



Love Story

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Some of our clients have contact with a Love INC volunteer over a longer period of time than others. One example is Monica*. Elderly, with a daughter that lived out state, she needed help with cleaning her home. The volunteers that connected with Monica soon learned that she also needed help with laundry, errands, and lawn care, but more importantly, she was lonely. Their companionship proved to be so beneficial that when Monica was hospitalized, the volunteers were able to communicate not only with Love INC about their concern for her, but with Monica's daughter.

As the volunteers continued to do tasks for Monica, they also were able to use the fruits of the Holy Spirit as they interacted with her. Kindness, gentleness, and love were shown to Monica as they built trust with her daughter as well.

Love INC volunteers acted as the hands and feet of Jesus as they helped Monica, however, her health conditions worsened, and she couldn't live alone any longer. She recently moved in with her daughter and now has loving care from her family, and help with her personal and physical needs.

We thank God that He uses each volunteer in different ways to further relationships, and to further His kingdom in the lives of our clients.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22, 23

*pseudonym



WE WELCOME NICOLE EMERY

We're excited to have Nicole join us as our new Volunteer Coordinator at Love INC! We have been very fortunate to have had Nicole helping us as a volunteer in the office, and even more so now that she recently accepted the position of Volunteer Coordinator. We are blessed to have her on board using her talents to assist our volunteers in finding the perfect opportunities to serve at Love INC.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FOUNDER'S DAY EVENT!

In February of 2024, Love INC of South Wood County started a new tradition. A tradition that I hope will continue for years to come: Founder's Day. Founder's Day is a time to fellowship with everyone involved with Love INC and invite new people to discover what Love INC is all about. It is also a time to remember and honor the people that have made Love INC possible. This year's event was held on February 27th at Hotel Mead.



We were proud to honor members of the New Hope Community Church for the donation of their building to Love INC of South Wood County. When the steeple was removed in order to repair the roof of the building due to a hail storm, the cross was taken off the top of the steeple and mounted on a hand crafted shield. The memorial was presented on that Thursday, and dedicated to the attending members for their tremendous gift to Love INC.



EASTER BASKET DONATIONS

- o Easter candy
- o Easter grass for baskets
- o Plastic eggs
- o Toothbrushes
- o Toothpaste-small
- o Deodorant
- o Body lotion/hand cream
- o Body wash liquid - no bar soap
- o Chapstick
- o Small puzzle books
- o Nail polish/file
- o Socks
- o Individual packs of snacks/nuts/fruit/juice/gum/granola bars/crackers
- o Faith/religious and encouragement gifts (magnets, jewelry, etc.)
- o Religious tokens (bookmarks, magnets, small devotional books, etc.)
- o Monetary donations are also appreciated



In the past few years, we have given out Easter baskets filled with an assortment of items to families that we are working with at Love INC. Again this year, we are requesting donations that would fit into an ice cream pail-size basket. The Easter season can be an opportunity for us to put our faith into action through acts of kindness and compassion. If you would like to participate in this special ministry, please consider donating items from this list. All donations will need to be dropped off at Love INC by April 10th.