



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Annual Report

Ministry Year

2016



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"Helping Churches Help Others"

To continuously mature in our capacity to meet people's genuine needs and provide genuine opportunities of service to the local church for the glory of God that will allow them to connect with the needy and share Christ's love while cultivating relationships.



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The partnership of the community has made an impact, and we appreciate it all. It is a privilege seeing many individuals in action and caring for others. **519** individuals throughout 2016 contributed their time (volunteered) through the **28 Gap Ministries**. Those that have volunteered have made a difference in **3,061** individuals that were in need. You that have given financially you also are crucial in seeing this take place, and your financial contributions had a great result in allowing projects, help, and walking through life with people and bringing change to our community in various homes. **Your giving also assisted 99 homeless** people in their transition when they received their own place. Multiple Gap Ministries were used for these families, and you helped this positive movement.

Because of your generosity in time and finances some individuals that were not in church chose to take part in church, were given encouragement in the midst of their job search, received tools to help them start new work, were motivated to keep pushing forward in difficulty, they were fed, and families were able to live in their homes in a confident atmosphere. The people you see walking down the street or on your street perhaps were recipients of the great work you participated in.

The testimony and love of Christ was seen by those that came to Love INC. One individual shared the following, "It's amazing that there is still others that go out of their way and do good for others especially the ones in need. God bless you all!" Love in action and caring for those in need two things that Scripture tells us to do, and we are thankful that volunteers do them well.

A total of 36 churches are represented in our Love INC movement here in DeKalb and Sycamore area. It is encouraging to see youth to individuals in their 80's take part of the work. We are also thankful to provide meaningful opportunities to allow numerous gifts and talents to work to have a positive impact.

It is a privilege to serve along with many to be the light and bring hope and encouragement to those that are down and remind them they are not forgotten. May 2017 be another year of impact by the love we show and as Jesus works in many lives both clients, donors, and volunteers. May we continue to reflex Christ, and may our community trust fully in him alone.

Many believers...
One goal...
One cause—
Ministry as Jesus
Desires



Who is Love In the Name of Christ DeKalb/Sycamore?

The Ministry...

Love In the Name of Christ DeKalb/Sycamore

The Mission...

Our mission is to mobilize the churches in the DeKalb/Sycamore area to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ

The Motto...

“Helping churches help others”

The Mandate... Our Core Values

We are **Christian**-everything we think, say, and do is in the name of Christ. **Prayer** is an integral part of who we are. We follow Christ’s example of valuing the **poor and needy**. We value **unity** of the Body of Christ. We value **transformation** in the lives of people and communities. We value **churches** living out the two great commandments to love God and love their neighbors. We value building Christ-like **relationships**. We value the **connectedness** of the Love INC movement. We model **excellence**. We value continually **maturing** in our capacity to meet people’s needs.

The members

We have partner churches in our ministry area, representing 22 different denominations. Over 500 individuals volunteered with us in 2016.

The Method

Love In the Name of Christ operates as a central clearinghouse and ministry center, receiving calls for needs of all kinds and verifying the legitimacy of all needs. Love INC empowers Christian volunteers to meet needs and accomplish ministry. We also make sure that, as a ministry, we have all the resources and help of area agencies and organizations at our fingertips, including complete knowledge of the ministries and services of each network church. Love INC strives to be the best steward possible of the variety of resources that will help people with legitimate needs. For individuals and families with chronic needs we hope to expose them to ministries to help accomplish long-term change. We desire to see transformation come to homes and our communities because of our coordination and network approach to ministry that hundreds of volunteers take part in.



You took part...

Met **4,011 needs in 2016**

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me....” Matthew 25: 35-36

Provided **3,061 individuals with help and hope.**

“But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!” I Corinthians 15:57

Coordinated **519 Christian volunteers from 36 churches, representing 22 different denominations.**

“To prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...” Ephesians 4:12.

Found **additional ministries to meet basic needs in our communities. There are currently 28 GAP Ministries partnering with us.**

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.” I Corinthians 12:4-6

Caring **for those in need.**

“Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm! Let nothing move you! Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” I Corinthians 15:58



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In 2016 we appreciated the partnership of different businesses.

NAPA auto group and their partners in the area selected us to be recipients of one



of their Oil Change for Charity drives. This group consisted of various mechanic shops in the area where \$1 per oil change is donated to charity. It accumulated to over \$400.

Target Distribution Center...Thank you Target for the

donation of many clothing items and some other items as his partnership kept our Mobile Clothing Closet full, and provided new and clean clothing to those in need. Their contribution went a long way.



J&D Mini Storage...Their donation of one storage unit has helped us maintain our clothing distribution outreach. We are able to store, sort, and prepare distribution as a result of their partnership.

Hy-Vee...Once again they were a key partner in gathering Christmas gifts for various clients in need. They helped raise awareness and provided a drop off spot for many fine gifts in this particular outreach. Thanks for making this work and thank you to all who participated. You helped reach 57 children in need.

United Way...We appreciate their coordinated efforts in helping us keep things in stock and connection to events like the ones that took place with Target.



The Board of Directors Ministry Year 2016

Providing oversight, insight, accountability, planning, solid Christian leadership

Chair--Todd Thompkins, Immanuel Lutheran-Hinckley

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2016 Quick Facts....

- Average income of clients was \$691
- We received 2,193 pieces of furniture.
- 21,447 hours was the total number of time volunteers gave in serving and impacting those in need.
- **Oops....**we didn't track the number of hugs volunteers received and gave out, but it was a lot 😊. As one retired volunteer stated, "I will miss the hugs and smiles of people we served."
- 99 homeless individuals were assisted in their transition to stable living by the use of multiple Gap Ministries.
- 131 lamps were distributed



.....YOU made a difference!



Help us meet our budget for 2017. We desire our executive director to be brought up to a full time status, increase our mentoring of clients, and do a development process that will strengthen our outreaches that we are currently doing. But we need your funding for all of these forward events. **Our mailing address is:** PO Box 172 Sycamore, Il. 60178. You can also give online at our website. When you give you are taking part in the help and encouragement of many individuals we serve. Please consider giving monthly or a generous one time gift. Our annual budget for 2017 is \$68,250