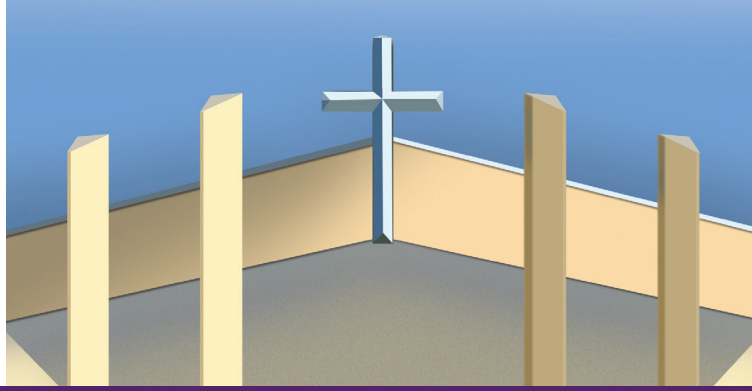




**Love INC**  
 Love In the Name of Christ  
 of Sheboygan County



Helping  
 Churches  
 Help People

Fall/Winter 2018 Edition

## TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY PROGRAM SPRINGS INTO LIFE-CHANGING ACTION

By Jenna Maschino - Transformational Ministry Coordinator

Love INC of Sheboygan County has launched the Transformational Ministry or "TM" Program after three years of extensive training, equipping, and internal development. The purpose of the TM Program is to enter into mentoring relationships with anyone seeking to obtain greater self-sufficiency by completing classes focused on setting and achieving goals, developing untapped resources within an individual and fostering self-discovery on how an individual can become their best self, the image that God created them to be!



TM Program mentor trainees are (standing, left to right) Lindy Malingowski, Kim DeRuyter, Joel Brill, Bob Bonneau, Terry Scherer, Dawn Grabowski, Jeff Smies, Pat Sather; (seated, left to right) Kathy Baus, Bridget Tally-Brill, Chris Tempas, Susan Smies, Andrea Aparicio. Not pictured is Deacon Paul Aparicio.

The TM Program is housed at Calvin Christian Reformed Church, and we are currently running two classes. The first, is a 12-week class called Affirming Potential, which lays a solid foundation for what participants will begin to experience in the Love INC Transformational Ministry Program, the journey of life transformation. Affirming Potential helps to establish the realities that we are all valuable, we all are important, that our lives are meaningful, and the overcoming struggle is possible! Affirming Potential asks people to dream again, to set tangible goals, and to develop action steps toward



Faith & Finances Facilitators, Kori Novicki of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sheboygan Falls and Bridget Tally-Brill of Hingham Reformed Church, served as co-leaders of the pilot round of Faith & Finances for mentor trainees in fall 2018.

achieving those goals. Mentors come into play throughout this class at different times, for different purposes like Group Discussion Leaders, Dream Tool Coaches, Trail Guides, and Progress Reviewers.

Our second class is Faith & Finances, a 12-week course that "[unites] people from varied financial backgrounds and exploring together money management skills and biblical stewardship principles. Designed specifically for low-income adults, Faith & Finances addresses the challenges the materially poor face and helps them rediscover their God-given dignity." (Chalmers.org) Mentors of Faith & Finances called Allies, walk with participants through the class. Allies later serve as budget counselors after the class, meeting with their participant match each week to review their financial progress and budgeting accountability.

Transformational Ministry classes are incentive-driven, utilizing Love Bucks, the official currency of the Love INC TM Program. Weekly attendance and homework completion are required to earn Love Bucks, which can be spent on Gap Ministry Kits like Bedding & Linens, Starter Kitchen Kits, Love Buckets, and Personal Care Kits, at the end of the 12-week session.

Providing a hand up to struggling Neighbors recognizes the core values of Redemptive Compassion, which state that everyone has value, everyone has capacity and potential, mutual participation is important, we must use wisdom and discernment in our responses, what we do should help transform lives, and that we are all called to invest relationally in each other. Through the Transformational Ministry Program, we are able to provide a hand up which encourages, inspires, and invests in the person and their future, not just their immediate need.

Will you join us as we prayerfully lift our hearts, minds, hands, and feet to action of redemptive service with our Neighbors? We are continually seeking program meal donors, childcare Volunteers, greeters, kitchen crew, and Mentors for Affirming Potential, Faith & Finances, and future classes. Please contact Transformational Ministry Coordinator, Jenna Maschino to get involved with the TM Program at 920-783-6701 x. 5107 or jenna@loveincsheboygancounty.org. No matter your skill set or skill-level, there is a place for you within the Love INC Transformational Ministry Program!

Our Purpose



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

# LIVE YOUR FAITH

## CLEARINGHOUSE – THE HEART OF LOVE INC

2018 has been an amazing year in the Clearinghouse! God has blessed us with three new Intake Specialists this year. Each of these lovely ladies has been consistently volunteering weekly or bi-weekly since February. We now have a group of six solid Intake Specialists who are ready to listen and pray with our Neighbors when they call Love In the Name of Christ. It is such a blessing to hear the Intake Specialists' conversations, responses, and prayers with our Neighbors. It is no surprise that the Clearinghouse is known as the heart of the organization. If you are feeling the call to support Love INC in this capacity, we would welcome you into our family of Intake Specialists. **We have openings for Volunteers to serve in our Clearinghouse Ministry on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am - 2pm.** For more information about becoming an Intake Specialist, contact Pam at 920-783-6701 ext. 5105.

| NEIGHBOR NEEDS MET                 |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| January 1, 2018 - October 31, 2018 |       |
| Source Meeting Need                | Total |
| Furniture Ministry                 | 73    |
| Bedding Ministry                   | 58    |
| Home Repair Ministry               | 4     |
| Starter Kitchen Kits Ministry      | 38    |
| Moving Ministry                    | 2     |
| Love Buckets Ministry              | 44    |
| Personal Care Kits Ministry        | 37    |
| Auto Repair Ministry               | 5     |
| Transportation - Love INC          | 2     |
| House Cleaning                     | 3     |
| Yard Work                          | 5     |
| Community Resource Referral*       | 53    |

\*Referrals made to local agencies and programs already meeting the need. Needs included: rent/utility assistance, prescriptions, laundry supplies, clothing, counseling, employment, etc.

| Data Totals         |                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1/1/2018-10/31/2018 |                                  |
| ☕                   | Total Needs Met: 324             |
| ☕                   | Calls Completed: 2,051           |
| ☕                   | Intakes Completed: 217           |
| ☕                   | Total Referrals to Love INC: 191 |

### Why did you choose to become an Intake Specialist?

As an Intake Specialist, I can connect with the hurting and vulnerable in our community while offering supportive care available in our community and through local congregations. My eyes have been opened to the vast needs of our Neighbors while being able to share the love our Heavenly Father offers all of us. One of my favorite rewards is when Neighbors share that the highlight of their day has been talking with me. - **Allison Blake, Love INC of Sheboygan County Intake Specialist**

### Love Story - Clearinghouse Neighbor Testimony

Sherry, a 49-year-old single mom, who recently underwent re-constructive surgery from cancer needed help with lawn mowing & moving storage bins in her home. Love INC mobilized 3 female Volunteers to help. Sherry shared, "The people have been so awesome. I appreciate the ability to have the people come out so quickly. The nice lady who came to help me move the items is my hidden motivation to keep organizing more. All of the ladies have been so understanding and sweet. I don't look for perfection, but the lawn looks so nice. They haven't acted like it's a burden. This is such a great program, and I am glad you guys are out there."

## PARTNERED CHURCHES TAP INTO REDEMPTIVE COMPASSION

By Jenna Maschino - Transformational Ministry Coordinator

The philosophies of Redemptive Compassion bring forth a new understanding of how and why generational poverty has become so pervasive in the United States. The importance of focusing on individuals and not just their needs requires a paradigm shift that challenges current helping methods. Several Love INC Partnered Church groups - Hope Reformed Church, Grace Episcopal, Renew



Ministries, Zion Covenant, and Bethany Lutheran Church in Kohler - have completed the invaluable book study of Redemptive Compassion.

Among the participants in a recent Redemptive Compassion book study were (pictured left to right) Shane Bennin, Pam Bennin, Karla Tobola, Joe Tobola and Zion Covenant Church Pastor Ethan Tews.

After members of Zion Covenant Church completed the Redemptive

Compassion book study, Pastor Ethan Tews shared this powerful testimony: "I think we all found it insightful because we learned things about generational poverty that we did not know before. It was convicting and challenging because we were confronted with some things that we had faulty pre-conceived notions or biases about that hit with what Jesus was really calling us and the Church to do. There were some hard lessons to learn. Finally, it was transformative because it changed the way we thought about generational poverty and people in need, and it taught us how to help them and be a role model and mentor."

We encourage you and your Church to complete the Redemptive Compassion book study as a Church body or in small groups. The eye-opening, aha-moments discovered through the book study will make vividly clear how so many Americans have fallen into poverty and how our good intentions have contributed to poverty. Learn why we need to turn it around, and how we can make the changes needed to help our brothers and sisters break free from the bondage of poverty. Please call or email Katie Popp for instructions about assembling your study group, reserving your toolkit, and ordering the books needed for your group. You may reach Katie at 920-783-6705 or [katie@loveincsheboygancounty.org](mailto:katie@loveincsheboygancounty.org).

### Introducing Linda Hundt - Office Ministry Coordinator

On November 6, 2014, I began Volunteering at Love INC as an Intake Specialist. I came to Love INC with almost 40 years of experience as a Medical



Transcriptionist & Medical Office Manager. I graduated from Herzing Institute (now Herzing College) with a degree in Medical Transcription/ Medical Secretary. I was a Volunteer in the U.S. Coast Guard for 19 years, I serve at the Plymouth Food Pantry, and I also play the organ at Redeemer Lutheran Church. I love helping others improve their lives, and I want to share God's love with them, too.

## 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 31, 2018**

**Intake Specialists - 936 Hours**  
**Administrative Hours - 1,340 Hours**  
**Supporting Gap Ministries - 932 Hours**  
**Assisting with Love INC Events - 230 Hours**  
**Special Projects - 296 Hours**  
**Board & Committees - 574 Hours**  
**TM Program - 628 Hours**  
**Countless Hours of Prayer from 64 Prayer Warriors,  
Praying for our Neighbors and our Affiliate each week**

**Grand Total: 4,936**  
**Grand Total Monetary Value:  
\$113,873.52**

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

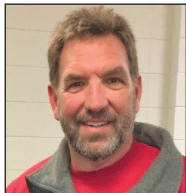
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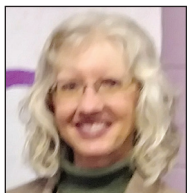
*Drew Atkinson  
Calvin CRC  
(January)*



*Cindy Vanderweele  
Hingham Reformed  
(February)*



*David Kostichka  
St. Dominic  
(March)*



*Kathryn Cota  
Trinity Lutheran  
(April)*



*CJ Grace  
Holy Name Jesus  
(May)*



*Ralph "Butch" Katt  
Calvin CRC  
(June)*



*Ron Zielinski  
Falls Community  
(July)*



*Brian & Sue LeMahieu  
Bethel OPC  
(August)*



*Susan Smies  
Calvin CRC  
(September)*



*Terry Scherer  
St. Paul Lutheran-Falls  
(October)*



*Jeff Pederson  
(November)*



*Kathy Baus  
St. Clement Parish  
(December)*

**A Note from our Executive Director**



Rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:7

We are overflowing with thankfulness for you! 2018 was possible because of YOU & we have much to celebrate—a Partnership of almost 40 Churches, over 300 Volunteers, 12 new ministries, & the blessing of our new home in Sheboygan Falls. Thank you to our Partnered Churches for “Living Out Love” by being the hands and feet of Christ in our community & bringing hope to our Neighbors. You are what makes Love INC possible! Thank you also to our faithful donors & our community for your commitment to the mission “Helping Churches Help People” Together We CAN!

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- In-office Custodians-Weekly
- Intake Specialists- Weekly, Tues.-Thurs.
- Event Planning Committee Members- Bi-monthly
- Note-taker for Partnership Committee- Monthly
- Moving Ministry Volunteers- Monthly
- Volunteer Groups for Home Repair needs-As Needed
- TM Teachers & Mentors- Weekly
- TM Meal Donors- Weekly
- Administrative Volunteers- Weekly
- Grant Writer-Ongoing
- Receptionists-Weekly
- Bookkeeper

**GAP MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT**

**By Alyssa Hoffmann - Gap Ministry Coordinator**

Gap Ministries remain very active in showing God’s love by successfully meeting ongoing needs in the community. In providing bedding, cleaning supplies, personal



care items, starter kitchen items, clothing protectors, furniture, home repair, auto repair, moving assistance, Hope Bags, and Restoration Bags, our mission is being fulfilled in a way that connects our Neighbors to the faith community.

Several Love INC Gap Leaders were in attendance at recent quarterly meeting. Pictured left to right are (first row) Jackie Felde (Love Buckets), Gap Coordinator Alyssa Hofmann, Shilah Roethel (Restoration Bags); (second row) Dale Pauls & Barb Smith (Personal Care Kits), Deb Boutelle (Love Buckets), Steve Marotz (Starter Kitchen Kits), Marilyn Price (Sew Caring) and Drew Atkinson (Furniture).

Partnered Churches have richly supported product drives providing plentiful supplies to Gap Ministries, making it possible to meet the needs of Neighbors. This generosity has impacted

the Neighbors in meaningful ways, and your support truly fuels our Ministries. Gap Leaders always offer to pray with the Neighbors when they meet, opening doors to deeper conversations and sharing our light and love from God.

**SALUTING ST. PETER’S, GRAND RENTAL STATION**

Sincere thanks to St. Peter’s Episcopal Church and Grand Rental Station who housed donations for the Furniture Ministry when the inventory grew beyond our imagination. Our furniture is all now stored in the warehouse area of our new building, which could not have been accomplished without the time, energy, resources, and commitment of Volunteers. To our Gap Leaders, Ministry Volunteers, in-office Volunteers, and Partnered Churches, thank you for answering God’s call to serve.

**THANK YOU AND FAREWELL ALYSSA!**



Love INC Gap Ministry Coordinator Alyssa Hoffmann is having her sweet baby in January and will be staying home with her three kiddos. Alyssa—we thank you for your work and support to our 11 Gap Ministry Teams and your heart for Christ. May God continue to bless you!

Dear Lord, we thank you for the blessings you have given us. We pray for your guidance as we strive and work toward meeting the continuing needs of our communities. Give us the compassion and strength as we serve those who have daily struggles. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus for wisdom for our leaders, our member churches and their congregations. Amen.

- Submitted by Love INC Prayer Scribe, Joan King



## THANKS FOR FALL MAJOR EVENT SUPPORT



We were humbled by your generosity in supporting our First Annual "Living Out Love" fundraiser, "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). What an incredible night it was celebrating what God has done through Christian Churches working together as one body to transform our community. A special thanks to our Event Planning Team of Sue Prange (co-leader), Michelle Folz (co-leader), Bonnie Holzheimer, Kathy Baus, Penny Arentsen, Heather Schneider, and David Kostichka. Thank you to our Event Faith & Love Level Sponsors: Miesfelds, Sheboygan Paint, Dr. Christine Tempas, & Plenco. Our First "Living Out Love" was a success! We are so grateful for our 165 guests that joined us, our Sponsors, our Donors, our Event Planning Committee, our Speaker Pastor Mark, & our awesome auctioneer, Daven Claerbout, & our Emcee, Bill Horsch. Together we raised over \$32,000 "Help Churches Help People". Wow! We are blown away at the generosity for our first year and our team is already starting to plan for next year. Your support is Transforming the lives of our Neighbors and ourselves. Together We CAN!

## LOVE INC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2018 Love INC of Sheboygan County Board of Directors includes (back row, left to right) Eric Grasse, Bill Horsch, Chris McKnight, Katie Popp, Past Chair Karl Schaffenburg, Treasurer Ryan TenPas; (front row) Shirl Breunig, Vice-Chair Chris Tempas, Margaret Wittkopp, Secretary Tamara Remington. Chair Brad Veenendaal and Jesse Brotz are not pictured.



## 38 PARTNERED CHURCHES COMPRISE LOVE INC

**CEDAR GROVE** - Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian (NEW!), Faith Reformed, First Reformed

**GIBBSVILLE** - Gibbsville Reformed

**HINGHAM** - Hingham Reformed

**KOHLER** - Bethany Lutheran

**OOSTBURG** - Bethel OPC, First Christian Reformed, First Presbyterian, First Reformed

**PLYMOUTH** - Christian Life Assembly of God, Plymouth Alliance, Redeemer Lutheran, St. Paul Episcopal

**SHEBOYGAN** - Bethany Reformed, Calvin Christian Reformed, Christ Community, Crossroads Community, First United Lutheran-ELCA, Fountain Park United Methodist, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Grace Episcopal, Hope Community, Hope Reformed, City Church, Salvation Army, Southside Alliance, St. Luke United Methodist, St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox, Zion Evangelical Covenant, River Rock Community (NEW!), Renew Ministries (NEW!)

**SHEBOYGAN FALLS** - Faith United Methodist, Falls Community, First Reformed, St. Paul Lutheran, St. Peter Episcopal

**WALDO** - Trinity United Methodist

Prayers and Praise for the continued support of many Love INC Partnered Churches and Welcome to our new Partners!

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 (NIV)

## THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS PRINTING SPONSOR

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## SUPPORT OUR MISSION

*We are deeply grateful for your support of Love INC of 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](mailto:Katie@loveincsheboygancounty.org)

To DONATE GO TO [www.loveincsheboygancounty.org](http://www.loveincsheboygancounty.org) or use the enclosed envelope. Contact your bank to set up monthly giving to our Ministry. We are a 501c3 organization, and your donations are tax-deductible.

## Other Ways to Support Us

- DONATE a PRODUCT to one of our Gap Ministries
- COLLABORATE on a PROJECT
- Sign up to DONATE MONTHLY
- Sign up to be an EVENT SPONSOR
- HOST a FUNDRAISER
- DIRECT your THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS to Love INC Sheboygan County
- CREATE a THRIVENT ACTION TEAM to spearhead a fundraiser
- REGISTER at [SMILE.AMAZON.COM](http://SMILE.AMAZON.COM) and choose Love INC Sheboygan County as your charitable organization
- The Blind Horse Restaurant & Winery has released a brand new Zinfandel Reserve as part of a charitable initiative. A portion of proceeds from each bottle sold of this limited-edition wine will support Love INC of Sheboygan County! This first-release Zinfandel Reserve will be available for purchase in-house at the Blind Horse located at: 6018 Superior Avenue, Kohler, WI 53044.



Artwork by local artist Naomi Borgenhagen.

## 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 x101 or go to [www.loveincsheboygancounty.org](http://www.loveincsheboygancounty.org)