



# Love INC

## Love In the Name of Christ

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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 the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." – Jesus, Matthew 22:36-40*

December 2018

## A LOVE STORY

Our mission is to transform lives and communities, and this happens through building relationships. Here is an example of how this process begins with a simple call for help into our Connection Center.

We had a client who was upset because we were unable to pay her electric bill. She asked, "what good are you?". Love INC Intake Specialist volunteers talked with her and listened to her story. They gave her options of what she could do, and the call ended with her deciding to contact the utility company to work out a payment plan. They asked if they could call her back in a couple of weeks to see how things turned out. When they called back, she had it all figured out. She continued to talk for over one hour about her history and other things going on in her life. She admitted that she has a hard time trusting people because of things that have happened in her life. She thanked us for calling. The volunteers asked if she would like us to check in with her in a month and she said she would like that. We will continue to build a trusting relationship with her and remind her how much God loves her and that we are praying for her.

This is a great example of beginning the transformation of lives using the concepts of redemptive compassion; building loving, trusting relationships with others and our Savior.



## Connection Center Data

For the month of October through the 24<sup>th</sup> we received 54 calls into the Connection Center. We had ten referrals from local church partners and three referrals came from community agencies.

The top needs were for:

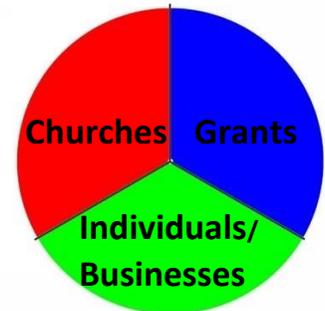
- Rental Assistance – 6
- Gas Cards – 4
- Utility Assistance – 3
- Automobile repair - 3

## 2019 Urgent Need!

Our progress is directly linked to the increase in capacity through the hire of our Client Care Coordinator which was made possible by a very generous donation from a member of a partner church. That funding will be exhausted in early 2019. If you received our donor appeal letter, please pray and consider a generous sustaining gift to help us continue our progress and transformation of lives and communities in the name of Christ. If you have not visited our facility yet, please call and arrange a tour. The Holy Spirit is moving in our community and transforming lives, you are invited to participate in this transformation.

## FINANCING MODEL

From the Love INC National office and the experiences of over 130 Love INC affiliates, the typical finance model of an affiliate is 1/3 from Churches, 1/3 from individuals/businesses, and 1/3 from grants.



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

**Mission:** To mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ.

### Staff

DaNita Carlson, Executive Director  
Deb Skerven, Client Care Coordinator

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## THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS!



Becky Winters has been a board member since 2016. She has been a wonderful contributor and we have thoroughly enjoyed her enthusiasm, perspective, and creativity. Thank you, Becky, for your faithful service to Love INC of South Wood County.



Lottie McDermott was on the Development Team and a founding board member. She served on the executive committee as secretary. We will miss her sense of humor and stories of what transpired at the family cabin. Thank you, Lottie, for your faithful service to Love INC of South Wood County!



Volunteer needs include:

- Finance Committee Members
- Auditor
- Grant Writer/Administrator
- Board Members

We are also in need of the following new items:

- Vacuum cleaner
- Snowblower

## NEXT WORKSHOP



### Live & Lead Intentionally

Do you struggle to fit everything into your schedule? Each of us is given 168 hours each week to accomplish all God is calling us to do. In two two-hour interactive sessions, they will use coaching tools to examine our personal values and use them to make wise choices about where to invest our time and energy in six key life domains – Relationship, Work, Finances, Health, Living Environment, and Personal Growth.

**Tuesdays, January 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

**Location:** Love INC of SWC

**Facilitated by:** Julie Overturf & Diane O'Connor

**Cost:** \$25 per person which includes the workshop and coaching tools.

<https://www.leadertoleader.network/workshops>



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- Our second church partner breakfast is scheduled for Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Key leadership from each partner church will be invited to attend to hear the progress and collaborate on community needs.
- “Redemptive Compassion: The Defining Difference” Book study will be starting in February with regular monthly informational sessions to introduce the Love INC Redemptive Compassion model, processes, and facility tour.

### Prayer:

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.”  
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Oh God of all comfort, we pray for our neighbors among us who are experiencing difficult circumstances. May Your compassion and mercy be poured out on them in abundance.  
Amen.

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