

# HELPING CHURCHES HELP PEOPLE



MOBILIZING LOCAL CHURCHES TO TRANSFORM LIVES AND COMMUNITIES IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

## Executive Director's Message

By DaNita Carlson

What makes Love INC of South Wood County's heart beat? It's the volunteers of all ages, who come to us from our partner churches and the community. They are volunteers who selflessly give of their time and talents to help those in need, to make someone's day brighter, to lessen the load, and to improve people's lives. Love INC believes our volunteers are blessed for their service as much as our neighbors are blessed by the sharing of their time and talent. But don't take our word for it, take the words directly from our volunteers:

*"We love LOVE INC. We have a heart for your mission and believe in what Love INC is doing. We know the ministry is having kingdom impact and is a blessing to the people in the community, especially to the churches and businesses, as it is necessary to be effective in the ministry. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of Love INC. Tom & Janeen Gardner*

*"Volunteering on the Communications Team and as an Intake Specialist in the Connection Center at Love INC has been a true blessing to me. It has allowed me to live out God's Word through action in loving and caring for others in my community. It has made me more aware of the needs here in South Wood County and do my best, in some small way, to help someone who may be hurting or struggling. Volunteering allows me to help spread the love of Christ, grow my relationship with God and others, and to use the gifts God chose specifically for me! As Love INC continues to grow, I look forward to growing right alongside them." Sue Zirnheld*

*"As I came to learn more about Love INC, I really liked how they were organized, especially that their goal is to make connections with people not just "do stuff" for them. I think it's easy for me to live a comfortable life in Wisconsin Rapids and not even know that there are people out there who need help...the pandemic only adds to the impulse to isolate ourselves. Love INC has provided me the opportunity to help others and to help me to live out and strengthen my faith. For me, it's about following what God wants us to do on earth...take care of each other!" Steve Grant*

Words cannot express how grateful we feel for their service in the South Wood County area. Thank you to all our volunteers! As the ministry grows, we look forward to serving with more volunteers and broadening our impact in the community!



September 2020



## Our Volunteer Statistics

Current Volunteers	108
Volunteers That Served in July	45

The Independent Sector has determined the current estimated national value of each volunteer hour to be \$27.20/hour. At this rate, in 2020, Love INC volunteers have donated \$62,395 worth of time helping our neighbors in South Wood County! This equates to 2,294 hours January thru July.

## Emotional Support Line

The Emotional Support Line has been created to help the worried, lonely, and discouraged find hope. It is a collaboration of Love INC and its partner churches and offers a volunteer-staffed "Hope Line" made up of volunteers who will be prepared to listen, offer support, and most importantly, provide hope for those who need it. The Emotional Support Line will be equipped to point people to available local services such as formal counseling, meal options, health care, and other resources.

We are in need of approximately fifteen additional volunteers in order to offer this service to our community. Training would be provided and will have a flexible volunteer schedule. If you want to be part of this new service or would like additional information, please email our Volunteer Coordinator, Wendy, at [volunteer@loveincswc.org](mailto:volunteer@loveincswc.org).



The Bible says, *The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. (Psalm 34:18)*

It also says, *But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31)*

## September Dates

Love INC Information Sessions  
Thursday, September 17  
Noon and 6pm

Ambassador's Breakfast  
Tuesday, September 22  
7:30 - 9:30 am

# New Position Available at Love INC

If you are interested or you may know someone who may be interested in a newly developed 15 hour per week position as Church Mobilization Coordinator at Love INC of South Wood County, please see the job description posted on our [webpage](#). If you have any questions or you would like to apply, please contact DaNita Carlson at [danita@loveincswc.org](mailto:danita@loveincswc.org) or call 715-424-LOVE (5683).

## Trauma Informed Care Workshop

Love INC of SWC will be offering a *Trauma Informed Care Workshop: Creating Trauma Informed Connections With Those We Serve* on Monday, September 28 from 10-11:30am. This workshop will help us understand the ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) study as it relates to mental illness across the lifespan of an individual, what Trauma-Informed Care is, and identify the five pillars of trauma-informed culture change for Love INC and its partner churches. Please join us on a Zoom meeting (link will be shared with you after you RSVP). Additional information may be found [here](#).

### Free Online Redemptive Compassion Course

ENCOURAGING.  
EQUIPPING.  
ELEVATING.

Love INC National, in partnership with Love INC of Treasure Valley in Idaho, is excited to bring you a free, 2-hour *Introduction to Redemptive Compassion* course. The philosophy, insight, and encouragement of Redemptive Compassion has been promoted to and embraced by many Love INC affiliates as a core understanding connected to our mission. It is a foundational training tool for churches and individuals seeking to help people effectively.

This course will explore reasons why common methods of assistance may not be best for those we are helping. Begin [the course](#) to start your Redemptive Compassion journey.

*"You gave abundant showers, O God; You refreshed Your weary inheritance. Your people settled in it, and from your bounty, O God, You provided for the poor." Psalm 68:9-10*

Prayer: Lord, we pray for people who are in distress, that through their contact with Christian churches, they may know Your love and care for them. Use our lives and resources to bless others in their time of need. Amen

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