



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

JUNE 2021



Galatians 5:22-23 - "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things, there is no law."

Carrie Christensen started volunteering many years ago when her four children were in school. She attended and volunteered through New Hope Christian Church until 2018 when the church disbanded. Although the loss of her church was difficult, God had plans to give Love INC of South Wood County a new home in the church building.

After the church closing, Carrie began to look for other volunteer opportunities and Love INC seemed a logical choice. She was familiar with the mission and could see how the churches working together could provide a greater impact for those in need in our community. She thought volunteering through Love INC would give her the opportunity to do more for the community, not just church members. Carrie understood the Connection Center process of vetting the clients, so she was confident her service would really help those who need it.

Carrie now volunteers on the Love INC cleaning team. She uses her God-given skills to help people clean and organize. She brings her smile, joyful heart, and good work ethic to every service opportunity.

She is currently serving and building a relationship with a woman who needed help. The woman is 'doing her homework' between visits and participating in prayer with Carrie and her fellow volunteers. As Carrie said, "God gives us the patience to be ready when the clients are ready. We are just the hands and feet." We thank God for Carrie's love and devotion to service in our community!

April Connection Center Data



APRIL VOLUNTEER DATA & INFO

Volunteers Ready to Serve - 134 Volunteers That Served in April - 64
Total Volunteer Hours in April - 468.25

The Independent Sector has recently raised the value of volunteer time to \$28.54 per hour. In April, volunteers from our Partner Churches have donated \$13,363.86 worth of time.

Our Love INC team would love to speak to you. We have opportunities and needs for Connection Center Intake Specialists, videographers, and prayer warriors. You can sign up to be a **volunteer**, or call us at 715-424-LOVE (5683).



One of our volunteer Intake Specialists, Diane, takes a moment to smile for the camera while talking with a client.



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CHECK OUT OUR NEW BLOG PAGE!!

Love Rocks!

LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST OF SOUTH WOOD COUNTY

SAVE THE DATE!

3-YEAR CELEBRATION

Open House with Volunteer Recognition and picnic meal served from 4:00-7:00 pm

Thursday, July 29, 2021

4:00-7:00 pm

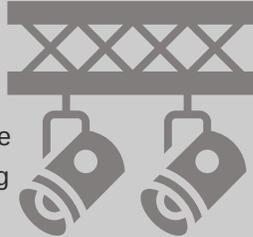
Love INC of South Wood County

710 20th Avenue South, Wisconsin Rapids



PARTNER CHURCH SPOTLIGHT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

First Baptist's Pastor, Chuck Bradbury, was a founding board member of Love INC of South Wood County. They believe in Love INC's vision to share the gospel and love of God with those in need and hurting in our community.



When asked what a partnership with Love INC meant to their congregation, Pastor Chuck's wife, Pat, responded Love INC is, "a good avenue to use the gifts in our church to help the hurting, needy, and unsaved in our community."

In her opinion, Love INC assists their church's vision of sharing God's love with others in South Wood County in practical ways such as helping people move, shop for groceries, or provide rides. Other members from their church have assisted as Intake Specialists, in meal ministry, and have helped clean or pack up homes.

First Baptist's Love INC Ambassador, Janet Pierson, shared specifics of how they promote Christ in their neighborhood. On the first Sunday during warmer months, congregation members distribute bags with information and assorted items to 200-300 households near their church, praying for each as they drop the bags off.

First Baptist is planning a Redemptive Compassion Course in September for the community. Janet said, "When I considered attending my first Redemptive Compassion training session, I was doubtful that I was going to hear anything different than so many programs I had been involved in. The very first class changed my mind completely. These sessions gave me a fresh and new insight into how to give a person the help they really need. A hand-up instead of a hand-out. These training sessions will teach you how to accomplish this in a loving and caring manner."

We are thankful to all Love INC Partner Churches and their members who minister to people in need in meaningful ways. They offer themselves, their resources and talents, in service to others.



CHANGES IN THE CLIENT CARE COORDINATOR POSITION

We thank Tricia Janssen for her dedication, care, and love she has shown every client encountered through Love INC. As she moves into a new (and equally important) role as caregiver for her aging mother, we wish her the very best. Tricia shared this with the Intake Specialists she worked with and supported, "I will cherish the memories of laughter in the Connection Center and supporting each other after difficult calls. I am not walking away from Love INC completely and will show my face here periodically."



Welcome Jodi Lubeck



Jodi served in ministry for 10 years at a Christian radio station and St. Luke's Lutheran Church as the Youth and Family Ministry Assistant and Preschool/4K Director. In August of 2020 she moved to the public

sector. After wrestling with God throughout the year over the change, He opened the door for her to move back into ministry where her heart is. Jodi heard the Client Care Coordinator position was open and read everything possible on the local and national Love INC websites. She fell completely in love with the ministry. Jodi is excited to be a part of what God is doing at Love INC bringing the Body of Christ together to build relationships and serve our neighbors in need.



Heavenly Father, We bow on our knees to Jesus today, trusting Him with both the moments of perfection and the times of pain and suffering. Help us to live to the glory of His name. Amen

Philippians 2:10 ... that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.