



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ
of Sheboygan County

CELEBRATING 5 YEARS of God's Blessings

Helping
Churches
Help People

2020 Spring/Summer
Anniversary Edition

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:2-3

Five years?! It's hard to believe it's been that long. But my, how gracious God has been to us in that amount of time. And while we look back with thanksgiving, we also look forward with hope and anticipation. In a lot of ways, it feels like we've just gotten started—because there's still so much to do! The love of Christ continues to compel us, and service in the name of Christ continues to be done by Volunteers, like you, in our local Churches. I am honored to serve alongside all of you, under the exemplary leadership of our staff and our talented Board of Directors. So let us keep praying, keep looking to the Spirit for direction, keep serving with redemptive compassion, keep showing up, keep filling the gaps, keep giving a hand up instead of a handout, keep seeking transformation in people's lives and in our communities. And, above all, may the love of Christ overflow to us, to our Neighbors, and to our neighborhoods.

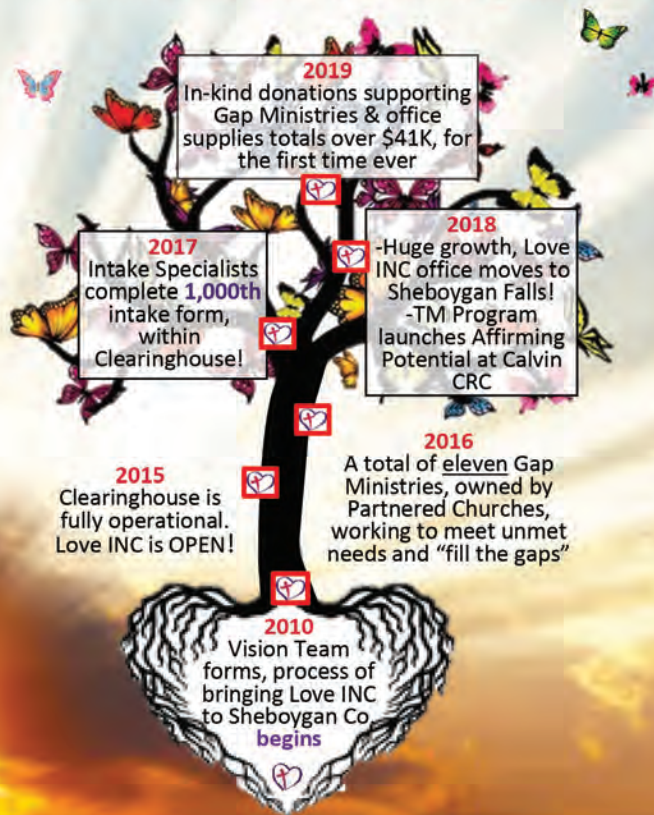


To God be the glory, Chris McKnight — Board Chair (Zion Ev. Covenant)

We wish to express personal appreciation to the vision-carriers that helped form Love INC of Sheboygan County. It is with deep gratitude for your dedication, wisdom, blessed discernment, and sacrificial giving that we have achieved this huge milestone. We are so grateful that God called you to help form the important and life-changing mission of Love INC. Special thanks to Vision Team members: Tim Allman (St. Paul-Falls), Gay Borgenhagen (Christian Life), Jerry Doyle (Fountain Park UMC), and our Founding Board of Directors (pictured): Ric Olson (Faith UMC), Mark Janzen (St. Paul-Falls), Eric Grasse (Bethel OPC), Chris Tempas (Plymouth Alliance), Ryan TenPas (Hingham Church), Rita Sadro (St. Paul-Falls), Jesse Brotz (Emmanuel Luther), Linda Cates (Holy Name), David Kostichka (St. Dominic), Brad Veenendaal (First Reformed-Falls), and Karl Schaffenburg (Grace Episcopal). Not pictured: Jane Marotz (Salv. Army).



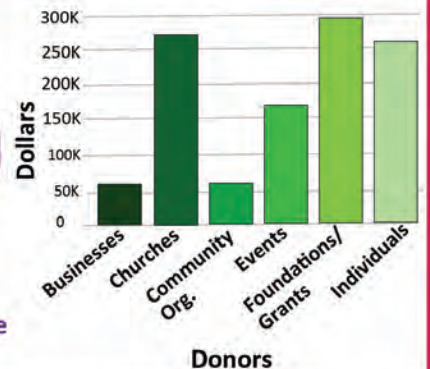
Rooted in Faith, Growing in Love



5-year Focus on Funding:

Funds Raised
\$1,202,000
54.3%

Program Expenses
\$1,013,000
45.7%



70 cents of every dollar goes towards Love INC Programs, please support your Love INC today!



LOVE INC QUICK FACT: We seek to not only help meet immediate needs of people who are struggling, but to provide relational holistic care, desiring to impact lives long term. By sharing the love of Christ with others, we become change-agents encouraging others to desire a life with Him.

The Love INC Logo:

The heart represents the love of God for all. Its unfinished edges remind of Love INC's grassroots, relational approach to ministry. The Cross represents the foundation of the Christian Church, unifying force of the Love INC Movement; the heartbeat of God's love for us. The Love INC colors: purple is a symbolic color of redemption and red represents the blood of Jesus - the supreme



Mobilizing local Christian Churches



Partnership Amongst Sheboygan Christian Churches Grows to 40, Unified to Fulfill Love INC Mission
 Bethany Lutheran, Bethany Reformed, Bethel OPC, Breath of Life Tabernacle, Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian, Calvin Christian Reformed, Christ Community, Christian Life Assembly of God, Crossroads Community, Faith Reformed, Faith United Methodist— Falls, Falls Community, First Christian Reformed, First Presbyterian, First Reformed – Oostburg, First Reformed – Falls, First United Lutheran – ELCA, Fountain Park United Methodist, Gibbville Reformed, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Grace Episcopal, Hingham Church, Hope Community, Hope Reformed, Plymouth Alliance, City Church, Redeemer Lutheran, Renew Ministries, River Rock Community, Salvation Army, Southside Church, St. Luke United Methodist, St. Paul's Christian – Elkhart Lake, St. Paul's Episcopal – Plymouth, St. Paul Lutheran – Falls, St. Peter's Episcopal – Falls, St. Peter Evangelical – Elkhart Lake, St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox, Trinity Lutheran, Zion Evangelical Covenant



Quarterly, pastors of Partnered Churches gather to enjoy food and fellowship, and hear updates on the impact and value of our partnership. At our recent Pastor Luncheon, we announced our chosen "word of the year"—Connecting. The connection of Christian Churches working together, as one body, is yielding tremendous results. The more we unify to meet needs in healthy and holistic ways, the greater our ability to fulfill our biblical mandate to love our Neighbors, in sustainable ways. "Before a community can be impacted, churches must come together, & before churches can come together, pastors must come together. The Pastor Luncheons provide that opportunity to build relationships which build bridges and share resources so together we can love our Neighbor - all In the Name of Christ! I'm a fan of the Luncheons!"—Pastor John Teschan, (Southside Church) Participation of Partnered Church Pastors is invaluable, we thank you for your beloved leadership, & your actions to lift up Love INC within your Churches! Pictured: Pastor John Teschan and Love INC E.D. Katie Popp (St. Paul— Falls)



Intake Specialist meetings give us the opportunity to come together as a team of Volunteers to learn from each other how to continue to equip ourselves to serve our Lord. Intake Specialists, are exposed to the real nature of Neighbors who call, typically in distress. By getting together a few times a year, we sharpen our skills, share any concerns, and pray together. This blessed collaboration allows us to be better prepared to offer our Neighbors the care & compassion they deserve. Pictured left to right: Allison Blake (St. Paul— Falls), Pam Bennin— C.H. Coordinator (Zion Evangelical), Sharon McCormick (St. Paul— Falls), Pat Sather (Grace Episcopal)



A CMC is a Volunteer advocate for Love INC in a Church, frequently sharing Love INC in conversation & providing information about Volunteer opportunities, events, and needs within the community. Be the connection between your church and Love INC! Call Dawn to find out how at 920-783-6701 x. 5104

Pictured left to right: Bonnie Jones (St. Paul—Falls), Sue Prange (Bethany Lutheran), Gary VanDeLoo (Breath of Life), Dawn Grabowski, Vol. Coordinator (First United), Cindy VanderWeele (Hingham), Jackie Felde (St. Luke UMC), Carolyn Vanderkin (St. Paul Christian), Renee Landgraf (Christ Community), Bonnie Holzheimer (St. Paul— Falls), Raylyn Krauter (St. Peter's Episcopal), Jocelyn DaSilva (Southside Church)



"It's been almost three years since I started the journey of becoming a Faith & Finance Facilitator with Love INC. I feel so blessed to have the opportunity to walk alongside people and help them overcome their financial challenges – with Christ at the center of it all! It's exciting to be part of a ministry that is affecting real, lasting change in people's lives!" —Kori (St. Paul Lutheran, Falls)

Love INC Volunteer Efforts Truly Commendable, Since the Very Beginning!

Current Active Volunteers: **255**

Current Committee Members: **33**

5 Years of Volunteers Hours:

6,063 Administrative Duties

5,298 Gap Ministry Service

5,049 Intake Specialists in Clearinghouse

1,792 Total from Variety of Roles & Projects

1,548 Transformational Ministry Volunteers

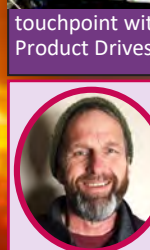
815 Committee Meetings

Grand Total: 20,565 Equivalent to **2,570** work days!



Churches and Community

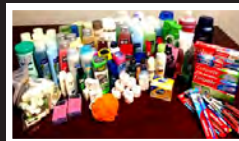
Work Together Six product drives were held in 2019! Product drives keep our Gap Ministries supplied, which provides a critical touchpoint with our Neighbors. Watch for 2020 Love INC Product Drives & support transformation in your community!




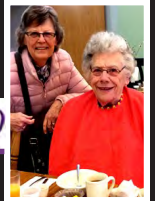
"Direct contact with the Neighbors has been very important. We are to be the hands and feet of Christ...by showing the Neighbors we care, with the hope that they will trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior." —Paul (Plymouth Alliance) Furniture




What is a Gap Ministry? A Gap Ministry is an outreach that fills an unmet need or "gap" in community services for people in need. Love INC of Sheboygan County currently coordinates 10 Gap Ministries, operated by Partnered Church Volunteers. Contact us to get involved with or donate to Gap Ministries!




 Personal Care Kits – Hygiene Supplies, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Plymouth



 Sew Caring – Clothing Protectors, Gibbville Reformed Church, Gibbville



 Furniture – Love INC Collaborative Ministry, Multiple Churches Engaged


 Moving – Love INC Collaborative Ministry, Multiple Churches Engaged




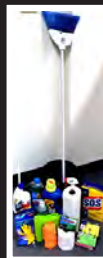
 Home Repair – St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls


 Auto Repair – Calvin Christian Reformed Church, Sheboygan




 Bedding & Linens – Zion Evangelical Covenant & First Reformed, Oostburg

 Starter Kitchen Kits – Bethel OPC, Oostburg & Bethany Lutheran, Kohler



 Love Buckets – Cleaning supplies, St. Luke Methodist, Sheboygan

 Hope Bags – Emergency clothing for victims of domestic abuse, Love INC Collaborative Ministry



Transforming lives and communities, through relationships

At the foundation of every Love INC, is the Clearinghouse whose purpose is to receive requests for help; review the nature, extent, and legitimacy of the need, and match the individual or family to the most appropriate source of help. We welcome Volunteers T-W-Th between 10am – 2pm, with greatest need for Intake Specialists on Tuesdays. Do you speak Spanish? We are seeking a bilingual Volunteer to assist our Spanish-speaking Neighbors in completing the intake form. To join our valuable team of Intake Specialists, please contact Dawn at: 920-783-6701 x. 5104

5 Years of Clearinghouse Service to Sheboygan

8,219 Calls fielded by Intake Specialists: Incoming
Outgoing
1,422 Needs Met by Love INC Partner Churches
1,384 Intakes completed with citizens of Sheb.
1,343 Referrals to alternate agencies/programs



Clearinghouse that Empowers

The intake process is one of the most important elements of the operation of every Love INC Clearinghouse. Thoroughly assessing Neighbors' needs and current resources is essential. Even more important is the direction we provide once needs are identified, and verified. We engage Neighbors in finding solutions, helping them envision a new reality for their lives and turning hopelessness into hope!



"I began serving in the Clearinghouse in May 2019 and find that it allows me to do what God wants me to do to help Neighbors who contact us. It provides the opportunity for me to listen to their stories and find ways to restore their hope for the future. This is done through faith in God by showing them love and compassion and connecting them with various resources from the Churches in Sheboygan county. I have received much more than I give to our Neighbors, and I thank God daily for guiding me to Love INC to Volunteer." —Sharon (St. Paul-Falls), Intake Specialist

"I serve at the TM Program because, as a follower of Jesus, He asks me to serve my fellow man. That involves utilizing my "gifts" of time, talent, and treasure which I try to share by serving at the TM Program. I feel the TM Program is valuable because, As the proverb goes, 'If you give a man a fish, he eats for a day. If you teach him how to fish, you feed him for a lifetime.' This is the underlying principle behind the TM – offer a hand up, not a hand out." — Laura (St. Dominic), Kitchen Crew Leader



Transformation of lives is a Core Value of Love In the Name of Christ

We seek to help Churches engage in on-going, positive relationships with people to encourage them in faith, cope through their hardships and develop resources to improve their situations. Love INC has identified two specific modes of Transformational Ministry: Transformational Ministry (TM) and Comprehensive Transformational Ministry (Comp TM). Our affiliate is currently operating the TM stage with plans to form a Steering Committee as we move into Comp TM development! A TM Program offers a variety of classes to equip Neighbors with skills and support for self-improvement. Comp TM adds the layer of matching Neighbors in TM with mentors who provide support and accountability. Mentors will meet with their match in-person & over the phone twice per month to review weekly budget plans, discuss challenges, pray together, and offer encouragement. **Calling all individuals willing to serve within TM!** At this time, there is great need for class facilitators, group discussion leaders, childcare support, kitchen crew and meal donors. Please contact Jenna for info: 920-783-6701 x. 5107 or jenna@loveincsheboygancounty.org



The Story of the Butterfly A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to squeeze its body through the tiny hole. Then it stopped, as if it couldn't go further. So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bits of cocoon. The butterfly emerged easily but it had a swollen body and shriveled wings. The man continued to watch it, expecting that any minute the wings would enlarge and expand enough to support the body, Neither happened! In fact the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around. It was never able to fly.

What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand: The restricting cocoon and the struggle required by the butterfly to get through the opening was a way of forcing the fluid from the body into the wings so that it would be ready for flight once that was achieved. Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. Going through life with no obstacles would cripple us. We will not be as strong as we could have been and we would never fly.

As Christ-followers, we recognize true need exists in our communities and we are compelled to help, to love our Neighbors as we are called to do. How we help is of greatest importance, as we recognize handouts in attempt to rescue people in chronic cycles of need has a crippling effect which sustains a person's need crisis. We believe full transformation is possible through relationship & reliance on Jesus Christ. How WE, His children can help is by modeling His love, being witnesses for His grace and mercy, and by sharing our time to utilize the gifts he has given us, to invest in others, relationally.

To All TM Meal Donors...THANK YOU! The Transformational Ministry Program begins each Thursday with a shared meal for all students and Volunteers. This important time of fellowship proves so valuable in building relationships in a program which is deeply relational. Our sincere thanks to the many meal donors who have so graciously provided! We are continually seeking meal donor support, for the program. Please join us in this wonderful opportunity of breaking bread and loving our Neighbors, together! This is a great opportunity for groups and families to serve a potluck-style meal! Please visit the SignUp.com page to view available dates — and read through the details about serving this meal. Here is the link: www.signup.com/go/WxMpvWx



Fountain Park UMC



River Rock Community Church

Redemptive Compassion

How can we serve in ways that matter? Why are good intentions not enough?

In her book "Redemptive Compassion", author and Love INC Leader Lois Tupy, examines current "helping" efforts. We are asked to truly consider how we, as members of society, are sustaining people in poverty and cycles of need. Lois challenges us to change our thoughts and actions on helping people with handouts. This incredible book study offers hope and insight on how we can, instead, be a part of the solution to end poverty and restore lives.

"Doesn't assistance that focuses on needs, not people, usually offer temporary relief that can leave the individual and their situation unchanged?" "If our charity becomes a lifestyle for the recipient and doesn't serve as a stepping-stone to a full and productive life, does it satisfy God? Or is He displeased?" (WK. 1) Join our study group, or contact us for a kit to create your own study group for a comprehensive dive into the life-changing book, "Redemptive Compassion"! Please call Dawn: 920-783-6701 x5104

	Falls In Love Sheb. Falls 2/10/20 - 2/15/20	Piggly Wiggly Brat Fry Oostburg 4/11/20	Hingham Walk/Run Hingham Church 5/25/20	Putt Fore Love Harbor Pointe 7/25/20	Living Out Love Pine Hills CC 10/23/20	Giving Tuesday Online Event 12/1/20	Main Street Memories Parade Sheb. Falls 12/5/20
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For event details, visit our website at: www.loveincsheboygancounty.org OR our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/loveincshebcow

In the Name of Christ



LOVE INC QUICK FACT: Love INC networks Christian Churches to work together, sharing a clear vision of how God can use the mobilized Church to transform lives and communities through relationships, In the Name of Christ. Christian Churches, unified and coordinated, are poised to be the perfect catalyst in changing how we address and answer the cries of those who find themselves in need. The difference, the defining difference, is not so much in what we do, but how and why we do it.

Let Us Pray for Success of Our Love INC Teams in Africa! In April 2017, we had the privilege to provide a 1-week training for the Kenya Affiliate Zone Directors on Love INC Operations.



Nairobi, Kenya Zones are: Thika Road, Karura, Ngong Road, Karengata, and Mombasa Road. Thank you to all gracious Partnered Churches for hosting meals and welcoming our guests!

Please Pray for Love INC Transforming Wisconsin Lives

The impact of Love In the Name of Christ is growing in Wisconsin as more communities are developing Love INC affiliates! Please keep the following communities in prayer as they progress in their journeys for community transformation. Glory be to God!



Opened 2018



In Discernment

Love INC National Impact



134 Operating Affiliates



589,367 Adult Needs Met



7,618 Participating Churches from 58 denominations



589,367 Family Needs Met



43,875 Church Volunteers



342,875 Children's Needs Met



256,337 Calls for Assistance



10,708 Community Agencies Involved



1,246,997 Church Volunteer Hours



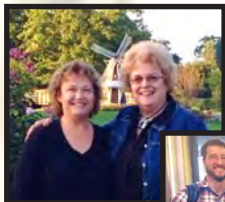
INFINITE Prayers of gratitude for support, growth, and positive community impact!

**Statistics are estimated and sourced from the most recent Love INC Annual Report (2018)*

Transform Communities by Mobilizing the Church



We are Stronger Together In Christ! One of the exciting benefits of the Love INC movement is that we are all connected, In the Name of Christ, as we live in different communities, states and even countries. Being part of the movement we have opportunities to learn from one another. We have had the blessing to attend trainings at other affiliates, and we even had the privilege to provide a training.



2015

Jane Marotz and Norma Berens, Hudsonville, MI



2017

Lindy Malingowski, Pat Sather, Lois Tupy, and Katie Popp Treasure Valley, ID



2018

Bridget Tally-Brill (Left) Yakima, WA and Kori Novicki (Right) Sioux City, IA



2019

Pam Bennin, Katie Popp, Virgil Gulker (Love INC Founder), and Jenna Maschino, Excelsior, MN



2016

Jesse Brotz, Jenna Maschino, Katie Popp, Chris Tempas, and Shannon Madden, Treasure Valley, ID



2017

Linda Hundt, Lindy Malingowski, and Pat Sather, Gurnee Mills, IL

Join the Movement, Get involved Today! What can you offer? You can share...



TIME

We are seeking Volunteers to: lead TM classes, mentor, serve on Gap Ministries, complete Neighbor intakes, help with administrative projects, serve as committee members, donate meals, help with childcare at TM, and represent your Church!



TALENT

God has blessed each of us with talents, skills, and unique abilities. What are your gifts? Or, maybe you want to learn a new skill! Contact Dawn to get plugged into Love INC, today! 920-783-6701 x. 5106 dawn@loveincsheboygancounty.org



TREASURE

Support Our Mission! To donate monetary gifts, please contact Katie: 920-783-6701 x. 5111 katie@loveincsheboygancounty.org To donate items and supplies, please contact Linda: 920-783-6701 x. 5101 linda@loveincsheboygancounty.org

Dear Father,

We come to you asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we serve our Neighbors. We give thanks for our dedicated Volunteers who serve with such spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Without faith-filled Volunteers, we could not accomplish all that we do. Please continue to bless their efforts.

We give thanks and pray for our Partnered Churches that they may continue to be a light within our communities, to serve with love and compassion. Father, bless our Church leadership.

Please give our community leaders wisdom and compassion as they work to help those in need. Fill us with your Spirit so that we reflect your light and love to each other and the world. We pray all this in Jesus name. Amen.

Prayer Scribe Co-Leader, Linda Hundt

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