



# Love INC

## Love In the Name of Christ

SOUTH  
WOOD  
COUNTY

January 2019

*"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*



## FINDING HOPE: A LOVE STORY

Frank was going to have back surgery for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. He called the Connection Center in need of diapers for his child, gas money, and information on a different career path. Volunteers talked with him multiple times to determine a plan. He was not aware his insurance may provide transportation or reimbursement for his mileage to his doctor's appointments. After our last conversation, he was going to contact his insurance company. Love INC was able to provide him with diapers. Frank is still healing from surgery, but we discussed how to proceed in making a career change. He stated he would be interested in a Job's for Life 8-week program in addition to checking out agencies in the community that could assist him. Frank voiced how he wants to be a good role model for his children. We will continue to work with him during his journey of healing (both physical and spiritual). Although we do not know if Frank is a believer, he gave us permission to pray with him and thanked us for our prayers.

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## NEWEST PARTNER

We welcome our newest partner church, Wisconsin Rapids United Methodist Church, located at 441 Garfield Street, with Pastor Joshua Pegram. They have joined the other thirteen partner churches that have signed a Statement of Understanding (SOU) establishing the relationship between the church and Love INC. Partner churches can choose how they would like to work together from praying for the ministry, providing volunteers, sharing ministries, financial support, etc.

### Partner Churches

- [Christian Life Fellowship](#)
- [Crossview Church](#)
- [Faith Reformed](#)
- [First Baptist](#)
- [Grace Lutheran](#)
- [Highland Church](#)
- [Immanuel Lutheran](#)
- [Lakes Area Christian Fellowship](#)
- [Light of Christ](#)
- [Port Edwards United Methodist](#)
- [Saint Lawrence Catholic](#)
- [St. Luke's Lutheran](#)
- [Victory Christian Church](#)
- [Wisconsin Rapids United Methodist](#)

## NOVEMBER DATA

For the month of November, the connection center received 67 calls. We had eleven referrals, 4 from partner churches, 4 from community agencies, and 3 from other sources.

The top needs were for:

- Service Needs – 9
- Material Needs – 7
- Transportation – 5
- Financial Assistance – 3

Through our partners 12 needs were met and relationships built over the month.

## Volunteer Hours

Resources make this ministry "tick". Since opening our connection center in late August our trained Intake Specialists have logged over 200 hours serving our neighbors by taking their calls and walking them through the intake process. Thank you to all our Intake Specialists!



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## MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER



Matt Casper is our newest board member. He attends Calvary Baptist Church and will be starting on the board in January. Matt is an Advisor for Thrivent Financial. We greatly appreciate his willingness to answer this call to share his gifts and talents with Love INC. Welcome aboard Matt!



### 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 2-hour interactive sessions you will examine your personal values and use them to make wise choices about where to invest your time and energy in six key life domains – Relationship, Work, Finances, Health, Living Environment, and Personal Growth.

Workshop location: Love INC of SWC  
**Tuesdays, January 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**6:30-8:30 PM, Facilitated by Julie Overturf & Diane O'Connor**



**LEARNING TO LIVE A FULLY HUMAN, FULLY ALIVE MISSIONAL LIFE OF JOY, PASSION AND PURPOSE**

### FAITHWALKING 101 WEEKEND

DATES: JANUARY 25 & 26, 2019  
 FRIDAY 6-9PM (5:30-6PM Check-In)  
 SATURDAY 8:00AM-8:00PM  
 LOCATION: Love INC of SWC

#### REGISTER ONLINE:

[faithwalking.mobirisesite.com](http://faithwalking.mobirisesite.com)

\$30 - MEALS INCLUDED  
 Please register by January 20

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

They teach, coach, and empower leaders to equip their communities to live the fully human, fully alive life that Jesus calls us to. The core work centers around helping you and those in your community to master the work of spiritual formation, inner healing, emotional transformation, and missional living. They believe your work in personal transformation clears space for you to effectively get on mission with God in the world.

### Love INC



**Q:** *What steps will be taken to avoid duplication of services?*

**A:** Love INC does not seek to replace or duplicate what human service agencies and ministries are doing well, but only to complement the work of those agencies.



**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.

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### Prayer:

“If any of you lacks wisdom, they should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to them.”

- James 1:5

Oh Lord, we ask that wisdom be poured out upon us as we make daily decisions about a Love INC ministry and about our personal lives. According to Your promise and faithfulness answer this prayer.  
 Amen.