



**Love INC of South Wood County**  
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**U.S. Army Veteran Paul Rauwald was blessed with much-needed help from Love INC volunteers Riley and Owen.**





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UNITED IN PURPOSE ~ IGNITING HOPE THROUGH LOVE

## A Love Story

Richard had worked full time and kept busy doing projects around the house and helping others. Sandra was a stay-at-home housewife. Things changed dramatically in March of 2019 when Richard suffered a massive stroke. Their world was turned upside down. They were in crisis and reached out to Love INC for spiritual and financial support. During the Connection Center intake

process our volunteers learned Richard was back at home after being in the hospital for several weeks. He was in a wheelchair and going to therapy several times a week. Sandra was providing round the clock care for her husband. They were connected with helping agencies like Aging and Disability Resource Center and Inclusa for supportive services, but still needed help with rent for one or two months as there was a lapse in time where Richard was not receiving any disability or social security income.

After the Connection Center verification process, Love INC connected them with a

pastor from a partner church. The church helped pay a portion of their rent. The pastor reported, "Sandra and Richard spoke so highly

of Love INC and all that they have been able to do to help them. They appreciated Love INC

volunteers giving them some solid instructions and directions for the next steps." Their faith is strong and they have found comfort through their conversations and prayers with Love INC. We feel blessed to have the opportunity to come alongside Richard and Sandra as they work hard to put their lives back together.



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## Volunteer Insight

I finally feel that I am contributing to God's work! The concept of Redemptive Compassion® is so respectful and necessary with helping people in need. I know listening to their stories, praying with and for them, and sending caring notes is making a difference. As this ministry grows, I look forward to "taking the long walk" with those who are ready!

"taking the long walk"

Jean Sorenson  
Connection Center Intake Specialist



On June 14th, Crossview Church hosted a free community outreach event called Mission: Rapids. This event highlighted four local ministries including Love INC of South Wood County.



On June 22nd, Love INC of South Wood County hosted it's 2nd Open House. Those in attendance also had the opportunity to build relationships through painting with former Board member, Becky Winter, who runs a business called IHeart Canvas.

# Redemptive Compassion® Lunch–N–Learn

Redemptive Compassion® is a biblical philosophy offering wholistic help to those we serve. It has evolved over fifteen years of working daily with people who find themselves struggling with needs in their life and unable to overcome them on their own. It challenges many current and common ways of addressing need based upon six core principles:

1. **Everyone has value**
2. **We are called to invest relationally in others**
3. **Everyone has capacity and potential**
4. **Mutual participation is important**
5. **We must use wisdom and discernment**
6. **What we do should transform**

Learn more about how we can change the way need is addressed during this seven-week lunch–n–learn series. Please bring your own sack lunch. Each one-hour session will build upon the previous session. All sessions are held the following Wednesdays at noon:

**Sept. 11th Sept. 25th Oct. 9th  
Oct. 23rd Nov. 6th Nov. 20th Dec. 4th**



## DISCOVER WHO GOD MADE YOU TO BE

Would you like more insight on who God made you to be? Do you long to recognize God's call on your

life? This three-hour interactive workshop will help you explore and connect your spiritual gifts, passions, abilities, personal style, and life experiences. You will leave feeling energized after gaining more insight about yourself and those with whom you live and work. Find your place in the body of Christ so you can participate in the Church's mission and ministry. Choose the date below that works best for you—and invite a friend.

**FACILITATED BY:** Kurt & Julie Overturf,  
Leader to Leader™ Workshop Facilitators  
**COST:** \$15 which includes all materials  
**DATES:** Tues., Sept. 24th; Mon., Oct. 7th;  
Tues., Nov. 5th  
**TIME:** 6–9pm  
**LOCATION:** Love INC of South Wood County

# Annual Dinner

Love INC of South Wood County hosted its first Annual Dinner and Volunteer Recognition on May 9th. The 2018 Impact Report was shared. (Available at [www.LoveINCswc.org/resources](http://www.LoveINCswc.org/resources)) This document highlights the ways area churches are uniting in purpose. In addition, the evening was spent recognizing our valued volunteers.



# Business Dinner



Love INC of South Wood County hosted a Business Dinner on May 20th, with 29 area leaders and entrepreneurs present. We were able to communicate how each business can partner with Love INC and partner churches. Also, Tom Gardner from Hay Creek Pallet shared information on the topic of employee engagement and how handing control of his business to God has made a transformational difference in his workforce.

**"It was refreshing to see area business leaders at the Love INC dinner, stepping out and standing up for Christian principles in running their businesses in today's world. It seems there is less employee turnover and more customer loyalty when treating employees and customers the way we would want to be treated ourselves. Looking forward to the next Love INC Business Dinner to network and exchange more ideas with everyone."**

*Brad and Kathy Bruner*

Lake Country R-V Sales & Service Inc. and A-1 Storage LLC

## Our Partner Churches

Bethlehem  
Lutheran

Faith  
Reformed

Christian Life  
Fellowship

First Baptist

Crossview  
Church

Grace  
Lutheran

Highland  
Immanuel  
Lutheran

Lakes Area  
Christian  
Fellowship

Light of Christ

Port Edwards  
United  
Methodist

Saint  
Lawrence  
Catholic

St. Luke's  
Lutheran

Victory  
Christian  
Church

Wisc. Rapids  
United  
Methodist



## You're invited **Sept. 19th Oct. 17th Nov. 21st Dec. 19th**

Learn more about Love INC of South Wood County by attending a one-hour informational session which includes a building tour. All sessions are held on the third Thursday of each month at noon and 6pm for your convenience.

## Connection Center

The Connection Center is the heart and foundation of Love INC. Through the Connection Center, Love INC receives requests for help, screens the requests for extent of need and legitimacy, and refers the requests to a local church ministry, church volunteer, or community agency.

The Connection Center is staffed by our Client Care Coordinator, Deb Skerven, who oversees well-trained volunteers who serve as Intake Specialists.

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# Building the Body of Christ

The body of Christ, like all bodies, is comprised of many parts. There are limbs, organs, and various members that, when left alone, cannot function, but together they make up the entire body. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 describes it like this: "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Now the body is not made up of one part but of many."

**Love INC works through the church to connect the body of Christ.** The first part of our mission is to mobilize the body of Christ. In our first year of operation, God has truly knit together a dynamic group of churches and partners to begin making a difference for families in our community.



## Partner Church Breakfast

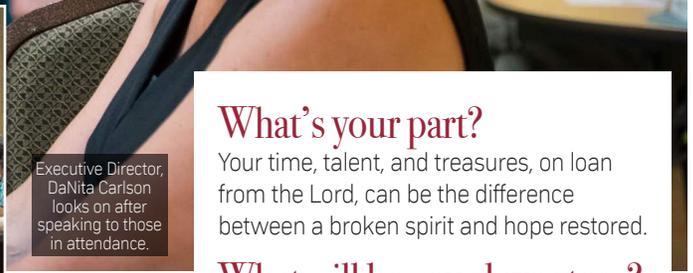
Each quarter, Love INC of South Wood County hosts a Partner Church breakfast with the goal of uniting the Church body. On April 25th and July 18th, these events were highlighted by reports from the leadership and an interactive session to discuss community needs and how the church can be addressing them.



Paul Liebherr welcomes guests and prays over the breakfast.



Attendees discuss community issues.



Executive Director, DaNita Carlson looks on after speaking to those in attendance.

### What's your part?

Your time, talent, and treasures, on loan from the Lord, can be the difference between a broken spirit and hope restored.

### What will be your love story?

**Time:** We are seeking 3-5 consistent part-time volunteers and a large number of volunteers who can assist with various tasks ranging from answering phones, mentoring, companionship, yard work, moving, and more. We are currently seeking volunteers to serve on our Finance Committee and our Property Committee.

**Talent:** Whether your gift is teaching or listening, technical or physical, we have a wide range of roles and volunteer opportunities.

**Treasure:** Love INC of South Wood County is seeking financial partners who will help sustain the financial needs of this impactful work.

**Learn more and get involved at [www.LoveINCswc.org](http://www.LoveINCswc.org)**



**Love INC Ambassadors** have been identified in each Partner Church. On June 7th, they came together for the first time to learn more about Love INC and see how their efforts will play a major role in mobilizing their church and uniting the body of Christ.