportation barriers. The Catalytic Development Fund made a bold statement and loaned the

Clinic the funds necessary to build the first dedicated non-profit vehicle repair shop in Northern KY. (sidebar: the Clinic owes more than \$400,000 on our mortgage, so any extra donations toward the loan would be fantastic!)

I definitely have an abundance of gratitude. Not just for those mentioned above, but for all of the supporters and donors who make sure the Samaritan Car Care Clinic can help as many low-income families as possible. We began as a group of volunteers in 2007. This August we celebrate the two-year anniversary of operating out of our own shop. Quite a ride it has been!

— **Bruce Kintner**, *Director*

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Second Quarter Volunteer Maintenance Events

Volunteers led three Saturday maintenance events during the second quarter, one in April, May and June. Each time up to 16 appointments are taken for clients of Clinic referral partners, including Brighton Center Scholar House; NorthKey; Life Learning Center; Ion Center; Welcome House, and many others. Volunteers continue to play a huge role in the great work the Samaritan Car Care Clinic is able to do for the community. Thank you!



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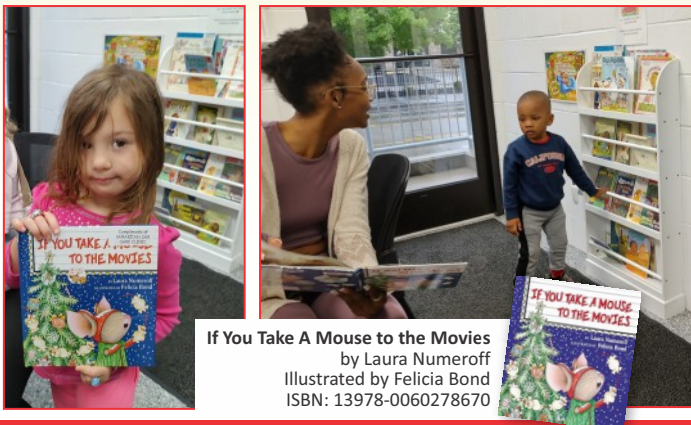


MAY



JUNE

The Book Bay! *Clients' kids relax with a book as we work on their vehicle! Thank you to our Clinic supporters who donate books for the children.*



If You Take A Mouse to the Movies
by Laura Numeroff
Illustrated by Felicia Bond
ISBN: 13978-0060278670

SVdPNKY Microloan Collaboration With SCCC

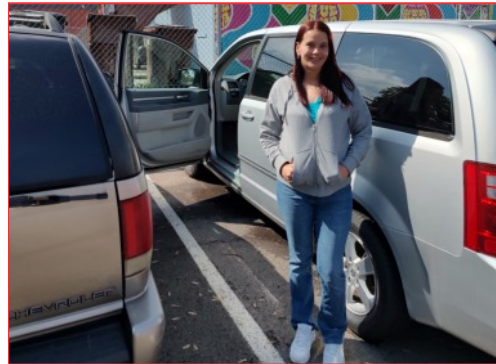
On May 2, St. Vincent dePaul Northern Kentucky and the Samaritan Car Care Clinic were able to provide a safe and reliable vehicle for SVdPNKY neighbor **Jamie B.**

Carol Hartlaub and her team worked on the vetting and microloan process, and the SCCC did the necessary repairs on a Dodge Caravan donated to the Clinic.

It took several extra weeks to get insurance in place, sadly, a very common problem faced by SVdPNKY neighbors and most people referred to the Clinic.

Jamie is a single mom in the Ready to Work program at Gateway Community and Technical College, and has struggled to find affordable transportation. With multiple children the extra space in the van is, in Jamie's own words, "fantastic."

THANKS again to everyone who made this possible!



Jamie and her Dodge Caravan



Impact 100 Presence Still Felt



The Samaritan Car Care Clinic was incredibly fortunate to receive a grant from Impact 100 in September 2023. In April 2024, more than 10 members of Impact 100 volunteered at the Clinic to wash and wax a donated van, as well as plant some perennials and spread mulch.

Right on cue, the perennials planted by members of Impact 100 bloomed their hearts out this spring. What a wonderful reminder of the Impact 100 connection. Thank you for your great gift!

Be Concerned, Brad H. And A Pickup Truck



Be Concerned reached out earlier this year to see if the Clinic possibly had a pickup truck or SUV that a building painter named **Brad H.** desperately needed so he could resume work. After Brad's existing truck had an engine failure, Brad could no longer work. With no income and tight finances even before, Brad resorted to getting food from Be Concerned. That is when Be Concerned contacted the Clinic.

It is rare for the Clinic to receive a donated truck of any kind. But in a providential way, the Clinic received an older Chevy work truck just weeks before Be Concerned reached out. After brake and suspension work, Brad was able to return to work!

< Brad H. and his "new" work truck



THANK YOU!

Samaritan Car Care Clinic referral partner Be Concerned referred **Jamie H.** to the Clinic because she desperately needed a vehicle. Be Concerned was able to find a donor of a 25 year old car that still had life left. After addressing some repairs and deferred maintenance, we completed a title transfer in May. This is an example of the great work supporters of the Samaritan Car Care Clinic make possible.

Jamie shared the following thank you note:

Be Concerned and Samaritan Car Care Clinic,

There are no words to describe how grateful I am for the blessing you both made possible for my family. Having reliable transportation means I can get my children to/from school and their after school activities. It means I can make it to work and my doctor appointments. More importantly, it means my children and I will not be on the streets until we secure housing.

This vehicle is our transportation but it is also our shelter for now. This blessing helps with several basic survival needs and I truly appreciate every effort and minute of labor that made it possible.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you!

Hoping this is the beginning of better days. What you do matters and changes lives. Thank you for impacting our lives in such a big way.

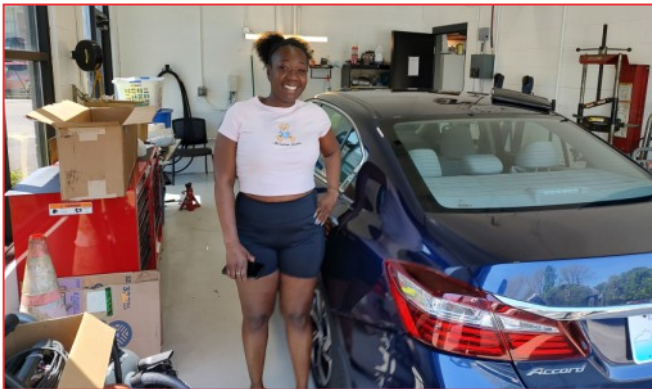
— **Jamie H.**
Client



Jamie H.

Talibah G.

In April the Clinic was able to partner with Ion Center for Violence Prevention to sell a car at a deep discount to Ion Center client **Talibah G.** (pictured below). Talibah said she was overjoyed with the great condition of the Honda Accord that was donated to and repaired by the Clinic.



Clinic volunteer Garrett Blank (right) cleaning the interior of the Accord earlier in April. Thanks to everyone who helped provide Talibah with affordable, safe, reliable and really clean transportation!



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READER'S CHOICE AWARDS



LINK NKY had its first ever Reader's Choice Award promotion held throughout the Spring of 2025.

The Samaritan Car Care Clinic was nominated in the Best Auto Repair category. Samaritan Car Care Clinic received Third Place recognition. Congratulations to First Place winner Independence Automotive, and Second Place winner Don's Garage. And a shout out to all LINK NKY readers who voted for the Clinic!

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Upstander Celebration

Each year the Holocaust and Humanity Center at the Cincinnati Museum Center sponsors a celebration honoring individuals and organizations that give back to the Greater Cincinnati community. The Samaritan Car Care Clinic is honored to be one of the 20 finalists out of more than 200 nominations for the 2025 Upstander Awards. Six individuals and non-profits from that finalist group were ultimately selected as an Upstander Community Award recipient. Though the Clinic was not one of the six, that does not diminish the honor of being included in such an incredible group that stands up for economic mobility, justice, and opportunity every day.



Anti-freeze!



In June, Valvoline once again came through with a wonderful in-kind donation, this time of anti-freeze. Valvoline's donations of oil and anti-freeze are incredibly helpful, since that allows the Clinic to stretch financial donations to cover other repair costs. Special thanks to Marcus McCoy (with forklift) of Valvoline's West Chester distribution center for his help.

MOZART AND MOTORS Fundraiser And "Friend Raiser"

On Sunday afternoon, April 27, the Cincinnati based non-profit choral group Fluidity held a joint fundraiser concert for the Samaritan Car Care Clinic and Fluidity. Fluidity's unique model entails concerts that support a community outreach non-profit and Fluidity at the same time. The Clinic is pleased to share that the April 27 concert was the first time Fluidity had partnered with a Northern KY based non-profit, and was also the first time Fluidity had sung in Northern KY. The location was Madison Avenue Christian Church in Covington, the very church that helped launch a group of volunteers that called themselves the Samaritan Car Care Clinic back in 2007.



The concert was fantastic, with a wonderful choir, guest soloists, and a small orchestra. More than 150 people were in attendance. It was both a great fundraiser and "friend raiser" with donations exceeding \$5,000 for the Clinic. Thanks again to Fluidity and its board chair Kim Mauer for all of the wonderful support!



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