

# **Love In the Name of Christ DeKalb/Sycamore**

## **2020 Ministry Year**

### **Annual Report**

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*DeKalb/Sycamore*

Love In the Name of Christ DeKalb/Sycamore's mission is to mobilize the local church to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ.

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

In 2020 the numerous volunteers **assisted 2,119 people**. This is the total number of people in the homes we assisted.

Town served	number of families
Cortland	9
DeKalb	252
Genoa	11
Hinckley	3
Kingston	4
Malta	8
Shabbona	7
Sycamore	79
Waterman	4

## “Helping Churches Help Others”

We used the **26 Gap Ministries** to help build connections and meet the basic needs of those that were looking for help with the desire many would see that Jesus loves them, and if they don't attend church that they may choose to do so after their experience. These Gap Ministries were led by the various churches and church volunteers that are part of the Love INC network in the DeKalb County area. There were **10,205 hours** of volunteer service into our community in 2020. **4,419 items were donated** to Love INC. These items helped us **meet the 4,011 needs** that were done.

The average monthly household income of those assisted was **\$962**.

### Service Value to our Community

Volunteers and Goods distributed	\$419,114
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**This amount** is figured by the hours of service, and the items that were distributed to those in need. This amount was a **community effort**, and we appreciate the impact people gave with their goods and time.

There are 122 Love INC locations in 29 states that partner with 7,812 Christian Churches to serve hundreds of thousands of people in need. There is also five locations in Kenya.

### Clearinghouse Staff

Dru Mitchell, New Hope Missionary Baptist  
Laurie Hillman, Christ Community Church  
Pat McKinley, Immanuel Lutheran Church



Thank you to our 2020 board members.....

Person	End of term
Angi Fabris	Oct. 2020
Donna Wagenaar	March 2024
Laurie Hillman	March 2020
Janell Temple	March 2022
Pat Sihler	March 2021
Richard Temple	March 2022
Nathan Scott	Executive Director



The process we follow to meet needs and build relationships with those that call. Our method has proven effective in weeding out those that misuse assistance or are more than adequate to resolve a need themselves. We are thankful for those in our office that listen, pray, suggest, and make decisions on how to fulfill each request as well as discovering things that can help in the long run. Currently we have five in the office that take part in the intake process and decision making.



If you are looking to try something different in 2021 and would like to volunteer with us there are many ways you can do so. Volunteering with Love INC has had a positive effect on those that do it. One even recognized that God wanted him here after spending time with a client. They often feel the rewards and blessings of serving as they serve others in Jesus name. As you serve you are exposed to problems in our community, take part in transforming lives, have the opportunity to talk Jesus with people, and serve along the side of great people from the local churches. Board members, impact teams, delivery teams, Intake staff, follow up teams, and much more opportunities to impact for Jesus. Get in touch with us to see how you can be plugged in.



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

## The Ministry...

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## 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 400 individuals volunteered with us in 2017.

## 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 2020**

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* **2,119 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* **219 Christian volunteers from 38 churches, representing 19 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 26 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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2020 **Quick Facts (not already mentioned).....**

- 8 Gap ministries were used monthly
- 11 appliances were distributed into homes
- 2,309 pieces of furniture were distributed
- 61 families were referred to one of the five partner food pantries
- 31 dining tables and 141 dining chairs were shared with those in need
- 47 beds were distributed to various homes
- 181 lamps were passed out to give light in the darkness.
- 39 delivery days were performed by a total of 35 different people
- 114 homeless (some singles/some families) were assisted in their transition to their new place.
- 621 coats were distributed this year to help keep our community warm

**.....these are just *some* of the areas YOU made a difference!**



*Not a real Love INC picture :)*



*There are food pantries open Monday through Friday*



**Help us meet our budget for 2021.** 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 2021 is \$68,250. No one can replace your donations that is why we need your personal help in funding this great work.

Our increase in funds during 2020 resulted from the successful garage sale fundraiser, a PPP loan, and new donors.

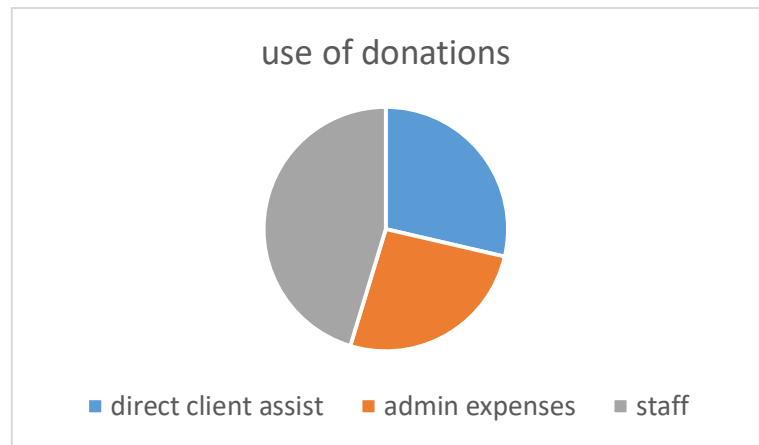
### Financial Report

**2020 Income: \$47,740.93**

**2020 Expenses: \$42,546.35**

#### **The value of a donated dollar...**

Your giving not only covers operational cost but also helps us function in our mission of mobilizing the church into the community through acts of service and connecting those in need. We have been good stewards of every donation that is given and stretch it as far as we can for a greater community impact.



#### **The impact of a donated dollar... Love's Impact: Ways volunteers made a difference**

- The mother who left an abusive relationship in need of household items for her and her kids. We were able to assist with furniture, kitchen items, linens, and bikes.
- A man that was laid off work trying to make ends meet for bills. He was assisted with rental assistance.
- A man needed rental assistance due to a medical unexpected surgery. He was assisted with rental assistance and meals.
- A mom was in need of a gas voucher to help transport her child to doctor appointments as she was struggling financially. A church helped her out in this area.
- During the cold months a family was in need blankets as they had none. The church that oversees this area helped them out. They were also given beds and furniture to place in their home.
- A car was in need of repair so a couple could get to work. Love INC was able to assist due to special donation for those in need.
- A domestic situation resulted in a lady needing help with rental cost. She was referred to the appropriate place and her and her daughter was given some assistance with this.
- The house was dark at night as there was no adequate lighting. Lamps were provided and they were excited as volunteers dropped them off one day.
- Through a DCCF grant for those struggling due to the pandemic we were able to assist families with utility bills.
- A flat tire was able to be repaired for a lady so her and her kids could get around and she could also keep her job.

#### **Ways to financially contribute in 2020**

- **Thrivent Choice Dollars.** We are an accepted organization for those of you with Thrivent to contribute your Choice Dollars
- **Give DeKalb County** in May. This will be our 4<sup>th</sup> year participating in this event. It was helpful previously and we are looking forward to this county wide event this year. Consider giving generously in May. More details will be coming.
- **Transformational Change.** We have smaller boxes to help you collect your change for us. We would be happy to get you one.
- You can also **mail in** your donations or use the PayPal link on our website (or at the bottom of our email).



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