

# What Does a Partner Church Do?

Church partnerships are essential to Love INC. Without church partners, there is no Love INC affiliate. Each Love INC partner church joins with other local Christian churches to provide prayers, volunteers and finances for the operation of Love INC.

## A Full Partner Church\*...

- **Introduces Love INC** to the Congregation.
- **Encourages church members to participate** in the ministry of Love INC.
- **Organizes church members to serve** by using their gifts and abilities.
- **Refers requests** for help to the Love INC Clearinghouse.
- **Accepts referrals for help** from the Love INC Clearinghouse to existing ministries.
- **Appoints one or more Church Ministry Coordinator(s)** to be the liaison(s) between the Clearinghouse and the congregation.
- **Nominates potential Clearinghouse volunteers** from the church, as needed.
- **Participates in the financial support** of Love INC.
- **Prays for Love INC**, clients, other partner churches, and the Body of Christ.



## In Addition, A Partner Church May Also...

- Create a church or joint church ministry to fill a gap in community services.
- Follow-up with a visit to people who have received help through the Love INC Clearinghouse.



\* Love INC partner churches affirm the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and recognize the Old and New Testaments of the Bible alone as Scripture.  
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## Adding Value to Partner Churches! Love INC...

- Helps **generate untapped volunteer resources** that already exist in local churches to meet needs both within and outside the church.
- **Screens requests** for help as to nature, extent, and legitimacy.
- Helps coordinate church **engagement with the community**.
- Discovers if people requesting assistance are already receiving help from other churches or agencies, **stopping the duplication of assistance**.
- Provides **long-term solutions** for people who are chronically in need.
- Enables churches to build **new ways to assist people** outside of the congregation while being good stewards of church resources.
- Discovers and helps clients **solve problems at the root level** to help churches avoid building dependency in the people they help.
- Helps the church own an **enhanced outreach ministry** to their neighbors, since Love INC's Clearinghouse connects people to church ministries.
- Helps provide specific, **manageable opportunities** for church members to grow in their faith and manifest God's love to others.
- **Lightens the burden** on each individual church by involving more volunteers to meet legitimate needs, and by sharing assistance efforts among many coordinated partner churches.
- Serves as an **information center** for partner churches regarding community-wide services and resources.
- Offers a **unified witness of God's love** as a light to the community--Christian churches working together in the Name of Christ.



For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.

2 Cor 9:12