



# October Newsletter 2018

**Our mission is to mobilize the Church to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ.**

“HELPING CHURCHES

HELP OTHERS”

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To those that partner in this mission of “mobilizing the church into the community to transform lives” through your financial giving thank you. The financial gifts that are shared are crucial in the ongoing of the ministry. You allow us to develop positive connections between those in need and the partnering churches that are using tools to help encourage and build lives. Love INC is all about seeing relationships built when possible. The church is a great lighthouse pointing people to Jesus as they connect. This is our desire and purpose. Your giving and helping us reach our end of year need of \$16,500 allows positive transformation to take place. You have a chance to make a difference and serve financially. Your gifts only you can do. No one can take your place. Whether it is \$50 or \$5,000 the gift is needed to help in our mission.

**One client was helped with a number of things.** Things that even at resale shops cost money. She asked the group, “How does this happen when we are not charged?” The volunteer’s response was perfect, ‘People love you in our community. Some donate these items, others volunteer like us, and some people give to the work to make operations happen.’ What a terrific response that was shared. Everyone has their role in making Love In the Name of Christ function in its outreach to those in need. For some its donating items, others is volunteering, and then as the Ralph shared above some are able to contribute financially. Yes, some may take part in more than one way, but it takes many people sharing in our vision to bring hope and help to those in need in a healthy and positive way.



Individuals are homeless for various reasons sometimes it is reasons out of their control. We want to be an encouragement and positive support to those that are taking steps to improve their situation. Over 100 families have been connected to volunteers through our Gap Ministries during their time of need and strengthening. Our mentors offer great help to not just these individuals that are transitioning out of homeless but all our clients.

## Prayer Points:

- intake workers as they handle many request and people
- financial partners in the ministry to continue the work
- continuous unity among our board
- for client “Jim” recovering from surgery
- The Franklin family as they make adjustments during change.
- “Diane” as she juggles work, school, and being mom.

## Upcoming ways to participate in the ministry:

- 1) End of year giving:** We are dependent on the giving of this community. Our end of year need is \$16,500. Your gift receives a tax deduction letter as we are a 501c3 organization. Keep us in mind for your generosity.
- 2) Thanksgiving Meals:** We use **Wal-Mart gift cards** to help in this area. We desire the families to experience in every way like you and me. Gift cards allow them to go shopping themselves for their Thanksgiving meal.
- 3) Hy-Vee Giving Tree:** We are thankful for their partnership again in November you can take a tag from the tree and shop for a child, or you can just go shop and drop off gifts prior to Christmas. More details to come, but keep this in mind.



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- For a company that is considering donating new furniture for us to use.
- Extra financial giving by people in our community.
- Laurie Hillman for serving eight years in our Clearinghouse, and currently on the board as our Chair.

**191 people volunteered with Love INC during September. Average hours donated were 7 during the month. Thank you for serving with us. You make a difference in lives.**

- Items needed to help us connect...**
- Lamps
  - Toilet paper
  - Gift Cards: gas and Walmart
  - Mattresses
  - Kitchenware

**“YOU ARE THE SALT...”**  
**“LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE...”**

**“LOVE ONE ANOTHER”**



Looking for a couple more people to be part of the board governing ministry. Monthly meeting, promotion of the ministry, and help in strengthening the support base is part of this role. You should be faithful in church attendance and desire to continuously be growing in your relationship with Christ. You can get in touch with our director for more information or questions on this role.

**“Love in ACTION and in TRUTH”**

**During the month of September ...**

- 21 families were assisted. This is a total of 94 people.
- There were 119 items donated to the ministry of Love INC so people could connect with those in need.**
- 24 churches partnered in some way with Love INC.
- 6 clients were declined as a result of our verification and intake system. This is protecting the resources of the church both monetary and items.**
- Received clients from 9 agencies and 11 churches.

**The Puzzle**

So many things make the puzzle fit together in the work of Love INC. Each client that calls, if approved, has contact with at least eight different volunteers through the course of their assist request. Sometimes as many as 20 may be connected with them. We appreciate agencies and churches seeing Love INC as a viable resource for the community and those in need. Intake person, office coordinator, church/person completing the need, follow up people, and church host all take part in encouraging, connecting, and being a positive support for those calling looking for help. We see the need, but we more so see the person in need. We are thankful for being part of their puzzle to solutions.

**2018 furniture distribution:**

- beds: 57
- dining tables: 54
- lamps: 131
- dressers: 69

Thank you to all those that take part in delivering items to those in need, and also those that donate multiple things that we can use in our mission. You make Love INC work.

\*the above are just some of the items we use

**Love INC Office Phone Hours:**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday evening from 6:15-8 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 9-12

For clients the intake and verification are two crucial steps that allow us to be effective.

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## Financial Giving and Ministry:

Like any Christian organization and social services funding is needed. The board and director of Love INC here in our community have been careful in our spending to ensure proper use of all funding and donations. Every dollar donated is crucial in our ongoing service to the church and community. Our ministry is in need of financial contribution to continue and also in our plans of development. Further training opportunities and hands on learning for clients is part of our goals. You may not know but our director whom leads the ministry has been at a part time status for over four years. He sacrifices much in his leadership. We are thankful for churches that are passionate about the ministry through purchase of the storage facility, and Harvest for providing us office space to coordinate all the work that is being done in partnership with churches and individuals. A full time budget would consist of \$6,700 a month. We are below half that. We stretch the donations as far as we can, but we are in need of much more. As we run on a part time budget again this year we are looking for a total of \$16,500 to finish the year good, and to start out 2019 in a safe mode. Families like the one mentioned in this letter at the beginning have been challenged and transformed by your donations to the ministry so we can coordinate. Those transferring out of homelessness into their own place are given hope. The mother that is trying to make it on her own, and turns to Love INC for assistance and encouragement. **The young man leaving a situation and starting on his own was giving tools to do so because Love INC volunteers from the churches are here planted in our community. There is no doubt the community benefits from the presence of this ministry that many of you are part of.** Yes, we need prayers and volunteers in different areas, but we also need the financial support to help strengthen the work being done so those in need can see and hear and feel the wonderful and matchless love of Jesus Christ. Please in these last few months see how you can fit into the picture financially to help in the ongoing of the ministry.

*"Helping Churches  
Help Others"*

....."What you have done for the least of these...."