



Samaritan Car Care Clinic

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

Last quarter this column was all about expressing gratitude. Continuing with that theme, this quarter is about celebrating your support.

People only recently learning about the Samaritan Car Care Clinic may not

know that we began as an all-volunteer group back in 2007 simply offering free oil changes to low-income single moms who could not even afford the price of an oil change. Then and now, families referred to the Clinic have to make hard financial choices regarding rent, groceries, insurance, clothing, school supplies, and on and on. Car maintenance and repairs never make it to the top.

That is why we celebrate your support. Fortunately, that support comes from many directions. First: We have enough volunteers that we now offer at least one Saturday maintenance event each month. Second: We receive wonderful in-kind gifts of oil and anti-freeze from Valvoline® (page 4). Third: We couldn't exist as the only non-profit vehicle repair shop in Northern KY without your financial support. Your donations are what covers labor and parts for all of the repairs the Clinic does each year. We helped 353 families last year. And because of your generosity, we are on pace to help 300-350 families this year.

Through the end of September, the Clinic has received gifts from more than 180 individuals. These gifts range from \$25 to several thousand dollars. Every \$500, give or take, comes close to covering the cost of four tires. Tires are one of the most frequent requests from our many referral partners. With an annual budget of \$760,000, every donation counts.

We also desperately need donated vehicles. The Clinic always has a

wait list of low-income families who either don't have a car, or have a car that is in such poor condition that it does not make sense to sink money into repairs. If you are willing to donate a car to the Clinic, we will do our best to repurpose it and offer a major hand up to a family in need. Definitely keep an ear out in case you hear of a family member or friend looking to donate a vehicle and please suggest the Clinic.

Just planting a seed – the Clinic has received gifts of common stock from two different families in the last year. It would be wonderful to add to that list, since that is a great way to maximize a gift and avoid tax at the same time.

ALL gifts are needed and appreciated. That includes volunteer time, financial support, and spreading the word so that your Samaritan Car Care Clinic can continue to address transportation barriers in Northern Kentucky. Thank you for your support!

— **Bruce Kintner**, Director

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Marty Butler Receives Pioneer Award



Marty Butler has served as the board chair for the Samaritan Car Care Clinic since its official founding in 2020. His help and support have been beyond fantastic.

This is no surprise, since Marty Butler has been involved in helping non-profits for decades, including leadership roles with Habitat for Humanity; St. Vincent de Paul of NKY; the Butler Foundation; Catalytic Development Fund; Parish Kitchen;



Thank you Marty!
2025 Pioneer Award Recipient

and of course the Samaritan Car Care Clinic.

Marty is beyond humble, and so routinely deflects praise for his efforts. This time, he can't avoid the publicity. We are so pleased that the Kenton County Fiscal Court chose Marty to receive a 2025 Pioneer Award. The Pioneer Award recognizes Kenton County residents who have a record of outstanding service to the community. And that definitely describes Marty!

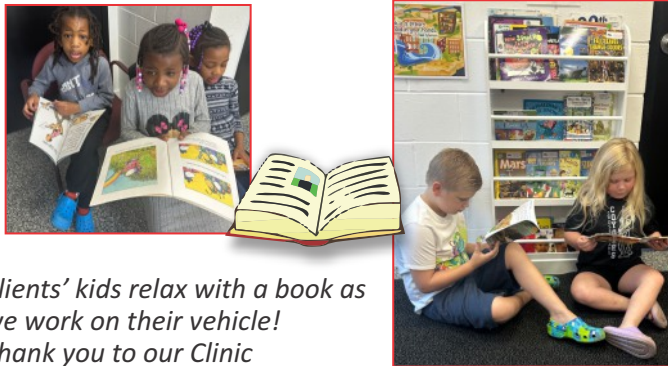
Give Where You Live Grant

In September the Give Where You Live philanthropy group that is part of Horizon Community Foundation selected the Samaritan Car Care Clinic to receive a \$5,500 grant. This is a wonderful boost to the Clinic's efforts to address transportation barriers. Many thanks to the Give Where You Live group for supporting the Clinic!



horizoncnky.org

A Book Is A Dream You Hold In Your Hands — Neil Gaiman



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

Friend of the Neighborhood Award

In August SCCC Board Member Hammad Siddiqi was honored as a *Friend of the Neighborhood*, given by the Cincinnati non-profit Invest in Neighborhoods. The wonderful event was held at the Cincinnati Reds Youth Academy. Hammad is the Community Impact Manager at Fifth Third Bank. Congratulations Hammad!



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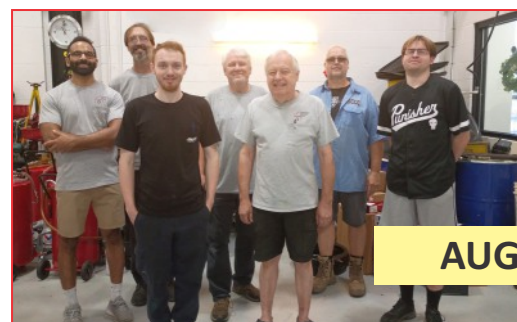
Celebrating

VOLUNTEERS

The Clinic's teams of volunteers held maintenance events July 12, August 9, and September 27.

The vast majority of families helped are female-headed households that are working with partner agencies like Brighton Center, Life Learning Center, Welcome House, Ion Center for Violence Prevention, and many others.

One big shout out to the wonderful volunteers who keep these single mom wage earners on the road by the simple act of changing oil, airing up tires, replacing burned out bulbs, and installing new air filters.



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SEPTEMBER 27

Thank you!

Welcoming New

VOLUNTEERS



JULY 12

Above, left to right are Patrick Sabelhaus, Gage Bennett, Sean Linsman, and Grant Wendling

The Clinic was fortunate to welcome four new volunteers at the July maintenance event.

Cabin Air Filter Reminder!

The Samaritan Car Care Clinic is very grateful for Valvoline® donating engine oil, anti-freeze, and even occasionally engine air filters and cabin air filters. The photo (above) is of a cabin air filter pulled out of a 16 year old Camry owned by a client of Brighton Center who came to the September 27th maintenance event. The lady had only owned the car for a few months. We had a donated cabin air filter, so we put it to good use. Cabin filters are tucked behind the glovebox. The Clinic volunteer found the remnants, and smell, of a mouse nest. The old one barely flowed any air at all!



So a reminder that if you have a car 15 years old or newer, there is a strong chance it has a cabin air filter that needs to be replaced at least once each year.



Because of Valvoline's generosity, we were able to eliminate a smelly mess and get the air flowing again!

An Involved Repair

Tony Blizniak has been a faithful volunteer at the Samaritan Car Care Clinic for the last two years, helping during the week when a particular repair will take a long time.

Here is Tony working on, really wrestling with, a fuel tank that had to be removed AFTER the rear suspension also had to be removed. Why? The original referral for the SVDPNKY client was for "car won't start." Turned out it would not start because the fuel pump had failed. And to access the fuel pump, the gas tank had to be lowered through where the rear axle and suspension assembly would normally be.

Many thanks to Tony for his patience and expertise helping get this SVDPNKY neighbor back on the road!



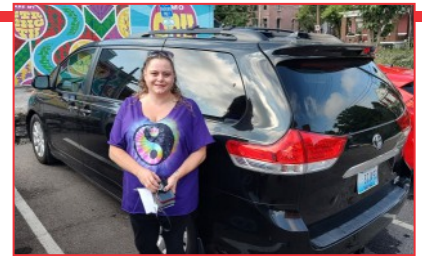
Tony and a gas tank/fuel pump/rear suspension ...



Be Concerned and SCCC Working Together

Be Concerned referred **Angie K.** (right) to the Samaritan Car Care Clinic because her car had blown an engine, and Angie could not afford the \$5,000+ estimate to install a used engine.

Great news — a family donated a Sienna van to the Clinic earlier this year. After repairs and maintenance sponsored by a Be Concerned donor, the Clinic was able to get Angie back on the road to financial independence!



Angie K. and the new-to-her 2011 Toyota Sienna

SVdPNKY, LLC, and SCCC Celebrate Another Collaboration

In July St. Vincent de Paul of NKY, Life Learning Center, and SCCC successfully collaborated to provide a car for LLC member **Marcella H.** (right).

The Clinic received a donated vehicle several weeks before SVdPNKY received a referral from LLC on Marcella's behalf. Marcella qualified for a SVdPNKY microloan, and was able to use that to purchase a car at a discount from the Clinic. Thanks to everyone who helped!



Marcella H.

SVdPNKY and SCCC Together Again

In September St. Vincent de Paul of NKY and the Samaritan Car Care Clinic teamed up to help SVdPNKY single mom neighbor **Amelia M.** obtain a new-to-her vehicle.

Earlier this summer the Clinic received a donated Honda Accord that definitely had life left in it. After some repairs and maintenance, Amelia was able to use a SVdPNKY microloan to buy the Accord from the Clinic. In Amelia's own words, she "could not find a car for thousands of dollars more that didn't then need thousands of dollars in repairs."



Amelia M. and her Honda Accord



Thanks to all who donate to the Clinic and make these good news stories possible!

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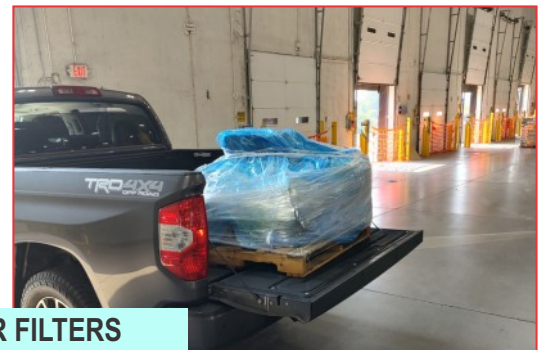


OIL and ANTI-FREEZE

Valvoline® furnished oil, anti-freeze, and filters this quarter. These in-kind donations free-up SCCC funds for repairs. Left, Marcus McCoy loading up at the West Chester distribution center. Right, a load of air filters at the Sharonville distribution center.



AIR FILTERS



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