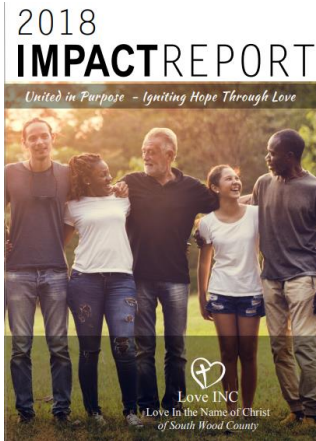




ANNUAL DINNER



On May 9th we hosted our first ever Annual Dinner Meeting. With 39 in attendance we reiterated the Love INC model and mission to “Mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ”. Also, the time was used to recognize and show appreciation for all of the volunteers and donors that have nurtured this new ministry. Love INC exists only to serve our partner churches and work to mobilize the body of Christ towards loving God and our neighbor (Mark 12:30-31).

In addition, the 2018 Impact report (image above) was highlighted. This document gives a snapshot of all the progress made last year including our new building, the opening of the Connection Center, as well as income and expenses. We were able to share a number of love stories from clients along with goals for the future of the ministry. You can find a copy of the Impact Report on our website or by clicking on the link below;

http://bit.ly/2018_Impact_Report

June 2019

PARTNER CHURCH BREAKFAST PRIORITIES



The April Partner Church Breakfast was an interactive engagement creating a list of prioritized community needs. This session was led by Leader to Leader coaches Diane O’Connor and Julie Overturf.

Among the most pressing needs identified include;

- People’s need for Jesus in their lives
- Physical needs such as furniture and household items
- Needs after release from jail such as housing, employment and mentoring
- Mental health including addiction recovery and emotional support
- Family needs including mentoring and helpful resources
- Next generation needs for local youth such as mentoring and meaningful activities

The next Partner Church Breakfast will be held on Thursday, July 18th. At that time, the conversation will continue digging deeper into the pressing needs and how those can be addressed.



LOVE INC 101

Would you like to learn more about Love INC of South Wood County? Please consider attending a **one-hour** informational session which includes a **building tour**.

Sessions are held the **third Thursday of each month** at the Love INC building, 710 20th Avenue South in Wisconsin Rapids. For your convenience, we have sessions scheduled for both **Noon and 6:00pm**. Coming sessions are;

- **Thursday, June 20th**
- **Thursday, July 18th**

If one of these months doesn’t work for you, plan to come to another session in the coming months.

APRIL DATA

For the month of April, the Connection Center received 110 calls with 29 new requests for assistance. There were a total of 14 referrals back to our partner churches helping to mobilize the “people in the pews”!

The top needs were:

- Financial Assistance – 17
- Service Needs – 14
- Material Needs – 5
- Transportation - 2



LOVE STORY

(Names have been changed)

Vera is a sweet lady who reached out to Love INC in regards to her unusual financial situation. Vera is in her mid-60's and her story began almost 25 years ago when she left an abusive relationship. She recently found out she had debt from the divorce which occurred years earlier. Due to the unique circumstances, she needed to go through the court process to deal with the old debt. Because this was an unexpected expense, Vera did not have the money to pay her legal debt and her rent. A partner church met with Vera after Love INC had completed the intake and verification process. The church provided financial assistance for Vera's rent while Vera attended several court hearings to pay off her legal debt. This is a beautiful picture of the Redemptive Compassion principle "mutual participation". Both Vera and the church worked together to bring hope to her situation.

Vera sent several messages to Love INC thanking us for the help. The most recent message stated, "Thank you so much for what you have done for me! GOD BLESS EVERYONE AT LOVE INC AND ALL THE CHURCHES. AMEN." Although Vera still has some loose ends to tie up with the court system, you could sense the burden that had been lifted from her. Vera had people who cared about her during this difficult time and she now has hope for her future.



DONATION OPTIONS

Donorbox is our new giving platform that utilizes both Stripe and PayPal for the donation processing. We have heard from donors who desire more options to give; specifically sustained giving options (monthly, etc.) Based on some input from fundraising experts we have set up an account. This will allow ACH (Automatic Clearing House – direct bank transfers) from any financial institution. Click on the link below to explore these new options!

[Donorbox Giving Options](#)

THANK YOU!



We want to give a great big shout out and *THANK YOU* to Boyle Roofing and Construction for the awesome job they did plowing at Love INC during this very difficult winter.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, June 7, Love INC Ambassador Breakfast, 7:30-9:30am

Friday, June 14, Crossview "Mission: Rapids" event, 4-7pm

Saturday, June 22, Love INC Open House, Bake Sale, and Painting Party, 9am-1pm

Thursday, July 18, Partner Church Breakfast, 7:30-9:30am

August 14-17 Love INC National Gathering in Minnesota



BUSINESS DINNER

Love INC hosted a Business Dinner for 29 area leaders and entrepreneurs. Tom Gardner from HayCreek Pallet in Pittsville and Marc Martin from the C12 Group were the guest speakers. The C12 Group is the largest network of Christian CEOs and executives working together to increase company performance and integrate faith and business. Tom and Marc talked about employee engagement, a topic very relative and engaging for business owners as they deal with the labor shortage and what it looks like to become an employer of choice.

Prayer:

"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."

– Hebrews 13:7

Lord, we lift up the team of the Love INC Movement. Thank you for their dedication to serving You. Strengthen and encourage them today and bless their work as they serve in Your name.
Amen.