



Samaritan Car Care Clinic

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

Any business, whether a for-profit, or a not-for-profit in the case of the Samaritan Car Care Clinic, hopefully survives and thrives long enough to celebrate milestones.

The Clinic began with a group of volunteers doing oil changes on weekends back in 2007. There's nothing

overly special about celebrating an 18th anniversary, but it does surprise people who are less familiar with the Clinic's history to know that, yes, the Clinic has been offering a hand-up to families for many years!

A notable anniversary relates to the Clinic's official birthday. The Samaritan Car Care Clinic became a registered 501(c)(3) charitable institution in 2020, so 2025 represented the fifth official year for the Clinic. 18 years in practice, but 5 years in the eyes of the IRS.

The Clinic would not have its physical presence without help from two other supporters that celebrated major milestones in 2025. Bill Butler founded Corporex in 1965. His goal? Changing skylines, changing lives. Yes, you did the math correctly. Corporex just celebrated its 60th anniversary.



Had Bill Butler not followed his entrepreneurial dream, Corporex would not have grown to be the major developer it is today, and Corporex would not have been able to donate a vacant lot in Covington to the Clinic. That transformative gift was done at the end of 2021. "Thank You" just doesn't seem adequate.

The Clinic now had land, but how about a building where cars could be repaired, offering a hand-up to low-income families?

Enter The Catalytic Fund, Northern Kentucky's amazing non-profit lender for real estate development that celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2025.



In early 2022, Clinic Director Bruce Kintner met with Jeanne Schroer, the President and CEO of The Catalytic Fund. Fortunately, Jeanne immediately embraced the vision of helping create the first and only not-for-profit vehicle repair shop in NKY. That is how the Clinic was able to borrow the money needed to build the Samaritan Car Care Clinic's actual shop. Had The Catalytic Fund not addressed an unmet need for community oriented real estate projects, then the Samaritan Car Care Clinic couldn't be addressing the unmet need of reducing transportation barriers for low-income families. Again, "Thank You" just doesn't seem adequate.

The interconnected ties go much further than just with Corporex and The Catalytic Fund, because it is your continued support that makes what we do possible. The Clinic helped 353 families address transportation barriers in 2024, and I am pleased to share that we helped 389 families in 2025. Can't wait to celebrate more anniversaries!

— **Bruce Kintner**, Director

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Shari Caldarelli, Rachel Geiman

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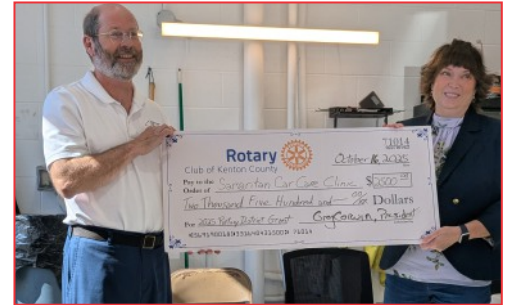
On a sunny October 16, 2025, members of the Rotary Club of Kenton County visited the Samaritan Car Care Clinic to present a donation to the Clinic.



The \$2,500 donation was put to immediate use helping with car repairs for families referred to the Clinic for help.

Helping hold the celebratory check with Clinic Director, Bruce Kintner, is Rotary Club member Noelle Grimes (shown at right).

It is such an honor to receive support from Rotary Club of Kenton County!



Making A Difference. . . One Repair At A Time

One of the most frequently requested car repairs from our referral partners deals with brakes. Earlier in October 2025, St. Vincent de Paul of NKY referred a young lady to the Samaritan Car Care Clinic who desperately needed brake work. She spent all of her savings buying a used car, and did not have any more funds to deal with severely worn brakes on that car. With no additional money and no ability to put repairs on a credit card, she just kept driving with the terribly worn brakes.

The photo to the right doesn't do complete justice to the situation, but all four brake rotors on her car were severely worn and grooved because the brake pads were essentially gone. Mechanics refer to this as "metal-on-metal." Like a hockey puck sliding along ice. The photo shows one of the rotors and the brake pads the Clinic took off of her car, next to a new rotor and new pads. Quite the contrast!



So a reminder that if you ever hear a squeal from your brakes, or it takes extra-long to come to a stop, get your brakes inspected very soon. Don't keep driving until they fail, as they did with this vehicle.

Your financial support helped make this woman's car safe for her, her family, and for you and me who share the same roads.





December 2nd Snow!

The Covington Business Council sponsored a holiday decorating contest for businesses in December. Your Clinic staff thought it would be fun to add a bit of garland to the railing in front of the building since so many people walk and drive by the shop each day.

Many thanks to Office Manager Rachel Geiman for hanging the garland and bows just in time for an early snowfall! Yes, the morning of December 2 brought quite a few inches of snow, and it wasn't even winter at that point. Close ups are hard, but please note in the photo at far right, that the bows include cars. Definitely appropriate for the Samaritan Car Care Clinic! A special thank you to Sharon Kintner for creating the car themed bows.



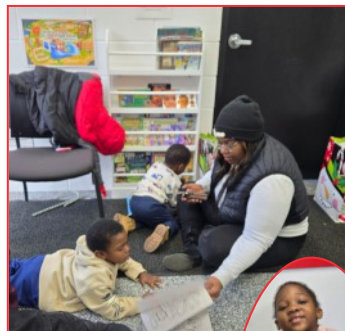
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Monthly Volunteer Maintenance Events

The Clinic continues to have enough devoted volunteers to offer a complementary oil change event one weekend each month.

In the 4th quarter of 2025 the Clinic held an event October 25, primarily to help clients of Brighton Center Scholar House; November 8, primarily to help clients of NorthKey; and December 20, that included clients from Welcome House, Ion Center, Life Learning Center, and Lincoln Grant Scholar House.



In addition to receiving a new book, clients' kids also received a holiday gift bag.

Clinic volunteer Shari Caldarelli and youth from Madison Avenue Christian Church in Covington created gift bags for the families who visited the Clinic on December 20. Many thanks to the youth for that special effort; to all of our volunteers who help our neighbors each month; to those who donate books; and to our financial supporters that make all of this possible!

Book Bay Fun!



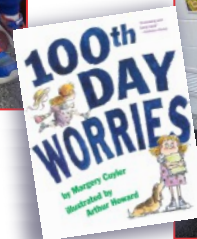
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Covington Catholic H.S. Junior Achievement Donates



Many thanks to Covington Catholic High School students who raised \$850 to help neighbors in need of safety related car repairs. The connection is that Samaritan Car Care Clinic Director Bruce Kintner is a volunteer in Tony Bacigalupo's Junior Achievement economics class at Covington Catholic. Coach B, as he is affectionately known, arranged a field trip on a chilly December 15 so the students could help celebrate the donation and see firsthand the great work done at the Clinic.

In the photo are Tony Bacigalupo, Clinic Director of Operations Jim Dennis, Bruce Kintner, and members of the class. A big thank you to the students for giving back to their community!



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SCCC Partners With Ion Center for Violence Prevention

In December, the Samaritan Car Care Clinic was able to partner with Ion Center for Violence Prevention and help an Ion Center client who needed dependable transportation. When a car is available, clients of Ion Center are able to purchase a vehicle from the Clinic at a deep discount. Fortunately a PT Cruiser was donated to the Clinic earlier in the fall, and it definitely had life left. After completing necessary repairs, Ion Center client **Kathy C.** (right) was able to buy the car. In her words, a reliable car is an incredible blessing! Plus, all the other cars Kathy was investigating were 2-3 times as expensive, and each needed thousands of dollars of repairs to be made roadworthy. Pictured with Kathy is Ion Center's Angie Teegarden.



Kathy C. (left), Angie Teegarden, and the PT Cruiser

The Samaritan Car Care Clinic is honored to partner with Ion Center for Violence Prevention for this desperately needed program.



Thank You Bishop Brossart Students

Students from Bishop Brossart High School in Alexandria stepped up and helped neighbors by donating their time to sweep, wash and wax donated vehicles. Groups of students helped out at the Clinic *three* times in October.

DAY 1: On October 2, 2025, students came to the Clinic for a service project. The group was great help sprucing-up a donated Honda Accord.

DAY 2: On October 9, the students were pretty impressed with how using a synthetic clay bar and wax brought back a lot of shine to the Chevy Colorado!

DAY 3: Then on October 23, a donated VW Jetta was thoroughly cleaned by the hard-working students.

Thanks to these Bishop Brossart students for donating their time to help the Samaritan Car Care Clinic.



1 That Honda looks good!



2 Clay bar & wax clean!



3 VW Jetta's turn!



We'd like to THANK



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