



Samaritan Car Care Clinic

From Under the Hood!

Addressing Transportation Barriers to Self-Sufficiency

From the Director's Chair . . . ***Celebrating Students***

The Samaritan Car Care Clinic is incredibly fortunate to have a relationship with Gateway Community and Technical College in Northern Kentucky. Gateway offers multiple trade and education opportunities, but the one near and dear to the Clinic is the auto technology program.

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There were two dreams behind opening the Clinic. The main goal was to offer shared cost car repair and maintenance services for low-income families so they could literally keep getting to their jobs or finish job training programs. The second goal was to help a young student who aspires to be an auto technician and wants to learn by doing, but who doesn't have her or his own tools that are required to work at a conventional repair shop or auto dealership.

Many people don't know that repair shops and dealerships don't provide tools. Most technicians have invested \$15,000 or more in hand, power, and diagnostic tools. And each tool is critical to do their job.

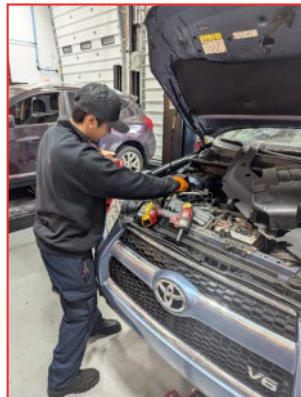
The Clinic succeeded in getting some grants to buy tools to have for co-op students. We opened in 2023 with two Gateway students working with Clinic training and maintenance director Jim Dennis. We currently have two students learning by doing

at the Clinic while they are going through school at Gateway: José Frias and Ashton Russ. Our ability to do the volume of repair work we do (389 families helped in 2025; 90 in first quarter 2026) is because of their desire to learn and help. And in their own words, they have learned so much more than their peer students because of being able to work at a repair shop instead of a restaurant or grocery store.

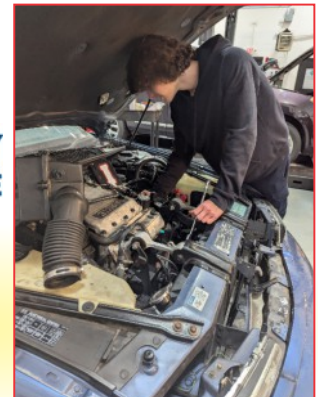
When a Gateway co-op student finishes the degree program, then works with the Clinic full-time one more year to gain even more experience, we will provide that student with a starter set of mechanic grade tools – not everything they would need at a shop or dealership, but a major hand up to getting their career started.

Thank you for your support. Your donations help make the repairs we do and the student co-op program possible!

— **Bruce Kintner**, *Director*



José Frias



Ashton Russ



WDJO And SCCC On The Air



Long-time WLW radio personality Andy Furman can't quite retire. He now hosts a show every Saturday morning on Cincinnati's WDJO radio station profiling non-profits throughout the region.

On January 31, Andy and his son Jake profiled the Samaritan Car Care Clinic on their weekly radio show. Clinic Director Bruce Kintner spent an enjoyable hour with the Furmans talking about the history of the Clinic and how strong community support allows the Clinic to address transportation barriers. WDJO airs on FM 99.5; FM 107.9; and AM 1480.



Andy Furman, Bruce Kintner, and Jake Furman

Beechwood Elementary Changemaker Panel

On February 24, 2026, Beechwood Elementary hosted a Changemaker discussion panel for its students. Samaritan Car Care Clinic director Bruce Kintner was honored to be one of nine panelists selected from a very broad range of Northern Kentuckians. Some of the panel members were Mayor Ron Washington of Covington; the operators of the Olla restaurant in Covington; Karen Finan of the OneNKY Alliance; and former fighter pilot and now Senate candidate Amy McGrath. The students and teachers had great questions to ask about how the panelists help Northern Kentucky.

Bruce Kintner, second from right



Cincinnati Non-profit Capital Project Symposium

On March 3, 2026, Quorm Events held its first Cincinnati Non-profit Capital Project Symposium. Northern KY's Catalytic Fund and the Samaritan Car Care Clinic were two of the dozen plus presenters spread across three panels covering multiple growth and building expansion topics.

Clinic Director Bruce Kintner was part of the first panel that included Tara Noland from Ignite Philanthropy; Colleen Reynolds from governmental consulting firm DSD Advisors; and Joe Klare from the Catalytic Fund. The moderator for the first panel was Meg Corwin, owner of Adavie Consulting. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the great partnership the Clinic has with the Catalytic Fund.



Bruce Kintner, second from right

Junior League Of Cincinnati

On Saturday, March 7, 2026, the Junior League of Cincinnati held its Women Doing A World of Good Fundraiser at Memorial Hall. The featured speaker was Elizabeth Smart, a survivor of a childhood abduction.

As part of the program, the Junior League included 10 area non-profits that align with the League's focus on helping women. The Samaritan Car Care Clinic was honored to be one of the ten non-profits selected to set up a display table during the reception. It was very appropriate that the Clinic's table was right beside the table for The Women's Fund of Greater Cincinnati Foundation, since the Women's Fund has been a big supporter of the Clinic's work.

Photo shows Clinic board member and long-time volunteer Brant Fischer (right) with Clinic Director Bruce Kintner and a Junior League member.



In the January 21 edition of Movers & Makers online news, SCCC's recent grant from the Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile Jr. Foundation Northern Kentucky Fund of Greater Cincinnati Foundation was noted. GCF is directing several grants to "nonprofits across NKY that help residents with education, job pathways, the arts and basic needs such as housing and transportation."

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First Quarter Volunteer Maintenance Events



The Samaritan Car Care Clinic is fortunate to have enough dedicated volunteers that there is a volunteer-led maintenance event at least once each month. The first quarter definitely included major swings in temperature!

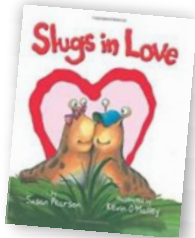
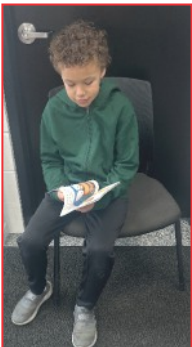
The January group met Saturday, **January 24**, on a day that the temp started out close to 0 degrees F. And that makes it hard to keep heat in the shop! The bundled-up volunteers helped residents of Brighton Center Scholar House that day.

The February group met Saturday, **February 28**. Bright and sunny, and warm enough that one volunteer even wore shorts! The far warmer volunteers that day helped clients of NorthKey Community Care.

The March group met Saturday, **March 21**. That group was just pleased it did not rain or snow. Appointment slots that day were filled with clients of Ion Center, Life Learning Center, Lincoln Grant Scholar House, and Brighton Center.

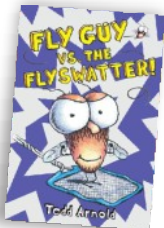
The Clinic celebrates its great volunteers who offer a hand up to struggling families with complementary vehicle maintenance. Together we make progress addressing transportation barriers!

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



Slugs in Love
By Susan Pearson
Illustrated by Kevin O'Malley
ISBN: 0761462481

Fly Guy vs. the Flyswatter!
By Tedd Arnold
ISBN: 0545312868



The SCCC Book Bay

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



Valvoline® continues to make significant in-kind gifts to the Samaritan Car Care Clinic – of engine oil, filters, and wiper blades. Shown above is another great donation in February. Our volunteers put the donated supplies to great use every month helping families referred to the Clinic. Thank you Valvoline® !

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Gateway Student On The Road Again

Amy V., a Gateway student and single mom with 3 children, desperately needed safe and reliable transportation. Fortunately, the Clinic received a donated Toyota Sienna van 2+ months ago. Quite a bit of deferred maintenance that had to be addressed, but the body, engine, and transmission were in very good shape.

How wonderful that the Clinic had the van when a request came in for a single mom needing help transporting multiple children!



SVdPNKY and SCCC Working Together

Single mom Kara M.'s existing car had major mechanical problems. She worked with SVdPNKY and qualified for a microloan to buy a Chevrolet Colorado that had been donated to SVdPNKY. The Colorado definitely had life left, but similar to the Sienna mentioned above, had a lot of deferred maintenance that needed to be done. Kara has one child, in the photo with her, so the smaller cab area of the Colorado easily accommodates her family.

SVdPNKY and other referral partners ask several times each month if the Clinic has any inventory. Right now we are working on a donated Nissan Maxima for the next client. Please keep us in mind for vehicle donations — whether from you, or from a friend!



Kara M. with her happy passenger

Save the Date!



Saturday,
August 8, 2026
10am - 3pm
Hofbrauhaus
Newport

The Fort Thomas Corvette Club has chosen Samaritan Car Care Clinic as its 2026 non-profit partner. The goal is to have at least 130 cars entered in the show. Add the date to your calendar. Come out to see some amazing cars AND support SCCC at the same time!

THANK YOU!

Clinic Client Shares Praise on Google Business Profile. . .

They are a fantastic organization. I'm a single Mom, and they are fantastic and help keep my car going. I truly don't know where I'd be without them. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you do for us and the community...

— Hope, SCCC Client

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