



S.M.I.L.E.—Samaritan Ministries Imparting Letters of Encouragement

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March 21st Car Care a Success-IT TAKES A team!

“Live Generously” was on the front of the Thrivent T-shirts worn this Car Care Saturday at Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church. Not only were the team members ministering to the *mechanical* needs of those who came for car maintenance, but others had *brought refreshments* and served in the kitchen, using gifts of hospitality



and showing Christ’s love.

Then, too, there were women serving the needs of *children*-playing games, coloring with them, or simply talking to them while giving some moms a much-needed respite to indulge in adult conversation with other moms. In single parent households, adult conversations are often rare, yet appreciated.

This particular day there were nine vehicles serviced. Some much more than others. This particular Car Care could not have happened were it not for a small grant from Thrivent Financial and a generous any-

mous donor. Besides the funds used to support events, Samaritan Ministries also is blessed to be an enrolled Charity for receiving Thrivent Choice Dollars®.

Car ministry is a VITAL program, and though we could estimate each Car Care Saturday costs \$350 to obtain all we need, this does not include the referrals for repairs to a local shop. This also doesn’t include referrals for good used tires when vehicles’ tires are in dangerously bad condition.

Though we operate much like the “loaves and the fishes”, we do have our lean times. Will YOU pray about partnering with us if you are not already doing so? Would you like a fun way to help us? How about some plants to spruce up your yard (no pun intended!) Read below about **May 2nd**. ¶



PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER

DATE: Sat-

urday—MAY 2nd

TIME: 9:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church
101 Pine Lakes Parkway S.—Palm Coast

JUST IN TIME FOR MOTHER'S DAY!

~ All proceeds benefitting Samaritan Ministries ~

This event is a Thrivent Financial Action Team Project.



**LOCAL
GROWN!**

SAMARITAN MINISTRIES: MAKING A UNIQUE DIFFERENCE

By Lorraine Vickery

Samaritan Ministries is unique. From the emergency necessities of electricity, food and car repairs, to the emotional support we give women in crisis, we see each woman as a person-and each need is different. We can be that refuge in life's storms, but we need a home!

One single mother spoke at our recent banquet saying: "...there

is something Samaritan does that no other organization in this county does. They *walk along side you*, and to a woman who feels alone in the world, that is such a gift. "



Give Local: Largest 24-Hour. Annual Online Giving Day May 5th

Have you heard? Are you on Social Media? Do you listen to the radio?

From 12:00 A.M. to 12:00 midnight on Tuesday, May 5th you can go online and give to the causes you are passionate about. Samaritan Ministries is one of the charities listed for Flagler County. The recent Test Drive for Charity at the Daytona Auto Mall was the "kickoff" for this Give Local campaign. The final numbers are not in yet, but we will let you know how we fared as soon as we know. Thank you to all those who came out and participated in any way.

We hope to see you online May 5th at www.givelocalecf.org

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