



November 2019



Connection Center Data

In September the Love INC Connection Center received 30 requests for help, most were for financial assistance, services, material needs, and transportation. So far this year we have received 261 requests for help. The top 20 requests are itemized below. No surprise that financial needs are at the top of the list.

Love INC of South Wood County 2019 Stated Need Summary

Rank	"Stated Need"	Calls
1	Rental/Security Deposit	37
2	Utilities	24
3	Gas Cards	21
4	Moving	20
5	Emergency Housing	17
6	Food	17
7	Housing Search	15
8	Emotional Support/Counseling	14
9	Furniture	8
10	Job Search	8
11	Medical Transport	8
12	Car Repair	7
13	Lawn care	6
14	Budgeting	6
15	Home Repair	5
16	General Financial Assistance	5
17	Household Items	5
18	Home Repairs	5
19	Other Transport	4
20	School Supplies	3

↳ transportation (1)

In the past year we have come a long way. As our ministry has grown so has our needs. With only two staff we have reached our capacity in terms of how many churches we can support and how many clients we can handle well. We are in need of additional help.

We are looking for two volunteers to help, a volunteer coordinator and an administrative assistant.

Volunteer Coordinator – This volunteer position is needed to help our partner churches mobilize volunteers. This involves logistics and persistence. There is tremendous support from our National Office to support the position and work. We are looking for someone who could dedicate 10-20 hours per week.

Administrative Assistant – This volunteer position is needed to help with the various office tasks that take a considerable amount of time that our current staff could use helping clients and building relationships with our partner churches. The position would include copying, filing, phone calls, setting up appointments, following up on action items and providing general help. We are looking for someone that could dedicate 10-20 hours per week

If God has blessed you with gifts and talents for organization, we need you! We can only grow and help more people by increasing our capacity. Please consider these positions. If interested or you just want to learn more please contact the office at 715-423-5683 or loveincswc@gmail.com.

Church Partner Activities

Grace Lutheran Church (1531 Whitrock Ave, WI Rapids) is hosting a forum on the **Wood County Adult Drug Treatment Court**, Sunday, November 10th in the Worship Space from 9:15 - 10:15 am. Speakers will be Wood County Sheriff Shawn Becker, Investigative Sergeant Andy Simon, Case Manager/Coordinator Ryan McMillan, and Pastor Ken Hanson.



United Methodist Church of Port Edwards, 411 Wisconsin River Drive, will host its Annual Holiday Bazaar and Luncheon on Saturday, November 2, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., where you can experience a long-standing tradition of over 65 years. The bazaar includes handmade goodies, unique gifts, Christmas crafts, and live music. Proceeds from the Holiday Bazaar support local and worldwide mission efforts. The church is located at For more information, call 715-887-3011



St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 2011 10th Street South, is sponsoring a free Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. To make reservations call 715-423-5990. Volunteers needed for the meal.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, 150 8th Street North is hosting a Ruby's Pantry "Ice Cream Drop" with free cases of ice cream on Tuesday, November 5th, from 3:30 – 6:00 in the church parking lot. "You scream, I scream, we all scream for ice cream!"



DONOR QUOTE

"The first LOVE INC business dinner was fabulous, and we especially enjoyed hearing from Tom Gardner about his business, Hay Creek Pallet in Pittsville. He shared how the Lord challenged him to make his business his ministry. He began to place his main focus on investing in his people first, while their excellent work became the wonderful by-product of their ministry! It was a very inspiring evening, and we look forward to the next Love INC business dinner."

- Bob & Diane O'Connor,
O'Connor Coaching LLC

DISCOVER SERIES



The Leader to Leader Network is offering individuals and teams an opportunity to discover their spiritual gifts, abilities, passions, to equip and empower you to make a significant difference in your life, your church, and the community. The last opportunity this year is Tuesday, November 5, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

The location is Love INC at 710 20th Avenue South. To register contact Julie Overturf at julieoverturf8@gmail.com or 715-323-0270.



If you are a Thrivent Financial member, you can sponsor up to two "Thrivent Action Teams" per year. Each team is eligible for \$250 seed money for projects that involve volunteers and support a community need.

Love INC utilized a number of these teams for various needs over the last two years. If you are a member and have not used your Action Teams this year, please contact the office and we will help guide you on how to initiate the process.

Also, many Thrivent members have "Choice Dollars" that can be allocated to eligible non-profits like Love INC of South Wood County. Please consider leveraging your Thrivent membership to invest in helping Love INC transform our community. With 261 needs addressed already this year, your contributions are making a difference!

Prayer:

"...that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured."

- Colossians 4:12

Holy Spirit, continue Your good work in the Love INC Movement. Help us all to stand firm in obedience to God, mature in our faith, and lead with integrity.

Amen.

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