

HELPING CHURCHES HELP PEOPLE



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



Vern contacted Love INC several months ago as a referral from a partner church. While Love INC Intake Specialists talked with Vern, they learned he had been working over the road for some time. He shared that he was living in his truck and was in the process

of purchasing a trailer home. He also shared that he had an adult child with disabilities moving in with him. Vern had nothing for his home because he had been living in his truck. After completing the verification process, Love INC was able to coordinate the donation of a mattress, bed frame, couch, and a television by several Love INC Volunteers and the partner church he is a part of. Vern is a follower of Christ and believes that God will provide. He has appreciated the support given to him by Love INC Volunteers and the partner church. Love INC Intake Specialists have continued to connect with him through his struggle navigating changing jobs and managing his finances. We will continue to provide support and prayer as Love INC reaches out and becomes aware of additional needs. God bless all those that continue to support and love our neighbors through their partnership with Love INC .

AMAZON SMILE!

With the holiday shopping season upon us, please consider using [Amazon Smile](https://www.amazon.com/smile) to have a percentage donated to Love INC of SWC every time you shop. Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and bookmark the page so you'll land on the smile page every time you shop. Sign into your account, and search for Love INC SWC. Once you make this selection, you will receive an email confirmation. You are now ready to bring the love of Christ to South Wood County in your everyday and holiday purchases!

COMING EVENTS

Love INC Informational Sessions
Thursday, October 19
 at noon & 6pm
 RSVP to Wendy at
 715-424-LOVE (5683)
 or volunteer@loveincswc.org

July - September 2020 Connection Center Data Summary

- ♥ People requesting help: 60
- ♥ Number of people completing the intake process: 44
- ♥ Referrals from churches: 8
- ♥ Referrals from Community Partners: 20
- ♥ Referrals from previous clients: 8
- ♥ Referrals from online: 6
- ♥ Referrals from other: 12
- ♥ Referrals from unknown: 6
- ♥ Total requests for help (clients can identify more than 1 need): 70
- ♥ #1 Financial Assistance (Rent/security deposit/utilities/gas, etc.): 39
- ♥ #2 Services (Lawn care/repairs/moving/emotional support, etc.): 22
- ♥ #3 Material Needs (Food/household/clothing, etc.): 9
- ♥ Needs met by Partner Churches, other churches or Love INC of SWC Volunteers: 49
- ♥ Needs met by Community Partners: 35
- ♥ Total families benefitting from Love INC Ministry: 58



Love INC of South Wood County is thrilled to announce that we recently were awarded a grant, funded in part by the Green Bay Packers Foundation, in the amount of \$4,000.

The Green Bay Packers Foundation has been giving back to Wisconsin's communities since it was established in 1986 by Judge Robert J. Parins, then president of Green Bay Packers, Inc. "as a vehicle to assure continued contributions to charity." It is a component of Green Bay Packers Give Back, the all-encompassing community outreach initiative.

This grant will pay for our Client Care Coordinator's salary through the end of 2020. We are thankful and blessed to have been one of the many recipients in 2020. For additional information and to view all the recipients, follow this [link](#). #PackersGiveBack.

MOVING MINISTRY

The Love INC Connection Center has been open for over two years now. We have tracked all of the calls and needs from our clients over those years. Many of those needs have been met by our partner churches and community organizations; however, there are some needs that cannot be met with current programs. In Love INC terms we call these "gap ministries", programs that are needed but do not currently exist in the community. Last year, the top three needs were all financial; however, the fourth most frequent need was for assistance moving. Seeing this unmet need, a partner church, Grace Lutheran, decided to host a new gap ministry to address moving needs. An organizational meeting was held earlier this year with three churches participating. We have a team of seventeen volunteers that have assisted with seven moves so far. The scopes of the moves have ranged from a single couch to a seven-room two story house, with an average move distance of 8 miles. We have served clients in Nekoosa, Wisconsin Rapids, Arpin, Vesper, Pittsville, and Port Edwards. This is love in action; churches working together in new ways, helping to transform lives and our communities.



CHURCH PARTNERS

Throughout the country, the 134 **Love In the Name of Christ** Affiliates have been central to bringing together a broad base of Christian churches in a community to minister to the needs of that community. Together, these local Christian churches focus not on theological or doctrinal differences, denominational practices, political or social agendas, but on our shared belief in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, manifested in a shared outreach to local neighbors in need. Working in a coordinated way, these churches actively demonstrate love in the name of Christ.

We appreciate each and every one of our South Wood County Church Partners listed below. Love INC volunteers from our partner churches are ministering to people in need in meaningful ways as they are called to offer themselves, their resources and talents, in service to others.

- Bethlehem Lutheran
- Christian Life Fellowship
- Crossview
- Faith Reformed
- First Baptist
- Grace Lutheran
- Highland
- Immanuel Lutheran
- Lakes Area Christian Fellowship
- Port Edwards United Methodist
- River Cities Christian Church
- St. Luke's Lutheran
- Saint Lawrence Catholic
- The Light of Christ
- Victory Christian Church
- Wis. Rapids United Methodist



Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. If you or someone you know is looking for housing and may meet the qualifications, please contact Habitat for Humanity, go to their [website](#) for additional information, or view their brochure [here](#).



*"For you have been my hope, O Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth."
Psalm 71:5*

Lord, we thank you for the Christians in our community who have stepped forward to help build our Love INC. Strengthen and bless them as they respond to Your call. Amen

NEED HELP OR SUPPORT?

Love INC is committed to connecting anyone in need with the resources necessary to live a productive and meaningful life. We can be reached directly by phone at 715-424-LOVE (5683) or by filling out the form found [here](#).

Our Connection Center is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.