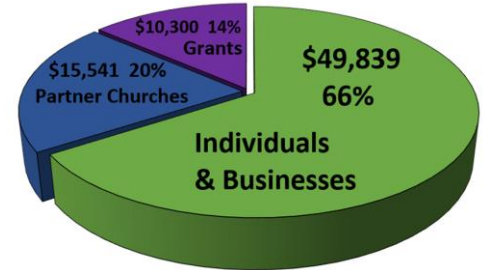




United in Purpose - Igniting Hope Through Love

Love INC of South Wood County - February 2019

SECOND PARTNER CHURCH BREAKFAST



2018 INCOME

With over 130 Love INC affiliates across the nation the network provides great perspective on needed revenue sources for affiliates. On average a typical affiliate receives 1/3 of their income from individuals and businesses, 1/3 from church partners, and 1/3 from grants. Our actual 2018 income distribution is depicted above. Our 2019 budget is \$93,000. Fund development and sustainability plans have been developed to help us meet that goal.

We held the second partner church breakfast on Thursday, January 24th with 13 partner churches and 35 representatives attending. Information was shared on Connection Center activity, the referral process, partner church ministries, "Love Stories", sustainability, and learning opportunities. Thank you to everyone who participated and provided feedback so we can improve the process and be more effective.

The Love INC model provides a great value proposition for our partner churches. With Love INC conducting the detailed intake and subsequent verification process it allows partner churches to spend their time more effectively with those in need.

Here is a quote from partner church Christian Life Fellowship Pastor Eric Dunker;

"I did want to say how AWESOME it is that Love, Inc spends the time learning the stories and also vetting people. Today I was able to spend time listening to "Irma" and sitting with her as she continues to grieve the loss of her husband and father. I didn't have to worry about all the paper work or checking to see if the needs are real or valid. I was able to sit with her and listen and then pray with her. THANK YOU! Having Love INC allows us to be the church!!! It's great! Love what you guys are doing!"

DONATION OPTIONS

We have heard from donors who desire more options to give; specifically sustained giving options (monthly, etc.) Based on some great input from fundraising experts we have set up an account with DonorBox, our new giving platform that utilizes both Stripe and PayPal for donation processing. This will allow ACH (Automatic Clearing House – direct bank transfers) from any financial institution. Look for more information to come.



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 starting in February. For your convenience, we have sessions scheduled for both Noon and 6:00pm. The first session is Thursday, February 21st. If this month doesn't work for you, plan to come to another session in the coming months.

REDEMPTIVE COMPASSION

We also have **Redemptive Compassion Lunch-n-Learns** scheduled for 2019. 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 & 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 every other **Wednesday at Noon**. Dates are scheduled February 13th and 27th, March 13th and 27th, April 10th and 24th, and May 8th.



NEW BOARD ROOM VOLUNTEER QUOTE

After a tremendous amount of work by a number of volunteers, our new board room is completed. It looks fantastic! Thank you to the Property Committee for leading this project. Volunteers from St. Luke's Veterans of the Cross, Saint Lawrence Catholic Church, and CLF put many hours into the project. The volunteers are such a blessing.

"I volunteer to give back to this wonderful community and although there are a number of organizations who need volunteers, I chose Love INC because of the partnership with a variety of local churches and Christian focus. As an Intake Specialist, I've gained an appreciation of the process Love INC utilizes to assist clients, focusing on a "hand up" instead of a "hand out." It's been rewarding to see client's needs met and relationships developed and I look forward to being involved in the continual growth of Love INC."

– Mary Manley, Intake Specialist from Grace Lutheran



The foundation for every healthy relationship is the ability to build and maintain trust. In this two-hour interactive session we will examine practical ways to build trust and use coaching tools to identify and unpack various conflict styles.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 6:30-8:30 PM

FACILITATED BY: Julie Overturf & Diane O'Connor

COST: \$25 per person; includes workshop & coaching tools

[Register Here](#)

NOVEMBER DATA

For the month of December, the connection center received 78 calls. We had 18 referrals, 7 from partner churches, 5 from community agencies, and 6 from other sources.

The top needs were for:

- Financial Assistance – 5
- Service Needs – 5
- Material Needs – 4

Through our partners 12 needs were met, 2 were unmet which help us define community gaps for our "Gap Ministries" which we will develop with our partner churches.

Prayer: Lord guide our Love INC team & volunteers to mobilize churches to transform lives and communities in your name.
Amen.