



Samaritan Car Care Clinic

From Under the Hood!*Addressing Transportation Barriers to Self-Sufficiency*

Welcome to the very first edition of ***From Under The Hood!***, the official newsletter of the Samaritan Car Care Clinic. The Clinic collaborates with existing non-profits to address a critical and often overlooked area: transportation barriers to self-sufficiency. On behalf of all of those we help, I offer my thanks for your interest and support.

The Clinic is not new. The Clinic actually began back in 2007 as an outreach program sponsored by Madison Avenue Christian Church in Covington. The goal at the beginning was fairly simple: provide

complimentary routine vehicle maintenance for low income individuals, who just need a hand up.

The Clinic began by offering quarterly maintenance events where volunteers would perform up to 16 oil changes over a 4-5 hour period.

What became apparent was that every single car needed more than the simple services the Clinic could offer. The single moms referred to the Clinic needed help with tires, brakes, and other major safety items.

Fast forward to 2021, and the Clinic is now a stand-alone certified 501(c)(3) non-profit. We partner with multiple agencies to address transportation barriers to self-sufficiency.

Each newsletter will include an update on Clinic activities, some testimonials, and of course, some thank you notes. With your continued support, we can help people realize their potential, one car repair at a time!



— **Bruce Kintner**, *President/Director*

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March Clinic Report

On Saturday, March 20, the Clinic held one of its quarterly maintenance events.

Our volunteers were able to do 14 oil changes in just over 4 hours. Of those cars, the Clinic was able to refer three cars to partner mechanic shops for safety related repairs (tires and brakes).



Brant Fischer at the tire



Eric Driscoll and Ron Pieper

COMING SOON: the [website](#) for the Samaritan Car Care Clinic. Our goal is to have the website up and running by the end of June. The site address will be www.samaritanarcare.org.

Look for an update in the next newsletter!



Donations

Requests for Clinic help remain high. Just this week alone, the Clinic had 5 requests for help with repairs. Fortunately the Clinic has received some grants during 2021 that have been used to pay for the repair costs.

These include:

Greater Cincinnati Foundation
Horizon Community Funds
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— **Shari Caldarelli**, *Financials*

Referrals

For one woman recently referred to the Clinic (Ashley), the challenge is that her car is beyond repair. That is where the Clinic tries to match someone in need with a donated car, if it is available. The Clinic does not have any “cars in inventory” so to speak right now, so sadly we can't help Ashley. Please keep the Clinic in mind if you have an older car that you would like to consider donating to the Clinic, or have a neighbor or friend who has a car that might be a candidate for donation. For additional information, feel free to reach out to Bruce Kintner at 859.781.1974.

Vehicle Cleanup

Many thanks to Mike Truman for his help cleaning on a 2007 Camry purchased from a friend of the Clinic at a deep discount. After several safety and reliability repairs, the final parting gift from the Clinic to the single mom – who will buy the car at a discount – is a coat of wax!!



2007 Camry with a new coat of wax



SCCC in the News!

On Friday, April 9th, Bruce Kintner, President/Director of the Samaritan Car Care Clinic, was interviewed by Michael Monks, the host of "Cincinnati Edition" on WVXU 91.7FM. Two residents of the Lincoln Grant Scholar House who have received help from the clinic were also interviewed.

The interview aired on the radio **Wednesday, April 14th**. If you missed it, you can find it here:

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/504984605/cincinnati-edition>

On Thursday, January 21st, WCPO News Channel 9 in Cincinnati aired a segment on the Samaritan Car Care Clinic. WCPO reporter Lucy May visited the December Clinic maintenance event. In early January, Lucy then interviewed Bruce Kintner along with two residents of Lincoln Grant Scholar House in Covington who had received a hand up from the Clinic.

Please visit the WCPO site for both the article and video news segment done by Lucy May.

<https://www.wcpo.com/news/our-community/samaritan-car-care-clinic-works-to-change-peoples-lives-one-oil-change-at-a-time>. It was a great summary of the Clinic and how the Clinic's work keeps people moving along their path toward economic self-sufficiency.



A few weeks ago you worked on my Honda Odyssey door that had fallen off. I just want to reach out and tell you how grateful I am. I have been going through a difficult time. I am a single mom with four little kids. I recently broke my foot. The last thing I expected was the van door to fall off. It really means so much to me that you were able to fix it for me. Thank you so very much! — **Destiny M**, *Recipient*

Why I Support the Clinic – keeping people “on the road” to stability

Supporting the Samaritan Car Care Clinic in their mission was an easy decision on my part! Earlier this year, in my role as a board member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Northern Kentucky, I witnessed 1st hand their unique ability to help provide reliable transportation to those struggling to balance work and family life. The Clinic and our SVDP NKY Microloan Program partnered in providing a donated, repaired to working condition, mini-van to a young family with 5 children. They were struggling under the pandemic, job loss, job changes and an unplanned breakdown of their prior vehicle. As the paperwork was completed and the keys were handed over by Bruce, I witnessed the genuine gratitude and excitement of the couple. The unique mission of the Samaritan Car Care Clinic to provide free or low-cost basic repairs and maintenance and to extend a “hands-up” to people in crisis due to transportation issues is a critical yet underserved need in our community. Join me in supporting their mission to keep people “on the road” to stability.

— **Casey Guilfoyle**, *Society of St. Vincent DePaul/Northern Kentucky*

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