



Love In the Name of Christ

May 2022

Love Story

In December of 2019 Peggy* was referred to Love INC by a hospital social worker. She had spent eight months in a nursing home and was finally in her own apartment. Her battle with diverticulitis and rheumatoid arthritis left her weak, and her eyesight was failing. Peggy needed help with some daily living tasks like grocery shopping, taking the garbage out, picking up her mail, and transportation to doctor appointments.

As a former nurse, Peggy lived her life helping people. Now she was the one in need of help. Over the next two years, God took good care of Peggy through loving, tender-hearted volunteers at Love In the Name of Christ. They made sure Peggy knew how to order her groceries online during Covid. They drove her to the doctor, hair appointments, and the bank. They picked up her groceries and oftentimes called just to check in and see how she was doing.

The relationship with Peggy and the volunteers grew. It became natural to spend time visiting each month after they returned from an outing. Peggy really enjoyed the company. When she first called Love INC she was feeling alone. She was not alone anymore.

This past year Peggy shared with us how grateful she was for the kindness of the volunteers. She said, "It's wonderful. It's been so much help. I am so happy and so thankful that the volunteers are helping. I wouldn't be able to stay in my home without them. Without you (Love INC), I would not be able to stay in my home."

A little over six months after that call, Peggy was admitted to the hospital. She was not expected to regain consciousness and return home. God in his faithfulness did not leave Peggy alone in her final days. He sent a Love INC volunteer to her bedside to sit with her and to pray. The very next day God called Peggy home to be with Him in heaven.

Peggy was called home to be with Jesus earlier this year. She is dearly missed. From the words of our volunteers, "Thank you for connecting us with her. She was a blessing to us."

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.'" John 11:25

*Peggy is pseudonym.

Meet Our New & Existing Board Members

Nicole Stachurski

Nicole is passionate about transforming lives and communities, especially when it comes to addressing the challenges of poverty and needs. Through her employment, years of ministry, and working with multiple community organizations, she has had the privilege of seeing the positive impact of Love INC and its potential for others to know and love Christ. She loves the mission/vision and is blessed to be part of the team. To God be the glory.



Nicole Stachurski



Pastor Dave Mickelson



Jean Sorenson



Jonna Kronholm



Phyllis Neahous



Sue Siewert

Pastor Eric Wenger

Eric was introduced to Love INC in 2009 and was encouraged by their compassionate heart. However, he didn't have an opportunity to serve with Love INC until his recent move back to the Wisconsin Rapids area. He is thankful that the timing is now right to join this network of local congregations and leaders who are committed to sharing the love of Christ with our neighbors and invested in multiplying Christ-centered leaders throughout South Wood County and beyond.



Pastor Eric Wenger

March 2022

Connection Center Stats

- Total People Requesting Help - 41
- Total Needs Met - 50
- Financial Assistance - 14
- Material Needs - 14
- Services - 22
- Unknown - 0

Volunteer Stats

Total # of Volunteers - 133
of Volunteers Served - 56
of Volunteer Hours Served - 387.75



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