## Helping Churches Help People In South Wood County











# Love In the Name of Christ

Love Story

Danny\* was dealing with multiple health issues when he called the Connection Center at Love In the Name of Christ. Because of mobility problems, he had recently purchased a scooter. Now, he needed a ramp to get in and out of his house.

As a temporary fix, Danny made a makeshift ramp out of wood pushed up to his porch. He also priced lumber for a ramp and told Mary, the Intake Specialist, that he might need help with paying for the materials too.

Danny was later referred to Alpine Medical. He stopped in at the local business and placed his order that same day. He was thankful to hear the price for a metal ramp was cheaper. That meant he could cover most of the cost with his tax refund. Danny was so thankful for the resource that he called Love INC as soon as he returned home to share the good news!

Rejeice with those who rejeice! - Romans 12:15a

\*Danny is pseudonym.



Opening in June, the Love it Again Thrift Store will support the

Love in the Name of Christ mission to mobilize partner churches to bring transformation to individuals and our community. Contributing to God's transformation are the New Hope Life Skills classes, future job training opportunities in the store, and continued Love INC outreach in the community.

We are in need of donations for the thrift store. We can accept items in clean and good condition.

- · Apparel-womens, mens, and children
- Small kitchen appliances
- Dishes, pots, pans, silverware, serving pieces
- Antiques, collectibles
- Household items including pictures, linens, lamps, bric-a-brac
- Books, videos, CDs, home office items
- Furniture
- Tools, hardware

Until further notice, you may bring your donations to the Love INC building at 710 20th Avenue South between 10am and 2pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Please no drop offs outside!! Watch for updates on our opening.

#### **Connection Center - Feb. 2023**

# of People Requesting Help - 29
Total # Of Requests - 40
Financial Assistance - 12
Services - 20
Material Items - 08
Unknown - 0

# Volunteer Data for Feb. 2023

- 106 Volunteers were ready to serve 62 Volunteers served
- Our volunteers served a total of 511.75 hours. Independent Sector raised the value of volunteer time to \$28.54 per hour. In February, our volunteers have donated \$14,605.35 worth of time.





### We have 3 new staff members!

## **Executive Director**

We are pleased to inform you that a new Executive Director has been hired! We will welcome Eric Hambrock to Love INC on Monday, May 8th!



His experience in social work, the Christian music industry, church ministry, and in secular work will most certainly be a blessing to us and the community we serve. Eric has been married for 34 years (in September) with 5 adult children (one set of twins) and 12 grandchildren (8 here on earth, 1 on the way, 3 in heaven.) We are glad to welcome Eric to Love INC of South Wood County.

# Client Care Coordinator(s)

This position is being filled by two individuals, Janet Giese and Deb Skerven. Janet will be filling the position 20 hours per week and has worked at Domtar and ERCO prior to coming to Love INC. As Janet was looking for a spiritual calling, she wanted to help give others the tools they need to have a better life.



Many of you remember Deb Skerven who was our very first Client Care Coordinator. Deb retired several years ago and will be returning to us, working 12 hours per week. She was such a blessing to us and our clients, and we are happy she has returned to our Connection Center.

Save the date: We will be holding an open house "Meet 'N Greet" on Wednesday, May 24 from 2pm to 6:30pm. We hope you can join us in welcoming Eric, Janet, and Deb!

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A quote from a thankful client:

I received a lovely postcard, thanks for the message. I appreciate your compassion and your prayers for me. Thank you so much.