



South
Wood
County

Love Story

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Ephesians 2:10

A Volunteer's Experience

Working with our neighbors in need is one of the ways God uses us to show his love. This work isn't always easy. Sometimes I question; am I hearing what God wants me to be doing for this family? I wonder; am I doing too much and not honoring the principals of Redemptive Compassion? Or, should I be doing more to help?

One specific case I questioned was with a client who needed help packing for a forced move. Her small apartment was very full of daily living items, collectable and miscellaneous

clutter. No more than two volunteers could help at a time because of lack of space. Once the boxes were full, we transported them to a storage unit she had secured.

We didn't begin the relationship on the best footing. She called just before Thanksgiving and we (my fellow volunteers and I) weren't able to assess the scope of the project until after the holiday due to Thanksgiving plans and communication barriers. The delay was disappointing to her.

But there was good news, her landlord gave her extra time to pack and move since she was working with Love INC. Then in late December, she injured her back which put a stop to the work. Once she was up to it, we resumed packing and transporting. The landlord lost patience during the delay and gave her two weeks to vacate once we resumed the work. A total of 7 volunteers from 5 different partner churches worked with her but we weren't able to get everything packed in time. To me it felt like we failed.

Many of us questioned if there was more we could have done? Could I have given a couple more hours? Could I have convinced her to dispose of a few more things? Could I have encouraged her to do more herself? We learn in Ephesians 2:10, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

We haven't heard from her since the move. Only God knows why this story ends here. We know God is still working in her life. We don't need to see it to believe it!





Thank You DaNita!

Love In the Name of Christ of South Wood County would not exist without DaNita Carlson.

God gave Danita a vision: to coordinate the energies and resources from local churches in a manner that helps those in need within our community. In 2015, DaNita pursued that vision. She sought out ways to transform lives within the South Wood County area. She recruited a team to conduct more research. Only two years into her mission, DaNita resigned from her job at Wood County Health Department in order to dedicate her time and energies into founding Love INC of SWC. To jump start the new affiliate, she voluntarily dove into the role of Executive Director. During that year, she accepted no pay check and in 2017, Love INC opened its doors.

Under Danita's leadership, Love INC of SWC prospered. Currently, Love INC operates with 4 paid staff members, a Connection Center, 130 volunteers, 3 functioning Gap ministries, (4 more in the works), and 17 Partner Churches.

DaNita led by following God's direction while striving for excellence and compassion. She constantly reminded those around her that God is in charge and our mission at Love INC is to "Mobilize Churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Jesus Christ." She inspired many to live out their lives as Christians while becoming the hands and feet of Jesus. God picked the right person to drive the birth of Love INC of SWC.

DaNita - We thank you for your amazing drive and determination, your leadership, and your compassion. We feel blessed and grateful for your dedication and pursuit of your vision!

Save **THE** Date

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

For more information contact:
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Make **A** Difference - Volunteer

Intake Specialists wanted:

Connect with our clients through incoming, outgoing, and follow-up calls. Your compassionate ear, attention to detail, and willingness to pray with our clients makes a difference in their lives. As an Intake Specialist you'll volunteer in 4 hour shifts, 2 to 4 times per month. See the full description [here](#) or call 715-818-5928 to discuss.

Pickup/delivery members wanted:

Become a part of the Household Items Ministry that helps our clients with some of their physical needs. In this volunteer position, you will pick up items (including furniture) from donors and take it to storage. You'll also pick up from storage and deliver to clients. For more information, call 715-818-5928.



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