

# Love In the Name of Christ of South Wood County



MOBILIZING LOCAL CHURCHES TO TRANSFORM LIVES AND COMMUNITIES IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

## LOVE STORY

Every day, people in any given community face difficult times. They are dealing with spiritual, physical, emotional, relational, and material challenges.

Within the same community, churches are called by God to care for their neighbors, share resources, invest relationally, and show the love of Christ. Yet, no one church can meet all of these varied needs, nor should they be expected to. It takes collaboration across denominational lines, and among the community.

Love INC of SWC has 19 partner churches, of various denominations, that are united together in purpose to help our neighbors in South Wood County. Our collective goal is to build relationships that empower life-long transformation.

Collaboration happens every day at Love INC of SWC. In June of 2024 Frank\* called Love INC for assistance with a well pump that needed repairs. Frank had worked in the agriculture industry as a farmer for many years until his health issues started in 2013, causing him to be on disability.

After he completed an intake with one of our trained Volunteer Intake Specialists, she prayed with him. She then mailed a personal note of encouragement and reminder of God's love for him.

\*pseudonym

In early July, Frank contacted Love INC again, seeking guidance. He requested a pastor to visit him at home, as he had questions about the Bible that he hoped could be answered.

A Love INC volunteer from River Cities Church, Chuck Bradbury, a former pastor, and his wife Pat, graciously visited Frank. They had a warm conversation and addressed his questions. Pastor Chuck then presented the opportunity for Frank to accept Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. That day, Frank prayed and accepted Jesus into his life. Praise God!

A few short days later, a volunteer from a partner church, Bethlehem Lutheran, was able to fix Frank's plumbing and pump issues. Once the relationship with Love INC was established, there were many interpersonal community connections, as well as efforts from our network of volunteers and staff who offered their time and compassion to assist Frank.

In November of 2024, we were saddened to hear that Frank passed away very suddenly. River Cities Church Pastor, Scott Kaczorowski, beautifully concluded this story for us when he said, "If Frank had not requested a visit, and Chuck and Pat had not gone out to pray with him, he may very well have entered into eternity just a few months later without Christ. This story underscores for me the deep importance of what we are doing as we seek to meet peoples' needs and connect them to Jesus."

Written by Sue Zirnhelt

We Are **HIRING!**

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR



Love INC of South Wood County is searching for a dedicated Volunteer Coordinator to join our team. Click on the button to view the full job description.

## OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

- ★ CHUCK BRADBURY
- ★ NICOLE STACHURSKI
- ★ ERIC WENGER

We are thankful to our outgoing board members at Love INC of South Wood County! Your hard work and dedication have made a real difference in our community. We're so grateful for your service and wish you all the best in the future.



Congratulations to Carol King-Pryne and Harley Pryne for the volunteer award given by the Modern Woodmen group in December. (Pictured above with Curtis Langemeier.) They were nominated by Love INC for their service to several organizations, to whom they willingly give of their time and talent. We are so pleased to count them as friends of Love INC, also!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



### TREY TURNER

Trey is a pastor of 30 years and has been in Wisconsin Rapids for half of that time.

He is Married to Lea Ann for 34 years and together they have 3 adult children. He is glad to serve the churches and needs in the greater Rapids area through the partnership of churches at Love INC.



### ANDREW MILLER

Andrew has been walking with the Lord since 2005, when he accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. After accepting Him, he began to learn what it means to be His servant, and feels closest to the Lord when he is actively serving. Since leaving St. Paul, Minnesota, he has been seeking opportunities to serve Him and others by using the gifts and talents that God has given him. As a member of the Board, he feels he will be able to more fully utilize those gifts while giving all glory to the Lord.

Join  
US

## FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION

**THURS., FEBRUARY 27, 2025 @ 6PM**

We will enjoy a delicious meal, inspiring stories, and great company at this fundraising dinner to celebrate our 7th year of HELPING CHURCHES HELP PEOPLE at Love INC of South Wood County. We will also be honoring New Hope Community Church for their contributions to Love INC's mission to "Mobilize Local Churches to Transform Lives and Communities In the Name of Christ." This wonderful evening is just \$25 per person. Make your reservation by calling 715-818-5927.

[Event Details](#)