

Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ
of South Wood County

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"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." – Jesus, Mathew 22:36-40

Progress...Slow and Steady Wins the Race



The Development Board has been hard at work slogging through the startup process. The IRS form 1023 and related documents have been filed. We anxiously await confirmation on our 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. The good news is that while our application is pending, we can accept tax deductible donations as the law allows. Currently, any donations can be made out to Love INC of South Wood County and sent to PO Box 1385, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, 54495.

As we progress up the learning curve we benefit from the great variety of experience shared with

us from the Love INC National office as well as our sister affiliate in Sheboygan County. An example of this is the recent training from Norma Berens, Interim Director of Affiliate Development for Love INC National. We worked collaboratively on a timeline as well as learning a lot of great perspective from her twenty years as a Love INC Executive Director. The photo above is from the February training. One coming milestone includes establishing the Board of Directors. Please pray for the Development Board as we continue our journey.

Development Board

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- Paul Liebherr, Christian Life Fellowship
- Chuck and Pat Bradbury, First Baptist
- Rick Merdan, Grace Lutheran
- Mary Bosch, New Hope Christian Reformed
- Lottie McDermott, Port Edwards United Methodist
- Dave and Ruth Mickelson, Victory Christian Outreach Center
- Tanya Amos, Crossview Church
- Deb Skerven, Community Member
- DaNita Carlson, Community Member

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with your group.

- Bethlehem Lutheran
- Catholic Deanery
- Christian Life Fellowship
- Church at Wazeecha
- Cranberry Clergy
- Crossview Church (formerly Woodlands)
- Faith Reformed
- First Baptist
- First English Lutheran
- Grace Lutheran
- Lakes Area Christian Fellowship
- Lutheran Circuit
- Nekoosa United Church of Christ
- New Hope Christian Reformed
- Port Edwards United Methodist
- St. Lawrence Catholic
- St. Luke's Lutheran
- Sunrise Rotary
- Trinity Lutheran
- United Way of Inner Wisconsin
- Victory Christian Outreach Center
- Wis. Rapids United Church of Christ

Say What?

What is Love INC Again?

Love In the Name of Christ (INC) is a proven model that networks local churches, church volunteers, and community organizations together to help people in need. Through Love INC, churches and individual Christians are mobilized to work together, across denominational lines, providing coordinated help to struggling neighbors. The needs include basic needs such as food and clothing, to longer-term responses such as life skills training and transitional housing programs.

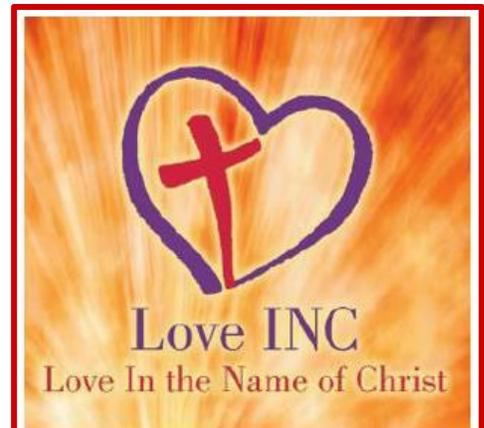
Founded in 1977, today there are more than 160 Love INC affiliates in 30 states, representing a network of more than 9,000 churches, 7,000 community-based organizations, and 300,000

volunteers meeting more than one million needs each year.

The Love INC National Movement assists communities in developing new affiliates and supports existing affiliates by providing training, technical assistance, marketing support, networking opportunities, and best practices.

Prayer:

God of love, help us to remember that Christ has no body now on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours. Ours are the eyes to see the needs of the world. Ours are the hands and feet with which to bless everyone now. Amen.



Mission

Our mission is to mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.

Vision

To see **Christian churches** united in purpose and fully engaged in actively living out their faith by lovingly serving people in need in their communities.

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 **people in need**.
- 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.

