



Mobilizing Local Churches to Transform Lives and Communities In the Name of Christ

# Love Story

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Gladys had always been a strong wife, mother and grandmother. But as a widow with health problems, she wondered how she could maintain her independence and still get everything done. She just couldn't get around as she used to and although she had a loving family, they couldn't be there daily because of work and distance.

She had seen Love INC mentioned in her church newsletter. She sometimes stayed home from church because she just didn't feel well. Gladys decided that maybe Love INC would be a good starting point. An Intake Specialist from our Connection Center spoke with Gladys. They carefully listened to her story and asked questions about her support system. Gladys described how church and family were strong rocks in her life, but God was the rock ALL through her life. Gladys had always been an independent lady, taking care of her family and very involved in church life. "But I just can't do things like I used to," Gladys said. "I can't shop by myself or get to church every week."



Love INC utilizes community agencies and churches to help those who call in. Gladys already had a church so Love INC made contact with the people there and soon Gladys had visitors each week. Between the church and Love INC volunteers, the shopping and other errands were taken care of. Gladys could do what she was able to do and receive assistance with the things that presented a challenge.

As time went on, Gladys needed to move to assisted living. Her family makes a point to call and visit her as often as possible. But Gladys expressed a desire to remain in contact with Love INC. Careline specialists call her for emotional support and prayer. Gladys is always eager to give thanks as she makes progress in her health care goals. She is grateful for prayers and it is a joy to hear her praising Jesus. Gladys still has an independent heart, but she knows that her family, her church and our Lord are there to help when needed.

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13.*

## Upcoming Events in 2024

### FASHION SHOW

April  
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This event will be held at Love INC of SWC and include raffle baskets and a meal. Watch for additional information.

June  
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### HARMONY & LAUGHTER

This event will be held at the PAC featuring one of the most awarded quartets in Christian Music, Gold City, and comedian Mickey Bell. Watch for additional information and ticket sales.



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## A Message From Board President, Jean Sorenson

The Board of Love INC, one advisory board member, one staff member, and two key volunteers met in October to celebrate 2023 and look ahead to 2024. It was an eventful past year, with hiring a new Executive Director, two new Client Care Coordinators, opening a Thrift Store, and holding a record breaking junk electronics drive!! God blessed us in so many ways, and continues to do so!

This year our next steps include: acquiring two new board members, identifying possible gap ministries, and improving communication with our partner churches. The best thing to come from our retreat was a new Vision Statement for Love INC! This statement will bring unity to our volunteers, churches, and staff.

Our new Vision: Bringing Hope to our world by connecting people to the Body of Christ every day!



*Winter Session —2024*

# BOUNDARIES

*When to say yes      How to say no*

Healthy relationships and healthy living depend on maintaining effective personal boundaries. The New Hope Life Skills course titled Boundaries will be a 9 week course that explores how to take control of your life by learning when to say yes, and how to say no as well as accepting personal responsibility and ownership with situations and relationships.

Participants will gain insight into their past and current situations and relationships, and identify where codependency and/or patterns of behavior may have influenced their lives.

Incentives can be earned throughout the class to assist with everyday needs. This course is for anyone who would like to improve and grow their relationships!

**Instructor:**  
Pastor Eric Hambrock

**Dates:** Wednesdays  
1/24 - 3/20  
6:00pm

**Location:**  
Love INC  
710 20th Avenue S  
Wisconsin Rapids

**If you have questions or would like to register:**  
Call 715.424.5683 by  
January 16th

Transportation & Childcare  
provided with advanced notice



# Meet Lovey!

I'm Lovey the reindeer and I was adopted (purchased) at the Love it Again Thrift Store. I was a great find for my new owner. She will be taking me along to area nursing homes when she visits. I'll spread joy and cheer to the residents this Christmas season. Notice the paper under my feet? I'm being trained...we'll see if it works!!

Please stop in at Love it Again Thrift Store to see if you find any treasures for you and your friends.



401 12th Avenue S., Wisconsin Rapids  
Open: Wed., Thurs., Fri., 10am-5pm  
Saturday - 10am-3pm