



## Love In the Name of Christ

### Love Story

Finding the courage to leave an abusive relationship can be very scary, especially when you fear for your safety and the safety of your two young children. That was the case for Hailey\*. The day she left, all she had was the clothes on her back, a car, and \$2.60 to her name.

Hailey and her children stayed with family friends for a month. During that time, God led Hailey to a church in Wisconsin Rapids, where she attended Sunday morning services and Bible study. God also connected Hailey with a church member who had a home available for rent. Hailey was relieved and excited to finally have a place to live, but she had no furnishings. That's when Hailey was given the number for Love INC. During the first call to Love INC, Hailey expressed concern for her family's safety and asked for prayers for God to meet their needs. What she wasn't expecting was God to provide for more than she asked for through Love INC partner and non-partner churches, and volunteers.

Hailey was referred to Shepherd's Loft for kitchen items and to the Love INC Household Items Gap Ministry for furniture. As an extra blessing, Hailey and her children received homemade quilts and gifts for the whole family! Every item was delivered with love. Throughout the process volunteers prayed with Hailey numerous times. In a follow up call Hailey said, "The furniture is wonderful! The people were so nice! The kids are so happy! We had fun shopping at Shepherd's Loft and the gifts we received were great! Thank you!"

*And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19*

\*Hailey is a pseudonym

### Thank you, Anne

Anne Tietzort has been part of the Finance Committee for several years. She has taken on the responsibility of keeping QuickBooks up to date and balancing the checkbook. With her retirement from St. Luke's, she is moving out of the area. Love INC is very grateful for the time she has committed to helping us. What a generous heart she has! Thank you, Anne!



Heavenly Father, thank you for the volunteers You provide for the work entrusted to us at Love INC. You call precisely the right people to the right area of service. Let us continue to bring love and encouragement in Your name to those in our community. Amen

1 Peter 4:10 - Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

### March Connection Center Requests

Total Requests - 47

| Financial | Material Needs | Services | Unknown |
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### March Volunteer Data

- 425 Volunteer hours served
- 51 Volunteers served in March 2023

# YOUR KINDNESS IS SOMEONE'S HOPE

Ways you can donate to Love INC of South Wood County



## Monthly Mobilizer

While one-time gifts are always appreciated, we hope you will consider joining the MONTHLY MOBILIZER Team. We invite you to join us, helping to spark our community to empowerment and action. Follow this [link](#) to donate by credit card, Paypal, or bank transfer. If you prefer, you may mail a check to our Love INC office.



## In-Kind Donations

It takes a lot to keep a huge ministry going! Things like office, kitchen, and maintenance supplies - as well as specialized services like painting, electrical, and plumbing are routinely needed. Please contact us to learn about specific current needs.



## Thrivent

Positive change begins with your generosity. Are you a Thrivent member? Consider designating your Thrivent Choice dollars to Love INC, or form a Thrivent Action Team to tackle a project.

Learn about [Thrivent Choice](#)

Learn about [Thrivent Action Teams](#)



## Planned Giving

Planned or deferred gifts provide creative and flexible strategies for your estate and charitable planning. Some planned gifts provide income, and many of them reduce your taxes. The greatest benefit, however, lies in knowing you are supporting the mission and ministry of Love INC of South Wood County. Contact us to learn more.



## *Prayerfully Consider*

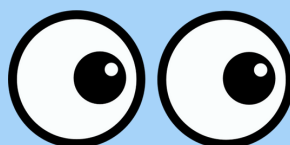
Love INC provides long-term solutions for people experiencing need by connecting and mobilizing churches and community organizations. Together, we

help churches not only meet the tangible needs, such as food, clothing, and life skills training, but also the spiritual and relational needs of our neighbors. There is no greater force than churches working together to transform lives and communities.

Would you prayerfully consider helping us meet the rising needs among us? Contributions may be made by mailing your donation payable to Love INC of South Wood County or online at [loveincswc.org/donate](https://loveincswc.org/donate).

# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

## Coming In August!



## Watch for details.

# UNITED IN PURPOSE

The Love It Again Thrift Store is becoming a reality, and will be opening in June! Please stay tuned for updates on the opening date (via email and social media)!

Our volunteer Steering Committee has been working diligently to develop our Thrift Store. Meeting weekly and united in purpose, they have accomplished so very much in a short period of time! We want to give a shout out of

THANKS to them for their dedication and commitment to Love INC of SWC. Committee members are: Todd & Karen Bencke (St. Luke's), Chuck & Pat Bradbury (Church at Wazeecha), Tom Brey (Crossview), Jan Fisher (St. Luke's), Jeff Hoffman (Christian Life Fellowship), Jonna Kronholm (St. Luke's), and Jean Sorenson (Christian Life Fellowship).

The Love It Again Thrift Store will support the Mission and Values of Love In the Name of Christ by helping with financial support for Love INC operations, serving our neighbors in need, creating service opportunities for our volunteers, and offering a shopping experience for our community.

It's easy to support our mission! You can simply drop off donated items, sign up to volunteer, or make a monetary donation! All proceeds from the Love It Again Thrift Store will benefit Love INC of South Wood County. Store sales will generate important revenue for the growth of Love INC's ministries. Many volunteers are needed at the retail store as well as the donation center. Donated items (in good-condition) are needed. Also, please prayerfully consider a monetary donation to help with this wonderful start-up ministry. Your participation will directly help support Love INC of South Wood County's ministries, our clients, and our community. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Jan, at 715.818.5928 if you would like to volunteer or have items to donate.

Please find additional information regarding the Love it Again Thrift Store and the Donation Center, including a list of what donations we can accept and cannot accept on our [webpage](#).

Please "Like" Love it Again Thrift Store on [Facebook](#) and "Follow" us on Instagram (coming soon.) Be sure to "Share" with your friends as well!



## Other Information:

At this time, ALL donations should be dropped off at the Love INC of SWC building at 710 20th Ave. S. in Wisconsin Rapids.

**ONCE THE STORE AND DONATION CENTER ARE OPEN,** donations will be received at the location below and hours of operation for both the store and donation center will be:

Wednesday - Friday:  
10:00AM-5:00PM

Saturday: 10:00AM-3:00PM

## Volunteers May Help With:

### Donation Center:

Intake donations  
Pricing/stocking items  
Small furniture repair  
Upkeep of Donation Center

### Other:

Social media assistance  
Marketing

### The Thrift Store:

Cashier  
Shift leaders  
Facility maintenance  
Inside cleaning



**Store/Donation Center Location: 401 12th Ave. S., Wisconsin Rapids**

