

# 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

January 2026

God's timing is perfect in everything He does! We know this to be true since His perfect timing has been evident in the Connection Center on more than one occasion. Most recently, when \*Doug contacted Love INC for some assistance after having a pacemaker implanted in November. Doug and his young daughter, \*Sarah, had previously lived in a moldy and unhealthy trailer in another town. Doug moved to Wisconsin Rapids to start a better life for himself and Sarah.

While Doug was in the process of completing the Love INC Intake process, one of our volunteers had emailed the Connection Center. She asked Janet, our Client Care Co-Coordinator, if there might be a client who had a young child that was in need of a twin bed. It was well cared for, with a bookcase headboard and drawers below; perfect for a young child to grow into and dream big dreams in. Janet replied asking if the volunteer was able to store the bed a bit longer until the process was completed by a client who had a little girl and may need a bed.

After completing the process, we learned that Sarah did indeed need a bed, and Doug was thankful for the donation. He asked Janet if it was possible for a letter from Santa be written to Sarah, as it would be a Christmas gift for her. To Janet's excitement, Santa was thrilled to write Sarah a letter because "she had been such a good girl and helpful to her daddy. He and Mrs. Claus knew she would love the bed which would hold her many dreams, clothes, books, and treasures for years to come." The bed was delivered to Sarah by two Love INC volunteer elves!

This story reminds us to trust that our heavenly Father knows exactly where we are in our lives at every moment. He either put us there or is allowing us to be there, all for His own perfect purpose.

\*Pseudonym

## FOUNDER'S DAY 3RD ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Love INC exists today because of the dedication of faithful leaders. We are gathering to honor a few founding board members and the visionaries who made our mission possible. This year, we recognize the incredible contributions of Paul Liebherr and Pastor Chuck & Pat Bradbury, along with a special posthumous tribute to Pastor Dave & Ruth Mickelson. Please join us in celebrating the legacy of dedication and faith that continues to guide us today.

**Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026  
@ 6pm**

Held at Love INC of SWC, 710 20th Ave S., Wis. Rapids.

Come and enjoy a variety of delicious desserts, finger foods, coffee or tea. Reserved seating is required.

This event is free but reservations are required due to limited seating.

Please call 715.424.LOVE(5683) or email [info@loveincswc.org](mailto:info@loveincswc.org) to reserve your spot today! Thank you.

# Being The Hands and Feet of Jesus

The needy and vulnerable hold a special place in God's heart—so much so that He views our care for them as care shown directly to Him. In [Matthew 25:34-40](#), Jesus commends His followers who noticed those in need and responded with compassion and love. This is what it means to be His hands and feet: to notice the needs around us, ask ourselves what we have to offer, and generously give or help if we can. If you are looking to serve God by serving others, check out the ways you can make an impact in your community below. *Click on each of the headings for additional information.* You may contact us at 715.424.LOVE(5683) if you have any questions or you would like to serve.

CHRIST HAS NO HANDS  
BUT OUR HANDS TO DO  
HIS WORK TODAY; HE  
HAS NO FEET BUT OUR  
FEET TO LEAD MEN IN  
HIS WAY....

-ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT-

## Client Care Connection Center

You could serve by helping connect those in need with resources available through Love INC, our Partner Churches, and our community. Involvement would include answering phones, listening to the client's story, providing information about various services and/or assistance, make follow up calls to clients, etc. Training provided.

## Love it Again Thrift Store

Volunteering at the store would mean contributing to the financial stability of Love INC, which helps fund many of our programs. While the store is open to everyone in our community, neighbors enrolled in Love INC New Hope Life Skills Classes are also able to shop using a voucher system. Training provided.

## Household Items Ministry

If you have household items you wish to donate, they can make a significant difference in someone's life. We also need individuals to collect, assess, and inventory items. Additionally, this ministry is in great need of additional volunteers who could lift some of the heavier items and help with transporting them to clients. Training provided.

## New Hope Life Skills Classes

Our NHLS classes are a chance to build community as we learn life skills together. Each class is designed to restore hope, to deepen relationships, and to grow both personally and spiritually. There are many ways you can help - Meal Coordinator, Incentives Coordinator, Administrative Tasks, provide meals or transportation, group discussion leader, and childcare.

## Other Ways to Serve

There are countless other opportunities where you could serve at Love INC. Follow the linked heading above to view our Volunteer brochure where you will find many different opportunities. We have a place for you at Love INC to share your God given gifts and talents!



# Safe Haven Baby Box - Wisconsin Rapids

The installation of a Safe Haven Baby Box at the West Side Fire Station reflects a shared commitment by the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department, Wood County Sheriff's Department, and the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department to protect our community's most vulnerable.

Their highly trained, 24/7 first responders embody the professionalism and compassion required to make this project a success. By aligning with their mission to serve those in need, they are creating a life-saving resource for the entire county.



## How Can We Help?

Community support is needed to reach their fundraising goal. Please consider donating or spreading the word to make this vision a reality.

**Online:** Donate at [www.uwswac.org](http://www.uwswac.org)

**By Mail:** Send a check to St. Peter and Paul Church, 1150 2nd Street North, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494.

**More Info:** Visit the Safe Haven Baby Box - [Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page](#).

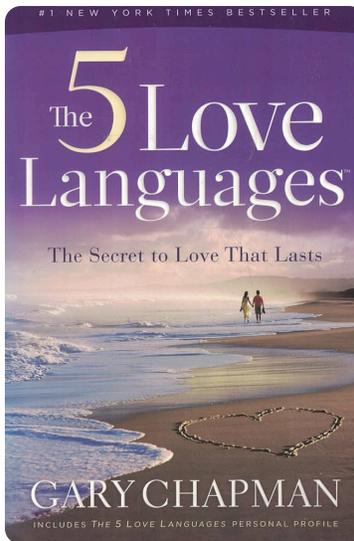
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**NEW HOPE**  
LIFE SKILLS CLASSES

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming New Hope Life Skills class. Discover the most simple, effective, and immediate way to strengthen your relationship to experience greater joy and satisfaction with your loved ones.

Classes will be geared to strengthening all relationships, not just to couples.

**FEB 17 - MARCH 31, 2026**

MEALS @ 5:30PM WITH  
CLASSES FROM 6:00-7:30PM



**LOVE INC BUILDING**

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WIS. RAPIDS

### DATES/LOVE LANGUAGES

2/17: Intro to 5 Love Languages  
2/24: #1 - Quality Time  
3/3: #2 - Gift Giving  
3/10: #3 - Acts of Service  
3/17: Off, Spring Break  
3/24: #4 - Words of Affirmation  
3/31: #5 - Physical Touch and Love Languages for children

Childcare and transportation available upon request.

Register online (preferred way) by February 10, 2026, or you may contact us at the phone number or email address listed below.