



Samaritan Car Care Clinic

*From Under the Hood!**Addressing Transportation Barriers to Self-Sufficiency*From the Director's Chair . . . *"Oh, the Places You'll Go!"*

Each of the Samaritan Car Care Clinic's quarterly newsletters is a time when we can celebrate the Clinic's great work keeping families literally on the road. And each quarter we also get to share the joy of providing children with books to take home after visiting the Clinic (see page 3).

A fitting Dr. Seuss book that we have had at the Clinic, that then made its way into a child's hands, is "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" One of the wonderful lines from the book is "You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So . . . get on your way!"

The challenging reality is that so many families in our area can't "get on their way" because they don't have access to affordable and reliable transportation. The Samaritan Car

Care Clinic definitely does NOT lack for demand. We helped a record 389 families last year, and through June of 2026 have already helped 230. More than 10 different social service agencies count on the Clinic to have the funding to help their clients with affordable routine car maintenance and repairs.

**Structural Rust**

Here is a photo of the underside of a car that the Clinic will not work on. There is plenty of work to do, but the car is in such poor condition, we have to be good stewards with your wonderful support and pass on doing work on a car that should not be on the road at all. This is why the Samaritan Car Care Clinic needs a combination of financial support, AND more donated vehicles. The Clinic needs to fundraise at least \$12,000 each week to keep up with the repair referrals. And equally important, we need donated vehicles that are still in good condition so we can offer a reliable car for sale at a discount when a client's car is structurally unsafe.

Thank you for your generous support. You are making it possible for hundreds of families each year to "get on their way" to success.

— Bruce Kintner, Director

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Bruce Kintner, Jim Dennis

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Charity Car Show

August 8, 2026



The Ft. Thomas Corvette Club is holding its 25th annual charity car show on Saturday, August 8. And for the first time, the Club's non-profit partner is the Samaritan Car Care Clinic! It is such an honor for the Club to select the Clinic this year.

WHERE: Hofbrauhaus in Newport

WHEN: Saturday, August 8

10:00 am – 2:30 pm

ADMISSION: Free. Walk around and take in all of the car sights.

If you have a vintage car you would like to enter for judging, the fee is \$20, payable at registration.

REGISTER: 8:30 am – noon.

INFORMATION: 513-708-1521

The Hofbrauhaus has graciously offered to donate a portion of the lunch proceeds that day to the Clinic. So come out, have some great food, see amazing cars and maybe even a few trucks, and stop by the Clinic table. This is a fun and unique opportunity for you and your friends to support the Clinic.

Hope to see you August 8!

FT THOMAS CORVETTE CLUB

25TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

BENEFITING
THE SAMARITAN CAR CARE CLINIC

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH**



Magnified Giving And Boys & Girls Club Donation

Magnified Giving is a Cincinnati based philanthropy that has as part of its mission to donate money to schools and youth organizations. Those organizations, in turn, use those funds to support non-profits of their choice.

Each year Magnified Giving provides multiple Boys & Girls Clubs in the Greater Cincinnati area seed money for grants. Students at the Boys & Girls Clubs then do research on non-profits, and select one to receive a grant.

The Samaritan Car Care Clinic is very fortunate to have received a \$1,250 grant from the Boys & Girls Club of Newport, as well as the Boys & Girls Club of Covington — a total gift of \$2,500.

Photo is the Covington club students presenting the “big check” at an event held on March 31, 2026, at the Boys & Girls Club in West Price Hill. As part of that event, each group presented the background of the non-profit, and why the group of students selected that particular non-profit. Students from the Covington Club also came and helped clean on a donated Equinox. Thanks for your help!



Cleaning Zack's car
(see page 3)



Campbell County Heroes Day

On Sunday afternoon, April 26, 2026, Campbell County Kentucky police and fire departments held a Heroes Day to celebrate first responders. Included in the event were more than 20 different community partners and social service agencies.

The Samaritan Car Care Clinic was invited to participate in this year's event. Several of the Clinic's referral partners were also there, including Ion Center for Violence Prevention, Brighton Center, and NKCAC. A number of families and first responders stopped by the Clinic's table to learn more about the great hand-up work the SCCC provides for the NKY community.



Karen Zengel Honored

Karen Zengel (right), Clinic Board Member and Executive Director for Saint Vincent dePaul NKY, was honored June 4 as part of the Outstanding Women of Northern Kentucky awards.

The Outstanding Women of NKY event celebrates women who have been recognized for blazing trails, opening doors, demonstrating leadership in their homes, their professions, their communities, and the region. They exemplify notable achievement, outstanding service in their professions or to the NKY community, the qualities of personal integrity, perseverance, leadership and represent the region's diversity and extraordinary accomplishments. *Congratulations, Karen!*



OUTSTANDING
WOMEN
of Northern Kentucky
2026 AWARDS

A Gift To Grow

Greater Cincinnati Foundation sponsored a spring/summer 2026 special fundraiser called A Gift To Grow. GCF selected 10 non-profits in the region for this promotion. Each organization has an education focus as part of the non-profits' mission. The Samaritan Car Care Clinic is incredibly honored to be in that group of 10.

GCF shared background stories on each non-profit with contributors to GCF as well as donor advised fund holders. The goal is to raise up to \$10,000 for each non-profit, with GCF matching up to \$2,500 of those gifts. At the end of June, the Clinic was well on its way to reaching that \$10,000 goal! Thank you to everyone supporting the Clinic through this program.



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2026 Second Quarter Volunteer Maintenance Events

Jon Allis led a team of volunteers on Saturday, April 5, offering complementary oil changes primarily for residents of Brighton Center Scholar House in Newport, with a few others mixed in.

The second maintenance event was held on a rainy Saturday, May 16. Most of the oil change appointments were for clients of NorthKey, but several other agencies were represented as well. Volunteers included two current Gateway auto technology students, as well as a Gateway instructor.

The third maintenance event was held June 20. Referrals came from Lincoln Grant Scholar House; Life Learning Center; Welcome House; and Mary Rose Mission. Thanks to the great volunteers who expand the SCCC mission!



April 5

Thank you!



May 16



June 20



Thank you!

Grimme Family Volunteers

On June 24, Abby Grimme and her children helped clean a Pontiac Grand Prix that had been donated to the Clinic. The Grimme family are supporters of the Clinic and Abby was looking for some volunteer activities for her kids during their summer break. The car looks great!

The SCCC Book Bay Is For Kids!

Thank you to our Clinic supporters who donate books for children to enjoy while their family car is being worked on.



ABCs of LOVE
by Patricia Hegarty

I Spy Fly Guy!
by Tedd Arnold

*They were all thrilled
when they realized
they also got to take the books home!*

Make Way For Anti-Freeze

Valvoline® Global continues to be a wonderful in-kind donation supporter of the Samaritan Car Care Clinic. On April 23, 2026, Valvoline® donated a pallet of anti-freeze to the Clinic.

Thank you!



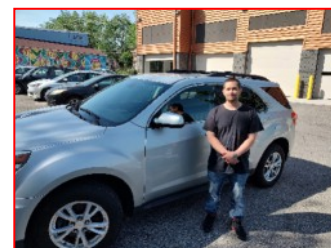
This generous gift helps the Clinic stretch financial donations to cover the parts and labor portion of repairs. Replacing leaking radiators and water pumps is one of the top five repairs at the SCCC, and both of those require fresh antifreeze. Thank you Valvoline®!

Addressing Transportation Barriers to Self-Sufficiency

Life Learning Center, SVdPNKY, SCCC collaborate to help Zack Sloan

Earlier this year, Life Learning Center nominated graduate Zack Sloan to SVdPNKY for consideration of a microloan to buy a refurbished vehicle from the SCCC. Zack works as a machine operator for a manufacturer located close to Hebron. Working second shift, living in Covington, and not having a working vehicle, meant Zach spent close to 2 ½ hours each day commuting due to the infrequency of bus runs late at night.

Zack qualified for a SVdPNKY microloan, and fortunately earlier this year the Clinic received a donated Chevrolet Equinox that was in very good shape. After the Clinic did repairs and routine maintenance, student volunteers from the Covington Boys and Girls Club helped wash and wax the Equinox that ended up with Zack (see page 2).



Zack Sloan



Be Concerned, SCCC, And A Pickup Truck

In May the Clinic received an older donated Chevrolet pickup courtesy of a connection through Clinic Director Jim Dennis.

Yes, there was some rust, but the truck was definitely still functional.

Since the Clinic and Be Concerned had collaborated on a previous truck donation, we reached out to Director Andy Brunzman. Andy said yes, Be Concerned was working with someone who could really use a truck. And that turned out to be **Bridget R.**

On June 17 the Clinic was able to do a title transfer for Bridget. Bridget's children are past teenage years, so it was not an issue for the truck to have a regular cab. In fact Bridget said she is thrilled to have the 8' bed!

Thanks to everyone who helped make this a great day for Bridget.

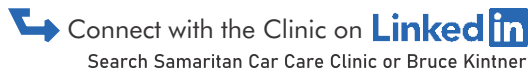


Bridget R. and the new-to-her Chevy truck

Life Learning Center and SCCC Partner To Help David Stafford

On June 30th the Samaritan Car Care Clinic was able to sell a safe and reliable car to Life Learning Center graduate and now employee **David Stafford**. David's existing car was pretty much at the end of its life, and having it break down was a near constant threat.

Fortunately the Clinic received a donated Lincoln MKZ sedan that still had a lot of life left. Now the Lincoln has a new home with David!



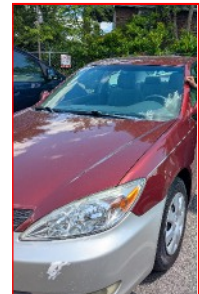
David Stafford

Ion Center and SCCC Collaborate To Help Ion Center Client

When the Samaritan Car Care Clinic has a donated vehicle ready to be placed, we reach out to our partner agencies with that good news. Ion Center was next in line for the limited supply of vehicles the Clinic receives.

The latest car made available was a 24 year old Toyota Camry that still had years of life left. After completing a number of repairs and addressing deferred maintenance, the car was made safe and reliable for the client.

The Clinic's agreement with Ion Center (part of a restricted grant the Clinic received), is that vehicles are sold for \$1,000. In her own words, she could not believe how great a car she was able to get through the Samaritan Car Care Clinic. She was definitely happy with her car!



We'd like to THANK

