



2nd Quarter 2019 Newsletter

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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Over the past couple months we have had a lot of feedback from clients who have called in for various reason. One thing we are thankful for is the compassion our volunteers have to those they are meeting. Clients have appreciated the time of praying with them in their house as needs are being met. People from the churches are taking to heart the two greatest commandments of, “loving God and loving our neighbors.”

We here at Love INC desire to see people encouraged, improve in their poverty level, and take positive steps in life. The Gap Ministries provide that connecting point for many volunteers to interact with people in our community. A lady who was a victim of domestic violence received help from one of our volunteer groups. She was touched, and encouraged as she was going through change. The volunteers connected with her were able to pray in person with her. Another family in need of beds for proper sleep was assisted and four of our gap ministries were used to connect. A positive testimony of Jesus was given as they saw and felt the love of Christ.

Lots of coordinated effort is done so people can see the Jesus we serve. They can feel his love, and that through the partnership of Love INC, churches, and volunteers be drawn to the life changing one that came to earth to solve our deepest need.



Spring Cleaning....

Are you changing stuff up in your house or cleaning out that garage/storage place. Your sports equipment, bikes, lamps, household items and games can be put to good use. If they are in good working order we can use those in the ministry.

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
- “Beth” as her family strengthens after a trying time.
- Those looking for work in our community.

Upcoming ways to participate in the ministry:

- 1) **Wood makers:** We are in need of three unique bed frames or three mattresses. Can you help build them?
- 2) **Give DeKalb County—Love INC:** We are taking part in this event again and hoping to raise \$7,500 for operations and projects. Your help is much needed and appreciated. Can you pan on giving that day? More info in this newsletter.
- 3) **3rd Saturday:** On this day household items are delivered to those in need. If you would like to join or team or even just take part and see what happens let our office know.



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Items needed to help us connect...

Lamps

Bikes and bike parts

Toilet paper

Gift Cards: gas and Walmart/Target

91 people volunteered with Love INC during the first three months. Hours donated were 519 during the same time frame. Thank you for serving with us. You make a difference in lives.

- **Faranada's:** Thanks for allowing us to be part of the Lent Dinners, and thank you to all that participated in the fundraisers.
- First Lutheran Church for covering storage cost again this year.

"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 1st Quarter of 2019

76 families were assisted. This is a total of 301 people.

There were 334 items donated to the ministry of Love INC so people could connect with those in need.

26 churches partnered in some way with Love INC.

18 other 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 19 agencies and 22 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 in life.

2019 furniture distribution:

- beds: 14
- dining tables: 8
- lamps: 13
- dressers: 5

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:

2nd and 4th 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. 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 as we start the 2nd quarter of 2019 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...."

