



Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

March/April 2017 Newsletter

"There is no doubt God wanted us here. I am glad we came."

"Volunteering here really helped me."

"I finally found my special ministry."

Love INC volunteers have helped thousands of people in the course of the ministry since we opened in 2009 it is also evident that God has used the ministry to draw volunteers and those in the church closer to him as well. What a privilege to hear how those who are blessing others are also be blessed, and recognize God working in them. These individuals are serving weekly to monthly those that are in need all around us. They are following the two greatest

commandments: **loving God and loving our neighbors.** Whether it's

praying on the phone, delivering needed furniture, informing one of the food pantries, delivering some hygiene products, kitchen items, a bed, or linens people are being encouraged both the client and the volunteer.

In the first two months there has been 219 people take part in volunteering so far. Some are on the phones, others organizing, and some volunteers interacting with the client and meeting their area of need. **Love INC's volunteers are the key to making Love INC work properly.** Whatever your gift and abilities are we have room to plug you in. Join us, let us plug you in, and see how you can make an impact on our community by simply serving!



From those YOU have assisted the last two months:

"Thank you for helping someone in a hurry on a day that was raining real hard. I want you to know you are appreciated in all you do."

"Thank you for coming to my home. I had nothing, but now I do. The people who came were real and that meant a lot. Thanks for the peace you gave."

"I just wanted to call and say thank you for all you have done for me. I'm continuously reminded of the workers visit to my place."



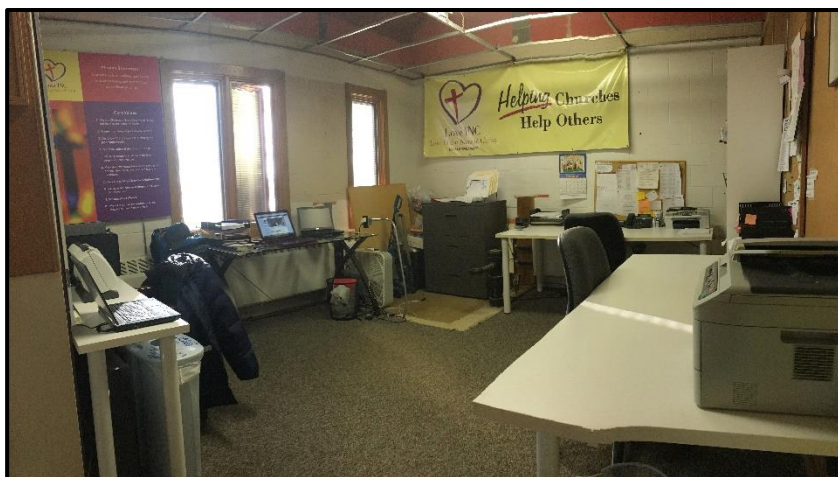
Many people that are struggling are experiencing the love of Christ and his strength because YOU give.



The total impact can't be done by one person or even one church. It takes the unified effort to help some of those that call. From the time the person calls until the follow up is done after the need being met the family in need may have been exposed to 15 people. In one case nine of our Gap Ministries were used to bring hope to a struggling mom and her three kids. Items and people is like peanut butter and jelly in this ministry. Both are needed, and God allows things to fit well for his glory. Below are some of the results of great partnership between churches and our community.

January to February 18, 2017

Needs met	419
Number of clients assisted	61
Days of Love INC operation	40
Clients declined	14
Average income of clients a month	\$550
Volunteers	260+



Our newly refreshed office has a better feel to it thanks to some donations of computers, desk, and shelves. Much brighter!

NEEDS: Training is provided for the various ministry roles we have.

- Intake Workers-3 openings**
- Board Members-5 openings**
- Furniture/Delivery Coordinator-1**
- Follow Up Coordinator-1**

Your financial giving is greatly needed. Our staff is currently working on a part time status and we want to bring him to full time, and have an even larger impact than has been shared here. Our director would love to meet with you if you have questions or want to learn more of this great work. Consider giving today. You can give online at our website or mail your gift to us. See our contact info below to the left.

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- o Thank you **First Lutheran Church** for purchasing two storage rentals for the work for 13 months. HUGE help in our budget!!!
- o Thank you to **Women Supporting Faith Based Organizations** as they supported us financially with \$1,800 in February.