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Love In the Name of Christ

Love Story

The caller ID said “Love INC.” Tami* thought it was telemarketer. She did not answer. (She had no idea someone put her down as a reference.) Curious, she googled Love INC and soon realized she was wrong. A couple days later, her caller ID said “Love INC” again. This time she answered. Tami had no idea how God was about to touch her world through the power of prayer.

During that call Tami shared what was going on in her life and family. It was a lot. She was stressed. She apologized at one point for going on about her own life knowing that was not the purpose of the call. But God knew what Tami needed when that call was made – prayer. She called back the next week to share the impact the prayer had on her:

“I wanted to call to let you know that last week after your prayer with me, I felt such peace. I don’t know if you heard me, but I cried during the prayer. First, I felt such a relief. I have not slept sound for ages, for years. That night I slept sound. It also got me thinking how I need to get back to church. I just wanted to call to tell you, you gave me peace with your prayer.”

A couple weeks later, Tami called with an update. Her great grandson was born. Her daughter had a mini stroke the same day and was hospitalized. Her mom, who was suffering from cancer and dementia, started getting worse after that day. Tami was now caring for her mother and her daughter. Tami’s cares were once again taken to God in prayer.

Tami called back one last time, a week later, and shared, “Mom passed yesterday. Your prayers were answered. She really went fast. She looked so peaceful. God answered your prayers. He heard you. She got to hold her great-great grandson. I thank God for you people for praying for us and keeping us in your prayers.

Prayer isn’t just for our clients. It’s for everyone. The Prayer Ministry volunteers from our partner churches are daily interceding for everyone God sends our way. There is power in prayer. “Call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.” Jeremiah 29:12

*Tami is pseudonym.

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Welcome



Staff

Church Mobilization Coordinator

Maribeth Crawford first became acquainted with Love INC as a community resource for individuals she worked with in Recovery Housing. Last year she

joined our Transformational Ministry Development Team because she knows that when people are met where they are at with the truth and grace of the gospel, lives are changed. God has given her a strong desire to authentically connect what she calls the "Big C", God's Church, with individuals that are reaching out for help whose primary need is Jesus. Maribeth expressed, "We have a mission field right here in our own backyard and the harvest is plenty. Living out Christ's love for His glory not only enriches our community but the churches that serve within it as well." The Lord graciously has led Maribeth to the position of Church Mobilization Coordinator in His perfect timing for His purpose! (Luke 10:2) He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

Board Member

Pastor Chuck Bradbury recently retired from over 35 years in the pastoral ministry. Chuck was on the original Development Board of Love INC in 2016 and then served on the first official Board of Love INC as its first President.



He joined the Board this year after realizing that God was reopening a door to Love INC for him to serve once again; in the organization he helped to bring from the vision stage to the reality stage. He has always had a passion to see churches working together in the community to transform people's lives, and he believes that Love INC is the best way to make that happen.

Thank You

Pastor Dave Mickelson

has retired from the board of Love INC of SWC as well as from the Pastor of Victory Christian Church. We are very grateful for his part in the development of Love INC and his service on the board.



Dave (and his wife Ruth) were part of the founding group that started Love INC of South Wood County in 2016. He has been committed to Love INC as a volunteer for the last 6 years, most recently serving as President on the Board of Directors.

He has always been focused on the mission of Love INC, "To mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Jesus Christ." The key word in that mission statement is **transform**, and Pastor Dave continued to keep the board and organization focused on transformation. He was passionate about helping people get to the roots of their problems and finding God in the process.

Thank you for your commitment and passion for helping others Pastor Dave, and we wish you well in your retirement!



Join us!

SUBS & SUNDAES

here's the scoop:

It's time for Love INC's annual volunteer appreciation celebration!

Invite a friend, enjoy a sub, and make your own sundae.

Thursday, August 4, 2022
11:00AM - 2:00PM

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April 2022 Stats



Connection Center Report

Financial - 13 Material - 18
Services - 13 Unknown - 4
Total # of Requests for Help - 48

Independent Sector has recently raised the value of volunteer time to \$28.54 per hour. This month, our volunteers have donated \$16,032.35 worth of time.

Volunteer Report

Volunteer Hours Served - 561.75
124 Volunteers ready to serve
66 Volunteers served in April