



love
in the name
of Christ

South
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County

IMPACT REPORT 2022





OUR MISSION

Mobilizing local churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.

OUR VISION

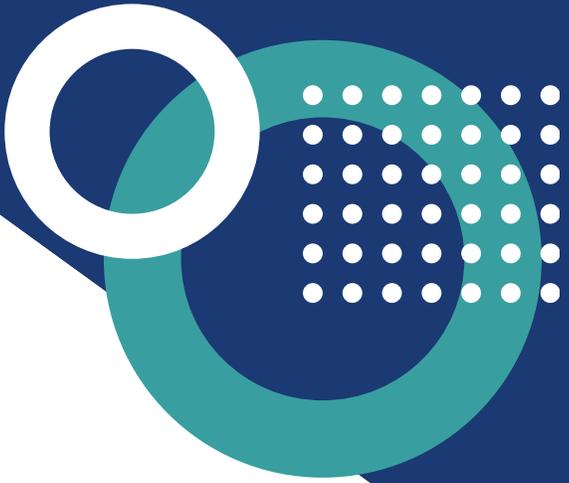
Our vision is to see churches working across denominational lines to serve people in need. As Christians join together in unity to use their gifts and strengths, people will find hope, and both lives and communities will be transformed. We will collaborate with local agencies and organizations to meet multi-faceted needs.

OUR PARTNER CHURCHES

"Love INC's mission is to mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ. Who does the work? Local churches! This transformation of lives takes place inside the local churches as well as in those outside its walls...almost simultaneously. One is growing into greater and greater

Christlikeness through service and one is coming to Christ and beginning the Christian life through being served. There is definitely a 'connection' there...and the 'connection' is Love INC. As more and more individual lives are transformed, churches are transformed and the end result of community transformation is accomplished." Matthew 5:16

Pastor Chuck Bradbury

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- Baker Street Wesleyan
 - Bethlehem Lutheran
 - Christian Life Fellowship
 - Church at Wazeecha
 - Crossroads
 - Crossview
 - Evangelical Free Church of Wisconsin Rapids
 - Faith Reformed
 - First Baptist
 - Grace Lutheran
 - Immanuel Lutheran
 - Lakes Area Christian Fellowship
 - Light of Christ
 - Port Edwards United Methodist
 - River Cities Christian Church
 - Saint Lawrence Catholic
 - St. Luke's Lutheran
 - Victory Christian Church
 - Wisconsin Rapids United Methodist
 - Woodland Lutheran
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MEET OUR

LEADERSHIP TEAM



Larry Daughenbaugh

Executive Director



Jodi Lubeck

Client Care Coordinator



Maribeth Crawford

Church Mobilization Coordinator



Jan Fisher

Volunteer Coordinator



Dawn Liebherr

Office Ministry Assistant



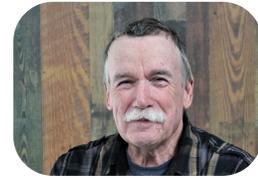
Robin-Kristine Ireland

Clerical Assistant



Jean Sorenson

President



Pastor Chuck Bradbury

Vice President



Sue Siewert

Board Member



Nicole Stachurski

Board Member



Pastor Eric Wenger

Board Member



Rick Merdan

Advisory Member



Tom Brey

Advisory Member



JR Siewert

Advisory Member

SPECIAL THANKS
to other 2022 ministry
team members:

June 6, 2023
(We forgot)
Jonna Kronholm!!

Board Members: Paul Liebherr, Phyllis Neahous, Pastor David Mickelson, and Pastor Milt Van Natta

Executive Director & Church Mobilization Coordinator:
DaNita Carlson





LOVE STORY

WRITTEN BY: JODI LUBECK,
CLIENT CARE COORDINATOR



Working with individuals in need can be challenging at times, especially when they feel as though no one cares and they want to blame everyone else for their situation. That is why here at Love In the Name of Christ our response is always one filled with love. It is that kind of a response that God uses to open hearts. Hearts like Carl's*.

Disgruntled and discouraged by his situation, Carl emailed: "Thank you so much for taking over my brain and giving me the GOD POWERS of making myself homeless, jobless, hopeless, and forcing everyone I've ever known to look at me like I'm garbage and not want a thing to do with me. It's really an honor to be independent on someone's willingness to feel bad for me in order to not be on the street. Thank you for all the blessings not showered upon me and showing me what HELL ON EARTH TRULY IS. I'm definitely going to recommend anyone struggling such as myself to contact you guys so they can also be stripped of their identity and freedom. 😊 I love you."

Knowing Carl needed value spoken into his life, Jodi responded: "I am so sorry. We tried calling you multiple times and sent you a note but never heard back from you. I'm sorry if you never got our messages. We tried contacting you. . . Please know that you can still call us. . . We'd be more than happy to see how we can help. . . I truly am sorry for what you are going through.

"I hope and pray, no matter how it seems others may view you, that you know God does not see you that way. You are His son. He loves you very much. And He doesn't want you to walk through this life alone. We are here to walk with you too."

Allowing God to soften his heart, Carl responded back: "Thank you for your email. I have a new phone number. However, if I can't find employment it will be out of service by December 1st. I have been floating around between friends and family praying that I won't be too much of a burden on anyone until I get a job and get back on my feet. It's been a very trying few months. If you would like to reach out my number is 555-555-5555. Thanks for getting back to me."

For the next couple months, Carl received regular calls from our compassionate intake specialists in the Connection Center. There were times when he was doing ok and times when he was very down. But no matter where he was in life, there was one thing he could always count on - the love and care he'd receive in those calls. He expressed several times how appreciative he was of the support and what a difference it made in his life knowing others cared. As 1 Corinthians 13:8 says, Love never fails.



*Carl is a pseudonym.



CONNECTION CENTER

The foundation of our ministry is the Connection Center. Trained volunteer Intake Specialists receive requests for help on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Requests are screened for extent of need and legitimacy, and referred to appropriate local church ministries, church volunteers, or community agencies. Volunteers continue to follow-up to ensure the needs are met and to offer support.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Total incoming calls - 2159
- Number of people requesting help - 475
- Total number of requests - 563
- Referrals from churches, community agencies, online, other individuals, previous or current clients, or unknown - 494
- Referrals to partner churches, community agencies, businesses, gap ministries, or other - 507
- Number of needs met by partner churches, non-partner churches, community agencies, other resources, out of town resources - 717



SERVANTS OF CHRIST

Love INC is a network of partner churches in the South Wood County area that uses our shared Connection Center to engage and help our neighbors in need. We aim to see churches working together in unity, committed to helping individuals and families in need grow toward self-sufficiency and transformation by the love of Christ.

Individual churches cannot fully meet the needs of every homeless family, single mom, or elderly shut-in asking for help. Existing resources operating independently are just not adequate to meet current and growing levels of need. It takes a faith community working together across denominational lines to meet the multifaceted needs. Love INC helps churches pool their resources (volunteers, ministries, and finances) together.

FINANCIALS

If you would like a 2022 Love INC of South Wood County financial statement, we would be happy to supply one. Please consider becoming a Love INC Monthly Mobilizer. To learn about several ways to donate, go to: www.loveINCswc.org/donate.

2022 SERVING HIGHLIGHTS

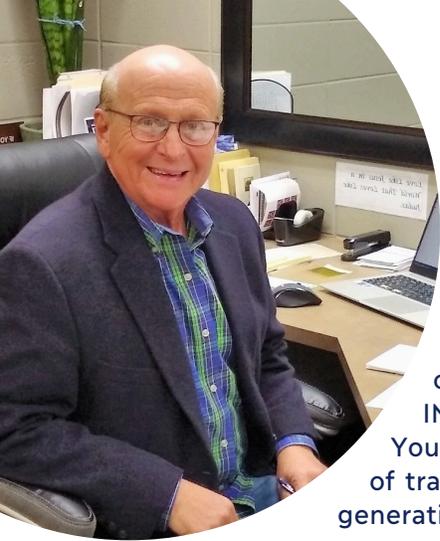
- Volunteers Mobilized - 146
- Total hours donated - 5,845

Independent Sector has recently raised the value of volunteer time to \$28.54 per hour. This year, our volunteers have donated \$166,816 worth of time.

"Thank you, faithful servants, for willingly giving your wealth of experience and God-given gifts to our community neighbors. Thank you for sharing your faith, beliefs and love of Jesus Christ every time you serve. Thank you to our churches who encourage and support our volunteers to spread the word!"

Jan Fisher, Volunteer Coordinator





EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Larry Daughenbaugh

Dear Friends,

It has been said, and we have seen stark evidence that God has been on the move in 2022 at Love INC of South Wood County. Indeed, Love INC has been blessed by your faithful support and dedicated partnership. Your generosity has reached hundreds of families and planted many seeds of transformation throughout our community making a difference for generations to come.

This past spring, we settled with ease into our new parking lot. Inside the walls of Love INC, new classes such as Affirming Potential and Boundaries got off the ground building relationships and offering hope for those in chronic need.

We grew from 17 to 20 partner churches. We added new staff such as our Church Mobilization Coordinator, filled by Maribeth Crawford, and Clerical Assistant filled by Robin Ireland. Both individuals have added greatly to our ministry dynamics of Love INC. Our volunteer base has increased and remained very faithful to the calling of Love INC to mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities. In addition to our current Board of Directors, we have established a strong Advisory Board consisting of Tom Brey, JR. Siewert, and Rick Merdan.

Celebrate Recovery was initiated and is steadily moving forward and will offer hope and healing for those struggling with the devastating effects of addiction. October was the month of our first ever "Fall into Fashion" show. It was a smashing success. This event was an opportunity to build friendships while strengthening current partnerships. Plans have come together, and donations are being made for the 'Love It Again' Resale Shop that will hopefully open soon, bringing Love INC of South Wood County to a better place of financial self-sufficiency. It is so exciting to move into 2023 with a refreshed vision to love people in the name of Christ.

It is an honor to be a part of the legacy Love INC will leave in the South Wood County area where Christ has truly been the foundation. We are so very grateful to God for what He has done in days gone by, but we wait in eager expectation as to what the Lord has planned in the days ahead for Love In the Name of Christ of the South Wood County.

Together in Christ,

Larry Daughenbaugh



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