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HELPING CHURCHES HELP PEOPLE

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Most of the people I clean for are no longer physically able to clean for themselves. They have no relatives close by to ask for help. Britt* is one of those ladies. She lives alone in a small apartment and her children live in Milwaukee. She was hungry, lonely, and craved human contact. Every other Monday, I would visit and clean her apartment. Often, I came with cake, milk, yogurt, and any kind of treat to put in her fridge. Last winter, on my visit at 1:00 pm, her door was open, and she was still in bed. She said she hadn't eaten in 3 days. She was burning up with fever. I asked her if I could pray with her. She agreed. We prayed together for her healing. I made her a chocolate shake to help with her thirst and hunger. When I discovered she couldn't even sit up, I called Love INC. It was decided to call 911, and get in contact with Britt's son.

The paramedics were there within minutes. Britt was resistant to the idea of going to the hospital. I gave her a cup of tea, and another chocolate shake. She was feeling better, but after talking with her son, he determined she needed to be seen by the ER. I stayed with her until he arrived. He was very concerned about his mother's health.

Britt was admitted with dehydration, pneumonia, and COPD. My husband & I visited her every day. After a week she suffered a heart attack. They took great care of her at the hospital! A few weeks later, she went home. Since then, her daughter moved close by, and was able to stay with Britt for a month. I still bring her yogurt and German chocolate cake. We visit, we pray together. I think people like Britt just need someone to talk to.

* Is a pseudonym

Connections like this are common between our volunteers and clients. Over time, the relationship turns to mentoring, and deep companionship. We at Love INC are so grateful for each volunteer who takes the time to pray, ask questions, and care for our neighbors in need, showing them God's love through actions!



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South
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County



Wood County Jail Backpack Ministry



CURRENT NEEDS

- Men's deodorant (full size)
- Notebooks (small flip book)
- Toothbrushes
- Sanitary pads and tampons
- Small first aid kits w/o sharp objects
- Hand sanitizer
- Refillable water bottles

Donation Item Drop Off:

Love INC of SWC Office
710 20th Ave S, Wis Rapids
715-424-LOVE (5683)

Love INC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit affiliate so your donations are tax-deductible as the law allows.

Join Our Team

The Love It Again Thrift Store has been open one year since June 14th! We have been blessed by so many faithful volunteers from our Partner Churches to help us operate the the store. We appreciate the gifts each and every one of them has contributed. Volunteers are an integral part of Love INC and the Thrift Store and always will be. God is on the move, and in our next phase, we are looking to hire a Thrift Store Manager to consistently oversee the day-to-day operations, set goals, and report back to the Board on the store's progress. Additional information and the complete job description can be found on Indeed and on our [webpage](#).



For a complete list of items needed or to make a monetary donation go to: <https://loveincswc.org/gap-ministries/>.



THANK YOU!

We'd like to thank Todd and Karen Bencke for being a part of the startup team for our Household Items Ministry (HHI). They were also an integral part of the startup of the Love it Again thrift store in 2023 and continue to provide leadership to the store.

The following represents jobs done by the Benckes (that we know of!):

- 180 client furniture deliveries.
- Over 300 furniture pickups (both HHI & Love it Again.)
- Countless trips to storage units, warehouses, and individual homes.
- Setting up fixtures for LIA, organizing, cleaning, and pricing furniture items.
- Maintaining inventory for HHI.

Even though Todd and Karen have stepped away from the HHI ministry, we believe God will direct them to new places of involvement in His kingdom. Love INC cannot express how grateful we are for their servanthood. We are blessed to have them as part of Love INC! If you know Todd and Karen, please pass along your gratitude to them as well.



1ST Anniversary



Sat., September 14th - Starting at 10am

Join us in celebrating our donors, volunteers, and customers with a brat fry, sweet treats, and free carnations (while supplies last!)



As we celebrate this milestone, we remain proud to support support the Mission and Values of Love In the Name of Christ. By providing financial support, serving those in need, creating volunteer opportunities, and offering a one-of-a-kind shopping experience, we're making a tangible difference in our community. Come enjoy delicious food, fun, and fellowship as we give back and strengthen our neighborhood together.

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NEW HOPE
LIFE SKILLS CLASSES

JOIN US for

RESOLVING *everyday* CONFLICTS

DO YOU desire harmony in your relationships? This 8-week DVD study from Peacemaker's Ministry will help you bring peace to your relationships!

EACH MONDAY STARTING

Sept. 23rd through Nov. 11th
From 12:30PM - 2:00PM

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Redemptive Compassion

Mondays @ 12:30pm starting
Sep. 23 thru Nov. 11 at Love INC SWC

The purpose of Redemptive Compassion is to offer compassion in such a way that it helps redeem and restore one to the fullness of life God has promised to all.

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."
John 10:10

This 8 week course will review the 6 key principles that set Love INC apart as a Christian organization, and how we treat our neighbors.

- See everyone's value
- Invest relationally in others
- Help everyone achieve their God-given potential
- Require mutual contribution and participation
- Respond with wisdom and discernment
- Serve in ways that transform

Includes: Study Guide, discussion, and light lunch

Registration Deadline: September 12th

For additional information or to register, please call 715-424-LOVE (5683.)