



LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST OF SOUTH WOOD COUNTY

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello Love INC Family! This is our big newsletter where we will give you snippets of what has been happening and ask for your help to join us in the future. So, let's jump in!

Our [New Hope Life Skills](#) classes continue to have life changing effects through the power of Christ. The class materials cover issues from setting appropriate boundaries to resolving everyday conflict. To offer these classes, we need help. Some participants need transportation to and from class or help with childcare. Does this ministry interest you?



We have a [Household Items Ministry \(HHI\)](#) which helps our neighbors with furniture and other necessities. We have generous donors that provide what we need for HHI. We are looking for church groups that can deliver these items. In that way, we can demonstrate the love and grace of God to our neighbors.

Our [Moving Ministry](#) is a team led by Grace Lutheran Church. This ministry moves people locally that cannot do it for themselves. This is a tremendous blessing to our neighbors and demonstrates our love as the hands and feet of Jesus.

Our [Backpack Ministry](#) continues to reach out to those that are being released from the Wood County Jail. Handing a formerly incarcerated person this type of care package says we care. If your heart has been wondering how to send the message, then find out how you can join us in this ministry.

Love INC is supporting the [Celebrate Recovery](#) program that meets at St. Lawrence on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. I have personally seen the transformational power of Christ at work in the lives of those involved. Your heart may be hungry to be a part of a team that invests in peoples broken lives.

There are other ways to invest your time and talent with Love INC, which you can find on our website. Personally, what I desire to see, is churches forming teams and assuming roles in the ministries mentioned here. In other words, a group from a church that says, "We'll provide childcare for your class." Another might say, "We can handle transportation for your next class." Still another might say, "We can deliver furniture for May and September." When our Partner Churches participate in this way, it is a public witness that they care, and a personal demonstration for those we serve.



LOVE IT AGAIN CELEBRATES 1 YEAR

Thank you to all who joined us for our 1st Anniversary celebration at Love it Again Thrift Store on September 14th! Your presence and support meant the world to us. We were so grateful to see so many people come together to support the store and the Mission and Values of Love In the Name of Christ. Your generosity helps us:

- Provide financial support for Love INC operations
- Serve our neighbors in need
- Create service opportunities for our volunteers
- Offer a unique shopping experience for our community

We couldn't have had a successful 1st year without our amazing store volunteers and our customers. Thank you again for being a part of our journey! Here is what a few of our loyal customers had to say about their experience shopping at Love it Again Thrift Store:



"I love being able to find items at a deal price and know that the money I spend at this store goes to a good cause and helps others. It is Christian based and I love hearing the music playing; it's uplifting and puts a smile on my face and peace in my heart." -Jamie Abegglen



"I like to shop at Love it Again Thrift Store because of the variety, great prices, and friendly staff." - Russ



WELCOME BACK, LARRY!

~by Pastor E. Hambrock, Executive Director

I was sitting in a meeting discussing the skills that we desired for the thrift store manager. I had mentioned that I was looking for someone with volunteer leadership experience, retail experience, and a heart for ministry; which is not a common skill set. However, God has blessed us with a new hire who possesses all these qualities.



As Larry Daughenbaugh returns, he brings a wealth of experience to our team, including years of volunteer leadership, both at Love INC and in previous roles. His expertise in retail, particularly thrift retail, makes him a perfect fit for this position. What I appreciate most is Larry's genuine passion for ministry.

Larry's first day at Love it Again Thrift Store will be on Wednesday, October 30th. So, stop by the thrift store to say "Hi." While you are there, browse our store or donate gently used items.

Welcome back, Larry! We're so glad you're part of the Love INC team again.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

Over the past 6 years, Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC) has connected our Church Partners and volunteers to more than 900 families in the South Wood County area. Together, we have successfully addressed over 1,900 needs and made meaningful relationships with individuals and families. By providing holistic care, we ensure that our neighbors are treated with dignity and respect. This work, in the name of Christ, is transforming lives!

Missy* is an example of life transformation. Missy was in need of community resources due to being off work because of medical leave. She called Love INC in 2020, and we were able to connect her with local agencies. Over the next several months, she received phone calls periodically from a volunteer in the Connection Center, just to check in.

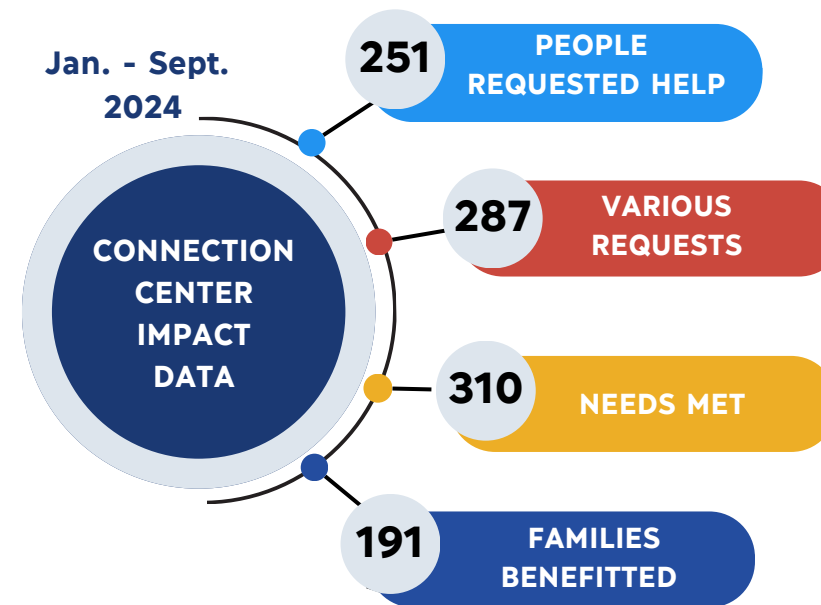
On one occasion, the volunteer asked if Missy would like to participate in one of our New Hope Life Skills classes, Affirming Potential. Missy agreed to go, and since her first class, she's attended every one! "Each class has offered me something, whether it is financial, personal, or resolving conflict in my relationships. I am always able to learn something new."

Missy has also recently filled in as a table leader for a class. She's been growing as a person in that role, and has been able to pour into others, as she was poured into.

When asked about the future, Missy says, "I'm hoping to take care of my family. It's my biggest priority! When my husband and I were both out of work, the support we felt was so helpful." As Love INC continues its work in our community, we hope to see additional journeys of learning, growth, and transformation like Missy's.

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Our Church Partners

- Bethlehem Lutheran
- Christian Life Fellowship
- Church at Wazeecha
- Crossroads
- Crossview
- Faith Reformed
- First Baptist
- Grace Lutheran
- Immanuel Lutheran
- Lakes Area Christian Fellowship
- Light of Christ
- Port Edwards United Methodist
- River Cities Christian
- Saint Lawrence Catholic
- St. Luke's Lutheran
- StoneBridge
- The Journey
- Wisconsin Rapids United Methodist
- Woodland Lutheran

