



Samaritan Car Care Clinic

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

From the Director's Chair...

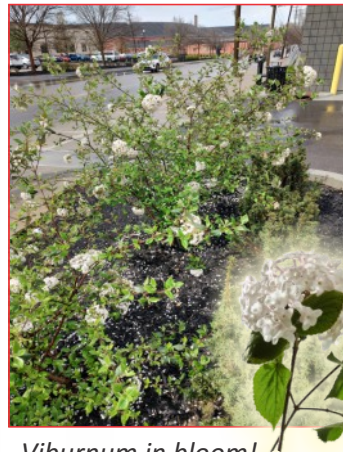


The Samaritan Car Care Clinic was fortunate to have received donated bushes and

trees last year. Thanks again to Maddox Garden Center in Florence, Oberson's Nursery in Hamilton, OH, and to Brant Fischer and his dad for

their incredibly generous donations. We continue to appreciate the many volunteers who helped plant the trees and bushes.

Now that spring has sprung (well, almost fully!), some of those gifts are on full display. There are a number of viburnum bushes now in bloom, and the smell is just fantastic. Apologies to the allergy sufferers.

*Viburnum in bloom!*

The beautiful landscaping around the building is another way the Clinic gives back to the community. Multiple people have commented that our streetscape along Madison Avenue looks pretty good for a mechanic shop!

The Samaritan Car Care Clinic is a community asset for far more reasons than just fragrant bushes and flowers. Because of your ongoing support, in just the first quarter of 2024 the Clinic was able to offer a hand-up to 61 low-income families needing help with car repairs and maintenance. One of those families literally needed a front suspension "spring" replaced because it was broken after the car hit one too many potholes. Referrals came from Life Learning Center, Welcome House, Brighton Center, Ion Center, NorthKey, SITE, and the Veterans Administration.

Read on to see how your support keeps families on the path to self-sufficiency. Enjoy your Spring!

— **Bruce Kintner**, Director

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Your Clinic Springs Into Action!

Samaritan Car Care Clinic volunteers held a maintenance event Saturday, March 16.

The 16 appointment slots were filled with referrals from Ion Center for Violence Prevention, Brighton Center, Life Learning Center, and even a few single Moms working at Dixie Chili down the street!

We had 11 great volunteers (photo right): Bruce Kintner, Steven Young, Lee Gibson, Richard Clark, Shari Caldarelli, Tom Seeger, Eric Driscoll, Roger Schwartz, Ben Seeger, Gabe Gambrell, and Bernie Franke.



On the Road



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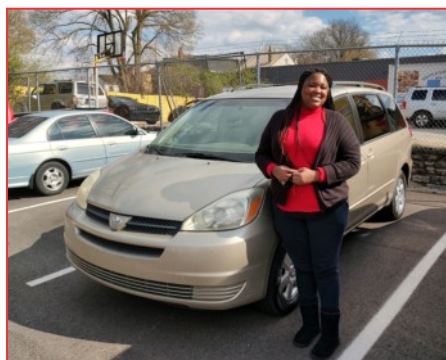
► On February 9 the Samaritan Car Care Clinic was able to do a title transfer for Ion Center client **Brenda W.** See photo above of a very happy Brenda! Brenda has a preteen daughter who, per Brenda, is incredibly excited that mom now has a reliable car.

A couple donated a **2000 Toyota Sienna** van to the Clinic late last fall. Only 138,000 miles. To increase the van's safety and reliability, the Clinic replaced the timing belt, water pump, tires, brakes, battery, alternator, did some suspension work, replaced multiple gaskets, and changed all fluids.

Fortunately, the body was in very good condition. Clinic volunteers helped sweep, wash and wax the van. Brenda is very happy with her shiny 24 year old van; and maroon is one of her favorite colors!

Brenda was proud to use her \$1,000 savings to buy the van. In her own words, she would never have been able to buy a vehicle as nice as this van for only \$1,000.

Transferring the vehicle for only \$1,000 was made possible by the Impact 100 grant the Clinic received in 2023. **This is the third vehicle placed using the Impact 100 grant.**



N° 4

► On March 28th the Samaritan Car Care Clinic was able to do a title transfer for a **2005 Toyota Sienna** van for **Tenisha J.**, a Brighton Center customer going through one of Brighton Center's wonderful job training programs.

Shown above is a very pleased Tenisha with her new-to-her van. There is plenty of room for Tenisha and her daughter!

The van was donated to the Clinic at the end of 2023. After repairs were completed, it was held for the next-in-line **Impact 100**-related candidate, this time for Brighton Center.

This is the fourth vehicle placed using the Impact 100 grant – two each for ladies from Brighton Center, and two each for ladies from Ion Center.

Fortunately we have another donated vehicle that we are working on now that will be the fifth vehicle in the program (being held for an Ion Center client). As soon as we have another vehicle, that will be in the rotation back to a Brighton Center customer. Hopefully we will have something soon.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make this possible for Tenisha and her daughter!

Our Volunteers Are A Valuable Community Resource.



February 10, 2024

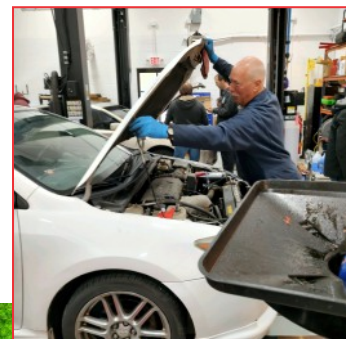
On Saturday, February 10, longtime Clinic volunteer Bernie Franke (third from left), with his team of volunteers, held a maintenance event specifically for NorthKey clients. The event was held at the Samaritan Car Care Clinic shop in Covington. The Clinic's mission continues!



March 13, 2024

Samaritan Car Care Clinic volunteer Tom Seeger getting ready to work on a car during the March 16 maintenance event.

Clinic volunteers Marty Michels and Bernie Franke working on a starter motor for a single mom referred to the Clinic.



Volunteers And Referral Partners Together Make A Big Difference!

Samaritan Car Care Clinic volunteer Alan Nguyen (right) moved to Atlanta, Georgia, for his job as a pilot with Delta Airlines. Just because he moved to Georgia doesn't mean he stopped helping the Clinic!

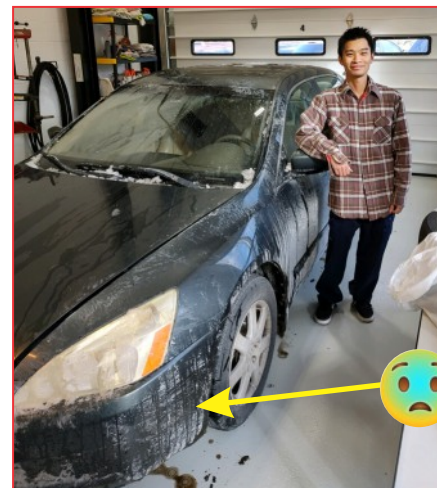
Alan found a **2005 Honda Accord** listed for sale by a fellow pilot. That pilot ended up donating the car to the Clinic once Alan explained he didn't want the car for himself, but to be repurposed to help a low-income family referred to the Samaritan Car Care Clinic.

Over 6 weeks, in between flying stints, Alan replaced the timing belt, motor mounts, radiator, water pump, brakes, and much more.

The Accord is completely rust free, despite being 19 years young, because it spent its entire life until now in Georgia — no salt or snow. The very first time this Accord ever saw snow or salt was on the drive from Georgia to Covington.

Shown at right is Alan with the Accord before the layer of salt got washed off.

Many thanks to Alan for sourcing the car, volunteering his time to do the repairs, then driving it from Georgia to Covington! That is a dedicated volunteer!



Shown at right are Clinic volunteers Gabe Gambrell and Garrett Blank cleaning on the donated **2005 Honda Accord** February 6, 2024.

Thanks, guys! Your hard work shows in that magnificent shine!



Pictured at left is Life Learning graduate and member Darren Mosley standing beside his new-to-him **2005 Honda Accord**.

Darren completed his Life Learning Center program about a year ago, and has volunteered at LLC multiple times since.

On March 12, Darren completed a SVdPNKY micro-loan application at KEMBA in Florence. Darren qualified to borrow \$2,500 to purchase the **2005 Honda Accord** donated to the Clinic by a friend of long-time Clinic volunteer Alan Nguyen (see above).

Darren does not hesitate to share how incredibly helpful Life Learning Center has been in turning his life around. He had a sister die from an opioid overdose, and in Darren's own words, he was on his way to a similar fate. But he credits LLC with helping him towards a bright future.

Darren currently works for Voices of Hope recovery center, helping people to overcome what he has been able to overcome. Part of his work days are at local jails, and part at Life Learning Center itself.

We wish Darren the best, and offer thanks to SVdPNKY and Life Learning Center for partnering with the Samaritan Car Care Clinic.

Darren Mosley (right) said he is so thankful for Life Learning Center and Samaritan Car Care Clinic helping him get a car, he wants to give back.

So, Darren has already volunteered to help clean and detail a car for the next eligible recipient. Thank you Darren, for continuing to make a big difference.



Another successful collaboration among LLC, SVdPNKY, and SCCC



Life Learning Center



SCCC in the News!

Samaritan Car Care founder, NKY resident Bruce Kintner, wins Greater Cincinnati Jefferson Award



Bruce Kintner
(Photo from Cincinnati Rotary)

Northern Kentucky Tribune — March 23, 2024 — A Cold Spring man who founded a charity to provide affordable car repairs has won the region's highest community service award.

Bruce Kintner, who founded Samaritan Car Care Clinic in 2007, received the Greater Cincinnati Jefferson Award on March 21, presented in a ceremony hosted by the **Rotary Club of Cincinnati**.



Jefferson Award
Cincinnati Rotary Club

As the local Jefferson Award winner, Kintner becomes a finalist for one of the five national Jefferson Awards to be presented in September in New York City by the national service organization Multiplying Good.

The national award, known as the **Nobel Prize for community service**, was founded in 1972 by Cincinnati native Robert Taft and former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

Kintner started the Samaritan Car Care Clinic as an outreach effort at Madison Avenue Christian Church in Covington. He worked with social service agencies and forged partnerships with local garages to make affordable car repairs, helping low-income working families get to work and maintain independence.

Go to this link for the complete article:

<https://nkytribune.com/2024/03/samaritan-car-care-founder-nky-resident-bruce-kintner-wins-greater-cincinnati-jefferson-award/>



Channel 9/WCPO reporter Tanya O'Rourke interviewing Clinic Director Kintner as part of the Jefferson Award program.

altafiber And Bell Charitable Foundation Grant Celebration!

On January 25, 2024, altafiber hosted an award luncheon for the twenty non-profits selected by the Bell Charitable Foundation during 2023 to receive grant awards. Two of those twenty recipients are in NKY: existing referral partners Life Learning Center and the Samaritan Car Care Clinic.

LLC's grant was to address housing issues for members. The Clinic grant, no surprise, was to help address transportation barriers for low-income families.

LLC and the Clinic already partner to address vehicle maintenance issues for LLC members; so it was wonderful for the Bell Charitable Foundation to select both of these Covington, KY-based non-profits!

Shown in the photo below are Laura Berkemeier from Life Learning Center and Bruce Kintner from the Samaritan Car Care Clinic. The award memento is a real bell that has a functioning clapper, so yes, it can be rung!

Thanks again to Bell Charitable Foundation!

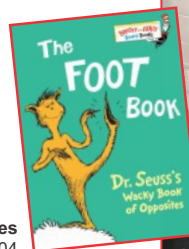


Books Bring SMILES!

EVERY CHILD gets a FREE Book!



The **BOOK BAY** is the Clinic shop's dedicated space for our youngest clients. Children accompanying a parent can "park" themselves right there in the office and enjoy a book while we work on their vehicle. Every child receives a book! We thank Suzy Quinn and Dell Williams for donating books for the Clinic's Book Bay.



The Foot Book: Dr. Seuss's Wacky Book of Opposites by Dr. Seuss ISBN-10 0679882804

We'd like to THANK



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