



October 2019



LOVE INC NATIONAL VISIT

Richard Strick, Love INC National Director of New and Transitioning Affiliates, visited Love INC of South Wood County on September 16th and 17th. His visit was part of an assessment to determine if we are meeting the requirements to advance from a developing affiliate to a full-fledged operational affiliate.

Richard participated in our monthly board meeting, facilitated a visioning process, spoke at the Partner Church Breakfast, interviewed staff and board, and held a strategic planning training session with the board.

We look forward to the report from Love INC National and our advancement to full affiliate status.

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August Connection Center Data

The Love INC Connection Center received 111 calls in August including 35 requests for needs. As of the end of August, 18 families were receiving help from this ministry.

Top needs for the month included:

- Financial Assistance (15)
- Services (13)
- Material Items (5)
- Transportation (1)

Within the services category the largest need was for moving assistance. This has been a leading need for several months and may provide an opportunity for what is called a "Gap Ministry", a new ministry that is developed to fill a gap, a need that exists in a community that is not currently being fully met. This may be something an individual church would desire to establish or a combination of interested people with the time, talent, and resources to help in this area. Cumulative need data is shared at our Partner Church Breakfasts as we seek to determine the passion and capacity within our church partners.

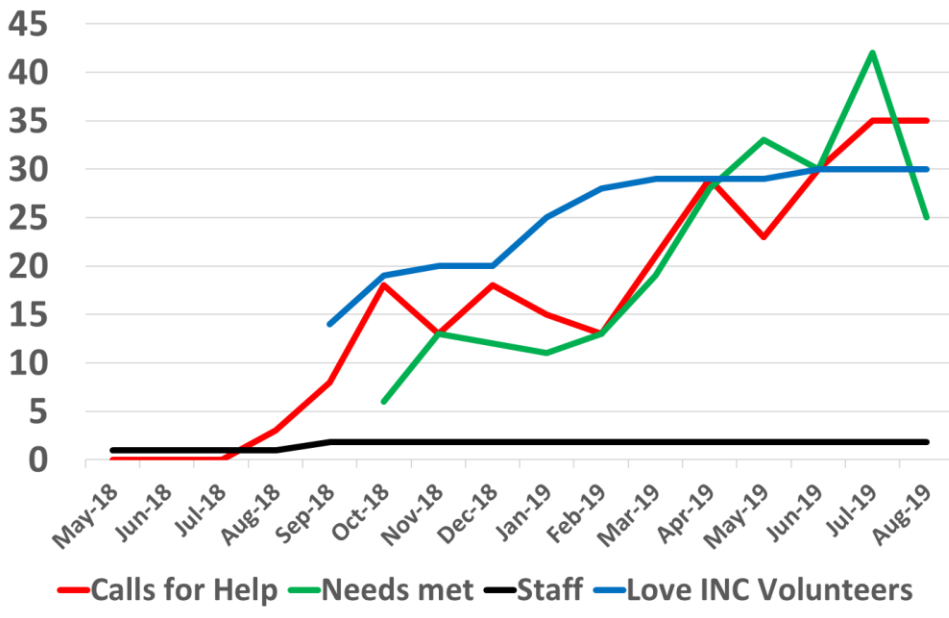


LOVE STORY

(Names have been changed)

The Aging and Disability Resource Center referred Dick to Love INC. Dick is a single gentleman who owns his home and had a successful career until he faced several health crisis's in the past year. With his health declining quickly, he had managed to pay his bills for many months while waiting for approval for disability. However, funds began to run low and he received a disconnection notice for utilities. A Partner Church was able to help Dick with his utility bill so his electricity was not disconnected. Love INC volunteers took food and household necessities to Dick while neighbors and friends rallied around him to offer their assistance. Dick enjoyed praying and talking with the volunteers and continues to check in with the Connection Center volunteers to let everyone know how he is doing. Love INC is in the process of matching Dick with a Partner Church Stephen Minister for weekly home visits. Dick's health is expected to continue to decline. During this difficult time, Love INC volunteers will be there to provide him with spiritual support and prayers. If additional needs arise, we look forward to coming along side Dick to talk through challenges, barriers, and possible solutions.

Love INC of South Wood County



NEEDS EXCEEDING CAPACITY

Since the move into our new location in May of 2018 we have seen tremendous growth. We hired our second staff person (black line), Deb Skerven, our Connection Center Coordinator. We have also seen the number of Love INC volunteers grow to 41 including some amazing Connection Center Intake Specialists (blue line).

Calls to the Connection Center have exceeded over 100 the last few months with needs also growing. The red line above indicates the growth in calls for need. The green line are the needs that have been met.

We have also grown the number of Partner Churches to 16 representing nine different denominations all working together as the body of Christ toward our mission to "Mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ".

As we look toward developing our plans for next year we need your support and prayers to increase our capacity to meet the growing needs. As you, your church, your business, your family, look towards plans for the

coming year we pray you will consider furthering your support of this wonderful ministry by becoming a sustaining donor and volunteer. Your monthly investment of time, talent, and treasure is helping to advance the Kingdom and further strengthen the work of the Body of Christ.



VOLUNTEER QUOTE

"I volunteer at Love INC for a couple of reasons, I believe in the ministry and what their vision is to serve those in need in the community. I also believe God sent me to serve at Love INC."

- Pat Bradbury, Volunteer Connection Center Intake Specialist

DISCOVER WORKSHOP



Crossview Church attendees at the September Discover Workshop

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.

Choose one of these dates:

- Monday, October 7th, 6 – 9 pm
- Tuesday, November 5th, 6 - 9 pm

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

Prayer:

"The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion." – Psalm 116:5

O Lord, may those in our community who are hurting and without hope experience Your love and compassion through the Body of Christ and Love INC.
Amen.