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TRANSFORMING FROM INSIDE OUT

Love In the Name of Christ
DeKalb/Sycamore

July 2020

The churches and volunteers are making a difference in our community. Their joint partnership is impacting many people, and Love INC is privilege to witness positive outcomes both in the lives of the needy as well as the lives of our volunteers. We wanted to share with you this month the impact that is taking place. An impact that is only possibly as individuals go out into the community, and the churches share in our vision of helping those in need. Lots of components make the end results possible. One of the components is your financial giving that allows us to do much coordination and connecting of the church and those in need. The following various accounts are some of the stories of God working because people use their time, items, and finances to allow things to take place. No doubt God is using this ministry to draw people to him.



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A church was delivering items to an apartment complex one summer Saturday. Their team also had a group from Mexico working with them on their mission trip. One of their deliveries including a young lady that had gone through a difficult divorce. She had moved into her apartment with nothing. These volunteers moved items in. As some were moving items a few ladies were talking with her. Learning about her life and difficulties while at the same time providing her with encouragement and hope. As they were talking about life they worked in how God can provided all things, and they shared what he has done for her. As they shared the gospel (by this time all her items were delivered and part of the crew went to another place as these ladies stayed and shared) the client's heart was open. As the ladies reconnected two stops later they shared how "Beth" had gave her life to Christ. The joy and relief that was experienced when this decision took place. A delivery of furniture contributed to positive contact and a life was transformed for all eternity. Praising the Lord for his providence for this life and all eternity.



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Love INC volunteers once helped a mother in need and her young boy. Eight of the gap ministries were used and 31 volunteers to come along her side of her to encourage, give hope, and motivate. She was very appreciative of all that was done. She selected at the time one of the partner churches to attend that was in walking distance of her place. Although her struggle was difficult she didn't give up. She sent Love INC a note thanking us of all our help, and stating, "I could not have gotten through without all that helped me in this new chapter of my life."

We count it a privilege to assist those in need that are trying to better themselves in their stormy times. Gas vouchers, kitchen items, lamps, furniture, and financial assistance were among the gaps outreaches used to give hope to this client. We coordinated much, and the churches/volunteers did a fabulous job in reaching out and being there in her time of need.

People like her can only be helped as you donate financially to allow us to be present.

2020 Stats/Results

Love In the Name of Christ volunteers have met 619 needs this year. Volunteers have been in 241 homes. Some of these families had multiple needs to help them in their struggle. There have been 271 different volunteers in 2020 with most of them on a monthly basis, and some are weekly. 1,977 items have been donated to Love INC to use for needy clients. 21 families have been assisted in their move out of homelessness into their own place.

First United Methodist Church/DeKalb is once again offering free lunch during the summer. Drive through/Walk Up. pick up can be done at Haish Gym from 11:30-12:45 Monday to Thursday. This is for youth up to 18 years old. There are snack bags for parents as well. Thank you FUMC for helping our communities this way again!



He shared his testimony in a video

“Jim” called the office one morning and was in need of glasses. One thing we remember and is important to us is to get to know the person calling. Our intake process helps to do that. Staff David was communicating with “Jim” and getting to know him because the person is always more important than the problem. Jim had called for glasses but his needs were so much more. As David and Jim were talking it was shared how there were some things in the home that were needed. It was also discovered that Jim’s wife recently passed, and he was struggling with that as you can imagine. He was deep in depression and self-esteem was low. There were other personal problems developing also as a result. Not only was Love INC able to connect him to a local eye place to receive glasses completely free, but “Jim” shared the following with us that reminded us all of what God can do with our love that we share. He said, “David encouraged me about being closer to the Lord, and I have done that. Closer to him than I’ve been in a long time. It made life feel like it was worth living again.”

He became part of a local church, grew out of depression, and was able to handle his wife’s passing in a healthy way. The ministry tools of house item and optometric care along with eye glasses were something that God used to impact and heal “Jim.”



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We had **a lady in need of some car repair** to her vehicle. She has children, works full time, but needed assistance. One of our volunteers with Love INC shared the ministry and invited her to call. She was connected to an individual that has his own shop who attends Bethany Road Bible Church. They arranged a time, and she took her car in for its checkup and to see what was wrong. The mechanic identified what was wrong and arrangements were made to repair. Upon the completion of the work the client went to get the car and was impressed with a number of things. As the client was responsible for the parts she asked, “How much she owed”? The mechanic replied, “You owe me church.” Sure enough the single mom had all her kids at church the following Sunday. Something got mixed up and she showed up at a different church. She called the mechanic, and he said, “as long as you are in a Bible teaching church that is good. I don’t care where you go.” That response enough was full of love in what we are here for. She enjoyed the church, and the one she ended up attending also loved on her. This lady we connected with the car repair was impressed with:

- Integrity
- Kindness
- Care
- Compassion
- Assistance with no string attached

The outcome for her and the kids was more than she ever expected. One Christian mechanic displayed the love of Christ in such a powerful way that this client was impacted.

Current Needs...

Our bed ministry (Peace n Rest) is in need of 11 bed set (single to queen). Many individuals are sleeping on floors and not having a good night’s rest. If this is an area you can assist in with a good, clean, and stain free bed we would love to put it to use as volunteers go into the homes. You can call the office 815-517-1928 or email our director at loveincdk@gmail.com. I’m sure you know the effect of a good night’s sleep. Help others get that good morning start and be encouraged. Through the work may they also feel God’s perfect peace and rest.

"It's amazing that there still others that go out of their way and do good for others especially the ones in need." Words from a client that was helped



A mother leaving from an abusive relationship had to abandon everything except her children. She relocated, checked into Safe Passage, and upon attaining an apartment with them was in need of furniture of every kind for her new place as she was starting over. Seven of our Gap Ministries were used to assist her. We were able to put beds, couches, dining table, lamps, and games for the children, and other kinds of furniture to get her going. Upon follow up with her she shared how she was just overwhelmed by the items received, the kindness of the five volunteers that delivered things to her, the encouragement given, and the prayers that were shared with her on the day she received that day from the group. She said she was thankful for caring Christians that expected nothing.

Jesus said, "What you do for the least of these....you do for me."



"To all who make Love INC possible to those in need thank you. I never in my mind thought I would be in a situation that I was in, but it happened and I had to seek out help. I can say that I was blessed to get to know staff and volunteers. I was blessed to receive help I need to provide things for me and my sons to begin a new happy beginning in our new place. Thank you!" -excerpt from a letter of someone that was helped



"Your gifts, people, and assistance encouraged me and allowed me to stay in school last year. Since that time I graduated, and am now employed. My two kids don't understand what was taking place, but if they did I'm sure they would be thanking you to. I'll tell them the story someday, and they will know what people did for us in helping us achieve and keep going. Thank you for helping me survive in my stormy time. You are appreciated keep helping." -from a client that was impacted



It is not unusual that various local agencies call Love INC seeking direction and help for one of their clients. We are thankful for the positive referral process we have and the great partnership with local agencies. We count this as a blessing.

One time the Youth Service Bureau called and shared a need of a particular youth that was going through some issues and had lost all his belongings due to an unfortunate situation at home. All his items were placed in the garbage. Clothing, hygiene, and all else. As the YSB shared the need Love INC was able to put word out and collect a number of things from individuals. A handful of people provided some clothing and a bag. When the situation was shared with Crossview Church they jumped in big time and was a huge blessing for "Carl." Their youth pastor relayed the need through the church. Clothing, shoes, hygiene, and gift cards were quickly collected for this young working teenager. The items were transported to YSB for the teen. Items in great or new condition were shared with the youth that was in this unfortunate situation. We are assured he was greatly encouraged during this time in his life because people cared enough for this stranger to help him when he had nothing.

Those who give financially are part of the reason transformation takes place. We are thankful for the way you partner with the ministry so that others can hear and see the gospel of Jesus Christ through our works, love, care, and words. Let's keep letting our light shine through works and financial giving so others may know like the teen above that they are loved by the local body of believers and an incredibly awesome saving God.

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

--1 John 4:10 NIV



Thankful for churches like First Lutheran in DeKalb that is passionate about the needy and operations here at Love INC. They personally fund the storage units this year, and have done a great job at building shelving and keeping the units organized. Volunteers like these men are crucial in the making various Gap Ministries work effectively and provides good client response time. FLC also host the Linen Ministry.



Our mission statement shares how we desire to see **transformation in lives and our community**. Our programs help do just that in individuals as they are given hope and help in a loving and healthy way. The church's ministries have been vital in bringing transformation. A single mom was very appreciative of our services as she had left a serious domestic situation with her son as shared

previously. We were able to provide furnishing and bedding into their home. Another client had a serious medical situation and required surgery. During his recovery he was missing work, and needed assistance with his rent. Love INC partners were able to come through for him. He was able to heal from his surgery in a way without worries of housing trouble because Love INC is here in our community. We are thankful to be a positive assistant to our "neighbors" right here in our community that are struggling and in need.



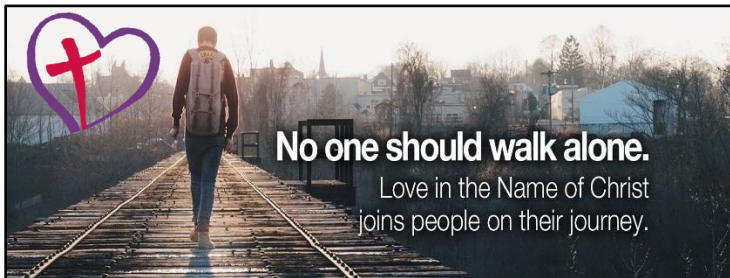
Marlin sharing Love INC's impact to him.

Your financial partnership allow many things to take place and transformation in lives like the ones shared take place. What else does your financial partnership allow?

- Permits staff to be employed
- Assist 619 people so far
- Allows coordination of events and resources
- Mobilizes many volunteers from churches
- Gives hope to those that are struggling
- Provides encouragement to those that are feeling hopeless
- Relay and connection of clients to churches
- Provides tangible needs
- Helps those that are homeless to transits into their own place (21 this year so far)
- Provides effective solutions/problem solving for clients
- Positive support base for clients
- Protection of church resources
- Records of help
- Communication resources
- Opportunity of transformation in lives, homes, and community

Your financial partnership is greatly needed, and provides much benefit to our community. Consider contributing ongoing or a one-time gift that allows us to lead great things for the needy. Nathan, the executive director, would love the opportunity to share with you in person, church, or organization. If you have any question we would love to talk with you. Consider being a part today. You can give online at our website: www.loveincdeksyc.org or send us an email to request a giving link at loveincdk@gmail.com. Our mailing address is PO Box 172 Sycamore, IL. 60178.

Be the hope, help, and encouragement!



Join us in doing life with others. We have 2 intake volunteer spots open for when we restart the clearinghouse.

We also need people to help deliver items to clients.

Our Lamp Ministry still needs a church host.

"Helping Churches Help People"

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Items in need of....

- beds
- lamps
- kitchen items
- couches
- dressers

We are a 501c3 not for profit organization. All financial and in kind contributions may be issued a tax receipt.