



2024 IMPACT REPORT



HELPING CHURCHES HELP PEOPLE



WE ARE

A referral source, coordinating services for those in need of help. We partner with local Christian Churches, volunteers, and community organizations to offer love, hope, and assistance. Our goal is to build relationships that empower life-long transformation.

OUR MISSION

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

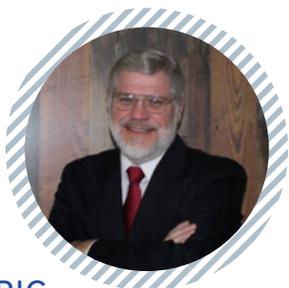
OUR VISION

Bringing Hope to our world by connecting people to the body of Christ every day!

OUR PARTNER CHURCHES

- 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 Church
- St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran
- Saint Lawrence Catholic
- StoneBridge Bible Church
- The Journey
- Wisconsin Rapids United Methodist
- Woodland Lutheran

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We are also grateful to our 2024 Advisory Members: Tom Brey, Rick Merdan, and JR Siewert.

OUR CORE VALUES

- ① **Prayer** is an integral part of who we are.
- ② **People** We follow Christ's example of valuing all people.
- ③ **Transformation** We value transformation in the lives of people and communities.
- ④ **Relationships** We value building Christ-like relationships.
- ⑤ **Christian** We are Christian, what we think, say, and do is done "In the Name of Christ."
- ⑥ **Unity** We respect unity in the Body of Christ.
- ⑦ **Churches** We join and support churches in living out the Great Commandment to love God and to love our neighbors.
- ⑧ **Connectedness** We honor the connectedness of the Love INC movement.
- ⑨ **Excellence** We model excellence in our operations including our stewardship of all resources.

WE EMBRACE THE 6 CORE PRINCIPLES OF REDEMPTIVE COMPASSION[©]

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- We see everyone's value
- We invest relationally in each other
- We help everyone achieve their God-given potential
- We require mutual contribution and participation
- We must respond with discernment and wisdom
- We must serve in ways that transform us and them

REFLECTIONS FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2024 was my first full year as Executive Director at Love INC of South Wood County. I am still amazed at the ways that God has provided not only for our existence, but also our ability to thrive in ministry. I will attempt to mention what has been accomplished with your help. We had fun with our fundraisers. Founder's Day was awesome! We honored our first Executive Director, DaNita Carlson. Later that spring we had a Fashion Show! We presented four transformational classes in 2024. In one of those classes, we asked if anyone would want to ask Christ into their life or renew their faith. Six people responded. We have continued to show our neighbors Love in The Name of Christ by helping them move. We have given away beds for people to sleep on and chairs to sit in. Some needed pots and pans for cooking. We loved people by giving them rides to doctor's appointments or simply going to the grocery store, and some lawns got mowed. In 2024, we helped a group of young people to do service work here in Wisconsin Rapids by giving them a place to stay. At the end of the week, the teens put on a block party for the neighborhood around us. It would be fun to do that again! Towards fall, the Love INC family experienced tragedy when one of our clients lost their life in a house fire. Nevertheless, we experienced the hope in Christ (spoken of by the Apostle Paul) because one of our pastors was able to lead that man in the sinner's prayer. As I review the past year, I can clearly see our God providing for our financial needs, our physical needs, and our spiritual needs. I am excited to see what He is going to do in 2025. ~ Pastor Eric Hambrock

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income

Individual	\$ 32,671.00
Businesses	\$ 2,145.00
Grants	\$ 695.00
Partner Churches	\$ 38,309.00
Other	\$ 263.00
Fundraisers	<u>\$ 4,420.00</u>
	\$ 78,503.00
Love it Again	<u>\$ 99,794.00</u>
Total Income	\$178,297.00

Expenses

Salaries & Wages	\$ 90,936.00
Utilities & Building	\$ 10,805.00
Insurance & Taxes	\$ 11,790.00
Office: printing, postage, etc.	\$ 8,696.00
Gap Ministry	\$ 11,572.00
National Dues	\$ 8,576.00
Other	<u>\$ 6,973.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$149,348.00

Net Gain 2024: \$28,949.00

2025 Projected Expenses: \$231,679

Inquiries can be directed to the Executive Director.

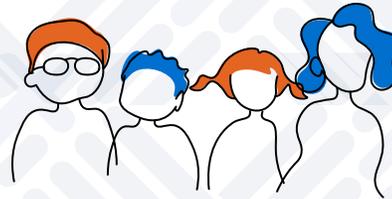
LOVE INC
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PARTNER
CHURCHES



PEOPLE



Transformed Lives and Communities In the Name of Christ

2024, WHAT A YEAR IT'S BEEN!

- Total incoming calls - 1,701
- Total number of requests - 382
- Individuals who completed Intakes - 107
- Needs Met - 438
- Families Benefitting - 159

Love INC is committed to connecting anyone from South Wood County in need with the resources necessary to live a productive and meaningful life. Our Connection Center is staffed with trained volunteers on every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10am to 2pm.

REFLECTIONS ON THE BACKPACK MINISTRY

Our backpack ministry gives away backpacks to those who are leaving the Wood County Jail, and also those leaving drug court. Each backpack contains snacks, personal care items, and encouragement. Our goal is for each backpack to be a tangible item offering hope for the future and showing individuals they are loved, cared for, and supported. Here are some average statistics on this ministry:

MONTHLY

- 10 backpacks for males
- 5 backpacks for females

EXPENSES

- \$500 per month is spent on backpacks, and items to fill each backpack

ANNUALLY

- 180 backpacks are given to individuals which help them physically, and spiritually. The total amount annually spent is \$6000.



LOVE IT AGAIN THRIFT STORE

As a volunteer at Love It Again who oversees the Book Room, I have learned that this little niche in the store is more than books, puzzles, and games on a shelf, but rather a place for people to come with their requests, their hope for a find, their need for an escape, or simply for the pleasure of a browse.

I have learned people are as unique and diverse as the very books themselves, and that the very item I might think would be of no interest is the very item someone is excited to find or is truly in need of.

I have learned that the connections made with people are of as much value as the item they buy. Bits of elation, despair, wisdom, and hope are shared and traded as these connections are made. When people tell you that the store is a destination for them coming from many miles away, it affirms that the attention we give to making the store more than just a store is every bit worth it. It has been very heart warming and fulfilling to be a part of Love It Again.

As the first line of a favorite hymn says, "Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place..." ~ Margaret Grunden (pictured on the left)

REFLECTIONS FROM A VOLUNTEER

I love volunteering at Love It Again Thrift Store. Volunteering at LIA is an uplifting experience, working alongside positive people who love the Lord. Shoppers frequently comment about the quality of the items and the reasonable prices. Donors are thrilled to donate to an organization that makes a difference in the local community. On occasion, the opportunity to talk to people about their life difficulties and even pray with them is possible. LIA is a gift to me as volunteer.



~Jonna Kronholm
(pictured in the middle)

REFLECTIONS FROM A BOARD MEMBER

I'm thankful that I had the opportunity to share the love of Christ with our neighbors as part of the Love INC network. It was also encouraging to invest together in the multiplication of Christ-centered leaders for both today and the future.

~ Pastor Eric Wenger, Lakes Area Christian Fellowship (pictured on the left)



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