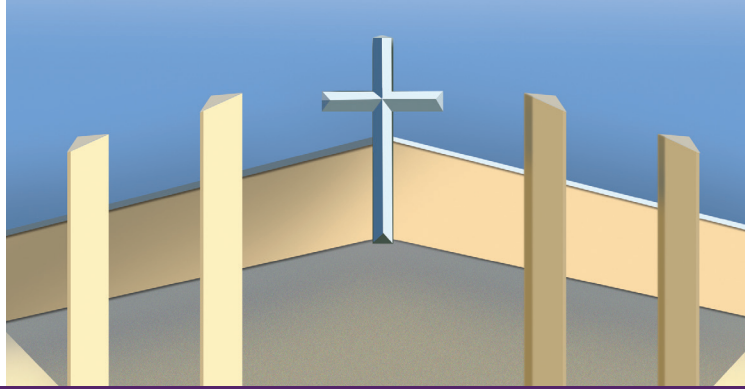




Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ
of Sheboygan County



Helping
Churches
Help People

Fall/Winter 2017 Edition

INTRODUCING TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY

By Katie Popp - Executive Director

Since launching Love INC of Sheboygan County three years ago, we have been casting the vision of Transformational Ministry. We recognized that our community was

The Clearinghouse is the foundation of the Love INC ministry.



hungry for change and our earliest goal was to find ways to help people in need.

As stated by Lois Tupy in her "Redemptive Compassion" study guide, through the Clearinghouse operation, we've become aware that most people that are calling on us for help had been experiencing



Trained Volunteer Facilitator Bridget Tally-Brill (Hingham Reformed) is set to lead the Faith & Finance Transformational Ministry initiative.

chronic need for years. Although the needs might change from time to time, the reality is that need has defined their lives, and their struggle to survive and provide for their families is ongoing.

We acknowledged that there needed to be a better way to help than solely charitable giving. We have organized a Transformational Ministry Steering



Volunteer Facilitators (left) Lindy Malingoski - St Peter Episcopal and (right) Pat Sather - Grace Episcopal have stepped into leadership roles for the Affirming Potential Transformational Ministry initiative.

Committee comprised of nine Volunteers from seven

Churches who are currently driving the Transformational Ministry development, discerning God's will through prayer and identifying the necessary resources needed to achieve our goals.

We envision Transformational Ministry will be communicated through community classes like Affirming Potential, Faith and Finances and others in which our Neighbors can acquire skills to move towards self-sufficiency. Volunteer mentors will walk alongside Neighbors for a set period of time, while establishing accountability through goal setting and incentives.

TAKING A STEP TOWARD TRANSFORMATION

By Jeff Pederson - Communications Committee Volunteer

Continuing its quest to transform lives and communities by forging and solidifying strong relationships In the Name of Christ, Love INC of Sheboygan County presented a two-day community event titled "The Defining Difference – Helping in Ways that Transform" on October 6-7.

A community program at First Reformed Church in Oostburg on October 6, featured a keynote address from Love INC of Treasure Valley, Idaho, Executive Director Lois Tupy, author of the book "Redemptive Compassion."

Tupy's presentation, which drew over 100 church leaders, government officials and community members, featured a Biblical exploration of how community members can work together to make a defining difference in the community through a common relationship with Christ.



Love INC Executive Director Katie Popp (left) is pictured with Defining Difference event keynote speaker Lois Tupy (right).

During her presentation, Tupy noted how well-intended helping efforts can sometimes compound the problem for those living in the cycle of poverty and give those in need the idea that they can't succeed on their own. She offered strategies for empowering those in need while contributing to meaningful, transformational life changes through the concepts outlined in her book, "Redemptive Compassion," including six core principles - everyone has value, we are called to invest relationally in each other, everyone has capacity and potential, mutual participation is important, we must use wisdom and discernment and what we do should transform.

Tupy also led a four-hour training session for 35 participants at First Reformed Church on October 7. The training session was geared to Volunteers seeking to be part of Love INC of Sheboygan County's Transformational Ministry as teachers, mentors, coaches and group leaders.

Our Purpose



To mobilize local Christian Churches to transform lives and communities through relationships, In the Name of Christ.

LOVE INC WELCOMES KENYA TEAM FOR TRAINING

Love INC of Sheboygan County was grateful to be selected to provide a training session for five Love INC Executive Directors from Kenya, Africa. The Directors and Norma Berens, National Love INC Director of New Affiliates, participated in training sessions in Clearinghouse Ministry, Gap Ministry Operations, Executive Director Leadership, Board Leadership and



Volunteer Ministry Developments. We would like to thank the many Partnered Churches that invited the Kenya team for dinner or lunch and to showcase their Gap Ministry. In addition, we would like to thank the host homes, Sheboygan Mayor Mike Vandersteen and the International Committee for welcoming Love INC of Kenya to Sheboygan County.



Members of the Love INC Home Repair Ministry and Kohler Co. Model Shop staff members recently pitched in to help upgrade Neighbor Mary's windows to meet city code.

LOVE STORY

For two years in a row, managers and employees within the Kohler Co. Model Shop have donated their company Volunteer hours to Love INC. We are so blessed to have the skilled assistance of this dynamic team, in partnership with the Home Repair Ministry led by Gary Kolste.

Our Neighbor, Mary, had received notice from the city that the windows in her home were not up to code and needed repair by a specified deadline. Mary was able to obtain the funds for supplies, but hiring a company to complete the project was unaffordable.

Members of the Home Repair Ministry including Gary Kolste, Fred Voskuil, Bob Ostermann, and Terry Butters worked together on multiple occasions to remove, re-glaze, re-install and prep our Neighbor's many windows for re-painting. The Kohler Co. team came together on September 12 to finalize the project by applying fresh paint to the window frames, the soffits and facias. The hard-working team that is the Kohler Co. Model Shop makes light work out of large tasks. We are so grateful that Kohler Co. employees once again selected Love INC for the service opportunity.

Mary was "over-the-moon" in expressing gratitude to Love INC Volunteers through thank you cards, thank you phone calls, and supplying snacks and goodies for the Volunteers at each visit. Much appreciation to the Home Repair Ministry, the Kohler Company Model Shop, and the many hands and hearts that came together in the Name of Christ to assist our Neighbor Mary.

A Note from our Executive Director

THANKS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On behalf of the Love INC Ministry, I want to say 'thank you' to our 37 Partnered Christian Churches, over 200 Volunteers and 12 Gap Ministry leaders and teams for sharing their time and talent to be the hands and feet of Christ to our Neighbors-In-Need in our community. Gratitude also goes to our faithful donors and many business sponsors that made our Love INC events a reality and success in 2017. Also, thank you to the Lord for guiding us and may the Lord be glorified in all we do through Him. We are looking forward to an exciting 2018 because of you all!

LIVE YOUR FAITH CLEARINGHOUSE – THE HEART OF LOVE INC

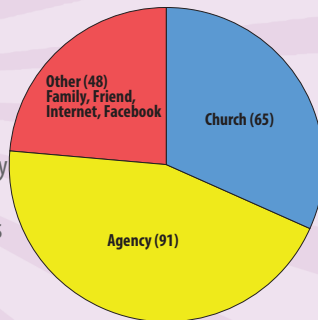
The Clearinghouse provides a connection to our Neighbors as we work together to identify the root cause of their circumstances. We seek to prayerfully inspire the possibility of a different kind of life, empowering them to take the steps necessary to move toward self-sufficiency, as we strengthen our faith through actions. These situations are complex. We understand that identification of the issues, including resource gaps, communication with a wide range of ministry/service providers to respond to these needs and the step-by-step process of building relationships with our Neighbors supports them in breaking the bonds of social isolation and hopelessness as a pathway to a new future. This is a future in which the Neighbor shifts the trajectory of their life, and becomes a positive force in our communities. Providing a hand-up rather than a hand-out is a vital core value, and we believe the answer to ending the generational poverty plaguing so many of our Neighbors. Need will not change until we change how we address need.

We have openings for Volunteers to serve in our Clearinghouse Ministry on Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

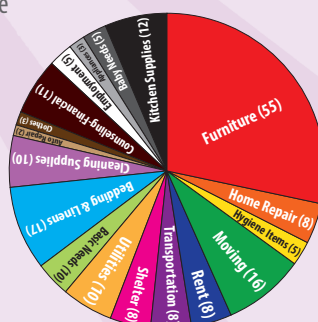
For more information about becoming an Intake Specialist, contact Jenna at 920-783-6701 ext.103.

If you know of someone looking for a "hand-up," please call the Clearinghouse, open Tues. – Thurs., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at (920) 783-6701. If you're in need of assistance press 2.

Jan. - Oct. 2017 Data
(2,776 Calls Completed)
(204 Intakes Completed)
ORIGIN OF REFERRALS



Jan. - Oct. 2017 Data
(194 Needs Met)
NEIGHBOR NEEDS MET



WE PROVIDE TO OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- A spirit of unity, bringing local churches together to coordinate their resources of talents, skills, expertise, prayer, and donated items.
- An opportunity to ignite the spark of discipleship with their Parishioners – giving them a direction to change lives by using their gifts and talents in ministry opportunities.
- A central Clearinghouse to receive, screen, clarify and analyze needs, as well as to understand the challenges and histories of our Neighbors –
 - ✓ Introducing Christ into the situation by offering prayer.
 - ✓ Coordinating services to meet the immediate and long term needs of those who are caught in a cycle of hopelessness.
 - ✓ Ensuring good stewardship of the gifts provided by our Church ministries and social services in the community.
- Access to information regarding all community resources.
- Life-changing opportunities by providing our Neighbors the gift of accountability – with our focus on the person, not the circumstances!

**THANK YOU TO OUR
AWESOME VOLUNTEERS!**

**Volunteer Hours Update from
January 1 - October 20, 2017**

Intake Specialists - 1,068 Hours
Administrative Assistants - 670 Hours
Supporting GAP Ministries - 1,369 Hours
Assisting with Love INC Events - 142 Hours
Special Projects - 116 Hours
Board & Committees - 334 Hours

Countless Hours of Prayer from 57 Prayer Warriors,
Praying for our Neighbors and our Affiliate each week

Grand Total: 3,699 Hours
Monetary Value of Volunteer Hours
Grand Total: \$89,293.86

Contact Jenna Maschino
for Volunteer Opportunities:
jenna@loveincsheboygancounty.org

**LOVE INC
PRODUCT DRIVE
FOR
SEW CARING**

WE ARE RUNNING A PRODUCT DRIVE TO HELP SUPPORT THE WIDEST LOVE INC GAP MINISTRIES. SEW CARING FROM CHARITABLES IS REQUESTED.

MARCH 14th 2017 - APRIL 14th 2017

PLEASE COLLECT NEW UNWORN/USED BATH TOWELS, TOWELS, TOWEL RINGS, TOWEL BATH MATS, TOWEL BATH RINGS.

**Personal Care Kits
Product Drive!**
April 17th - June 10th

Items Needed:
- Toilet Paper
- Kleenex
- Band-Aids
- Bar Soap
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Body Wash
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Lotion

If you are able to donate, THANK YOU! These items are needed for the Love INC Product Drive Collection Bin, or deliver to Redeemer Lutheran Church at 1808 Eastern Avenue Promethia, WI 53081.

God Bless!

Thank you to all Partnered Churches and individuals that supported all product drives to support Love INC Gap Ministries! Your generosity has kept your Gap Ministries sustained throughout the year, providing goods and services to our Neighbors throughout Sheboygan County.

**Product Drive
July 16th - August 14th
Starter Kitchen Kits**

The Starter Kitchen Kits Ministry is in need of 1-year household and 2-year food pantries, and babies would love the kits!

Items Collected:
August 27th - September 17th

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presenting...
THE 1st ANNUAL PUTT FORE LOVE MINI GOLF OUTING

JULY 15
10 AM - 10 PM

LOCATION: HARBOR POINTE MINI GOLF

18 Holes of Golf
Photo Booth
Hole in One Contests
Prizes
Slushies

Harbor Pointe Miniature Golf is happy to team up with Love Inc of Sheboygan County to bring you the 1st Annual Fore Love Golf Outing.

All proceeds to benefit Love Inc of Sheboygan County.

PO Box 1341
Sheboygan, WI 53081
harborpointeminigolf.com
920-783-6701

A full day of mini golf proceeds, a fun photo booth, slushies and prizes were 100% donated to Love INC! Thank you to owners Justin and Kristi Moeller for not only hosting, but fully organizing the Putt Fore Love event at Harbor Pointe Mini Golf!

**2017 WINNERS OF THE LOVE INC
CRUSADERS FOR CHRIST AWARD**

*Liane Pizl,
Bethany Reformed Church
(January)*

*Erica Gollhardt,
Christ Community Church
(February)*

*Lloyd TerMaat,
First Reformed Cedar Grove
(March)*

*Cheryl Hamaan,
Bethany Reformed Church
(April)*

*Wilma Gorter,
Christ Community Church
(May)*

*Doreen Salkowski,
Redeemer Lutheran Church
(June)*

*Sue Prange,
Bethany Lutheran Church
(July)*

*Bill Horsch,
Evangelical Free Church
(August)*

*Amy Zumahl,
Bethany Reformed Church
(September)*

*Steve Marotz,
Bethany Lutheran Church
(October)*

*Jane & Paul Theisen,
Plymouth Alliance Church
(November)*

*Judi Facinelli,
St. Luke UMC
(December)*

We were delighted to celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 21-23, and thank our dedicated Volunteers in some fabulous ways. From sweet treats to hand massages to a pizza party, our gratitude extends immeasurably for the tremendous donations of time, talent and treasure!

Love INC's first ever bowl-a-thon was a roaring success with generous sponsors and 50 bowlers that hit the lanes to raise funds, allowing Love INC to continue providing the all-important Hand-Up. Participant Patrick even bowled a perfect 300 score to win the top prize!

FUN-Raiser

A Hand Up, Frame-by-Frame

Saturday, June 3, 2017
10am-6pm @ Odyssey Fun Center, Sheboygan Falls
100 Wisconsin Drive, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

Start building your team of 5!

Fee: \$30/Bowler or raise a minimum of \$30 in sponsorships to bowl. Includes 2 games of bowling, shoes, rental pins, a tote of 10 and slushies with snacks & friends. All money raised will go to support the Crusader House (C&C Center) which is the "heart" of our ministry. Your support will allow us to help Churches, help our Neighbors in Need.

Registration Deadline: Monday, May 22, 2017
To download the fillable Registration & Pledge forms, please visit:
www.loveincsheboygancounty.org
To submit forms or any additional inquiries, please contact Jenna:
jenna@loveincsheboygancounty.org

Thanks to Our Generous Sponsors:
Dr. Chris Tempus

Join in the raffles!
Baskets \$50/50!

Our Purpose
To establish local Christian Churches to transform lives and communities through evangelism, in the Name of Christ.

**Father, please guide us to do what is your will.
Watch over our community, its leaders, churches,
residents and organizations.
Mold us into one body that strives to
reach out to help one and all.
Lord God, Blessed Father, we pray
for your continued blessings. Amen.**

Submitted by Love INC Prayer Scribe, Sherry Brusse

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

Thank you to the 2017 Board of Directors and Committees. We appreciate the time, support, encouragement and wisdom you provide to Love INC of Sheboygan County.



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SUPPORT OUR MISSION

We are deeply grateful for your support of Love INC in Sheboygan County. Without your contributions of time, talent and treasure we would not be able to express Christ's love in this very unique ministry.



**Is YOUR Church a Love INC Partner?
contact Katie@loveincsheboygancounty.org
for more information on Church Partnership**

To DONATE GO TO www.loveincsheboygancounty.org or use the enclosed envelope. Contact your bank to set up monthly distribution to our Ministry. We are a 501c3 organization, and your donations are tax-deductible.

Other Ways to Support Us

Host a fundraiser, organize a garage sale with the proceeds to go to Love INC, collaborate on a Love INC project, donate items to a Gap Ministry, sign up to donate monthly or check out special collection sponsorship opportunities.



Register at www.Smile.Amazon.com and choose Love INC Sheboygan County as your charitable organization. We receive 0.5% of ALL purchases at no additional cost to you!



Direct your **Thrivent Donor Choice Dollars** to Love INC Sheboygan County.
Create a **Thrivent Action Team** and receive a \$250 contribution to spearhead a fundraiser for Love INC. Go to www.Thrivent.com and click on "Making A Difference."

"We've been Thrivent members for many years. Over the past two years, we've had the opportunity to direct our Action Teams to Love INC on three occasions. It was so rewarding to see our Action Team at work impacting Sheboygan County. We are really grateful for the partnership of Love INC and Thrivent Financial and the good it does for our community."



Thrivent members and Love INC volunteers Roy and Linda Hundt.

In-Kind Donations

Please Consider Gifts of office supplies, bottled water, snacks for Volunteers, copy paper and postage stamps.

For more information about donations, call Katie at 920-783-6701 ext 101 or go to www.loveincsheboygancounty.org