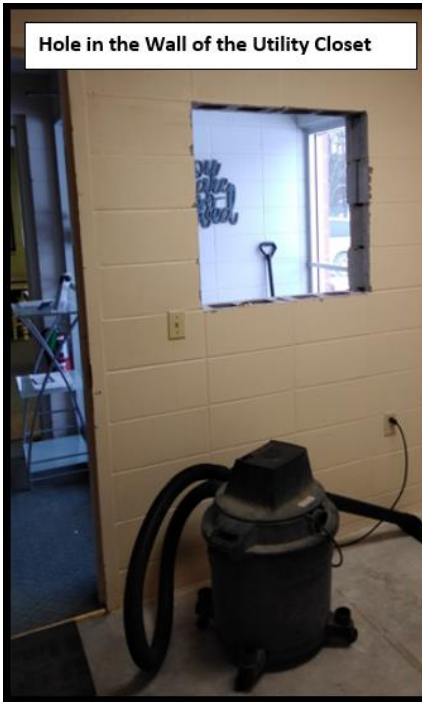




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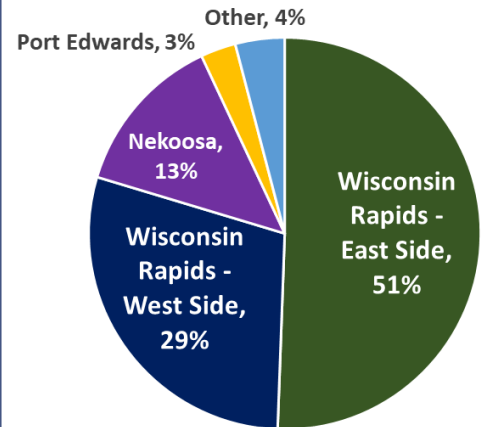


Hole in the Wall of the Utility Closet



Now the New Receptionist Room

Connection Center Call Origin



Serving the greater south Wood County area calls to the Connection Center come from a variety of locations. The chart above depicts where area needs have originated in 2019.

LOVE INC IS GROWING!

In a little over a year from opening the Love INC Connection Center the ministry has accelerated and transformations are beginning. We are routinely addressing between 30 and 50 needs per month. With our sixteen partner churches our capacity is straining, and we are responding. Traffic at the office has necessitated the conversion of a storage area into a new reception office, see photos above. As such we will be seeking volunteers to staff the reception area during times when the Connection Center is open.

The time has also come to put more resources into coordinating and training volunteers from our partner churches. The board of directors has approved the hiring of a third staff

person, a Volunteer Coordinator. Key responsibilities are managing the volunteer programs and coordinating scheduling of volunteers including training. Those interested in this position should contact DaNita at 715-424-LOVE (5683) for further information.

With growth also comes change. Deb Skerven has been our Client Care Coordinator since the opening of the Connection Center. With the coming birth of additional grandchildren, she has decided to step back from that role. She has done an amazing job and we will miss her dearly, but we are happy she will be able to spend more time with her family. In her own words; *"I have been immeasurably blessed*

during my time as the Client Care Coordinator. I am still deeply committed to the mission of Love INC and will continue to serve as a volunteer. I would like to thank you for all your support. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with each and every one of you."

Therefore, we are also seeking a new Client Care Coordinator. Key responsibilities include supervising and managing the Connection Center. Those interested in this position should also contact DaNita for further information.

Love INC Position Opportunities

- Client Care Coordinator (paid staff)
- Volunteer Coordinator (paid staff)
- Volunteer Receptionists (volunteers)



DONOR APPEAL

We are very grateful for all who have contributed to our annual end of year appeal. It is through your generosity that we are able to operate and serve our neighbors in need in our area. If you have not yet invested in our community, we would love to have you join our mission team by providing monthly financial support. Check out our website for donation options.

www.loveincswc.org



JOURNEY OF GENEROSITY (JOG)

Love INC of South Wood County will be hosting a "Journey of Generosity" on Friday, February 14th, Valentines Day, at Love INC. We will start with a light breakfast at 7:30 am. This is a solicitation free event. The event is guided by a trained National Christian Foundation Facilitator and encourages a conversation about generosity amongst friends. Together, we will explore the life-changing message of Biblical generosity and the power it has to bring joy, freedom, and purpose. This experience is designed to focus on your heart and not your money. To register please contact DaNita at the Love INC office at 715-424-LOVE (5683) or danita@loveincswc.org



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 at Noon and 6:00pm**. Coming sessions are;

- **Thursday, January 16th**
- **Thursday, February 20th**

RSVPs are required for the 6pm session.

REDEMPTIVE COMPASSION

We have **Redemptive Compassion Lunch-n-Learns** scheduled for 2020. Redemptive Compassion® is a biblical philosophy offering wholistic help to those we serve. It is 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 7-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;

- January 8th, 22nd
- February 5th, 19th
- March 4th, 18th
- April 1st

PARTNER CHURCH BREAKFAST

The next partner church breakfast is scheduled for **Thursday, January 23rd**. In 2019 we had "big-picture" conversations to identify needs not being adequately addressed in our community. In 2020 we will begin to focus on some areas of need identified. Join us to discuss what it would take to make these ideas a reality.

Breakfast: 7:30 – 8:00 am

Program: 8:00 – 9:30 am

LOVE STORY

Vince and Lori recently moved to Wisconsin Rapids and called the Connection for help. While listening to their story we learned the transition to a new community and apartment living was challenging for them. We also learned they were in need of furniture as they had been sleeping on the floor and Vince was experiencing a lot of pain due to his physical disabilities. Love INC reached out to our partner churches for help and found a family in the process of selling their home. This family had exactly the furniture Vince and Lori needed, and partner church volunteers were able to deliver it. We followed up with Vince after the furniture delivery. He told us he cried the first night he was able to sleep in a bed. He added because "God has blessed Love INC, Love INC has been a blessing to him". We also referred Vince and Lori to the Hero's Cafe, the Lowell Center, as well as a partner church so they could begin building new relationships in our community.

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