



Helping Churches Help People

A message from... Larry Daughenbaugh, Executive Director

Coming Soon - Love it Again Boutique!

Proverbs 29:18 declares, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." With that scripture in mind, I am thrilled to announce that the Love INC Board of Directors - a group of visionaries - have voted to move forward with a Love it Again Boutique!

This sister store will become a reality in February 2026, at a location and date yet to be announced. The boutique will specialize in upscale vintage jewelry and a wide array of unique upscale vintage items. The existing Love it Again Thrift Store will remain as it is, and at its same location.

We owe the success of our thrift store to our faithful customers and dedicated volunteers! Their support has been a tremendous blessing, allowing Love INC to continue its mission and life-changing work within our community.



Please stay tuned for additional details as we move closer to the grand opening!

Love it Again Thrift Store information may be found at loveincswc.org or on the stores Facebook page.

Community Information



The Wisconsin Rapids Area Habitat for Humanity, a new partner of Love INC, is seeking applicants interested in applying for a home. Families must complete and submit an application for home ownership. This is a great organization that offers a hand up - not a hand out! They and the work they do is making tremendous difference in our community. Check out their website at wrahhf.org for additional information. If you have any questions, feel free to call them at 715-422-1925.



Love INC is thrilled to be partners with the Wisconsin Rapids chapter of Celebrate Recovery, meeting at St. Lawrence Catholic Church (530 10th Ave N) every Tuesday night at 6:30pm. This meeting is for anyone with hurts, habits, and hang-ups, and provides a framework to pursue healing and freedom with others doing the same. It is a Christ-centered, 12-step program, with each week alternating real testimonies and lessons that teach the principles of recovery. It is then followed up with discussions in gender-specific small groups, and a time for snacks and fellowship. Additional information can be found on the loveincswc.org website.

Isaiah 41:10

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

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LOVE INC OF SOUTH WOOD COUNTY

Stages of Growth

OUR TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY



At Love INC, we're all about relationships! That's because we believe Christ-like relationships are transformative. When Love INC flourishes in a community, healthy relationships grow, Christian love thrives, and struggling neighbors receive support, friendship, and the kind of practical help they need. Love In the Name of Christ's relational ministry model breaks down into four parts, or "modes" as seen in the image below.

We progressed to our Transformational Ministry mode in 2022. This level is all about caring relationships and training. It equips volunteers from our partner churches (from all different denominations!) to mentor to individuals who may be struggling in certain areas of their life. Over two to four months, these mentors lead life skill classes and form meaningful friendships with the participants.

Our New Hope Life Skills courses offer clients a wonderful opportunity to experience hope for their futures as they learn practical skills to move from needing help to being independent. Classes start with dinner or refreshments (depending on the class) giving them time together for fellowship and encouragement. Growing this ministry takes time and a lot of planning, and we are so thankful for our dedicated Transformational Ministry team. They work hard to make sure our participants get the best training possible!

Classes that were offered in 2025 included:

January - Untangle Your Emotions

This journey took a transformational look at your inner life through the lens of science and Scripture with Allen's revolutionary approach. Instead of suppressing feelings, students discover how to intentionally notice, name, and connect with them in a way that brings lasting health; enhancing intimacy with God and others.

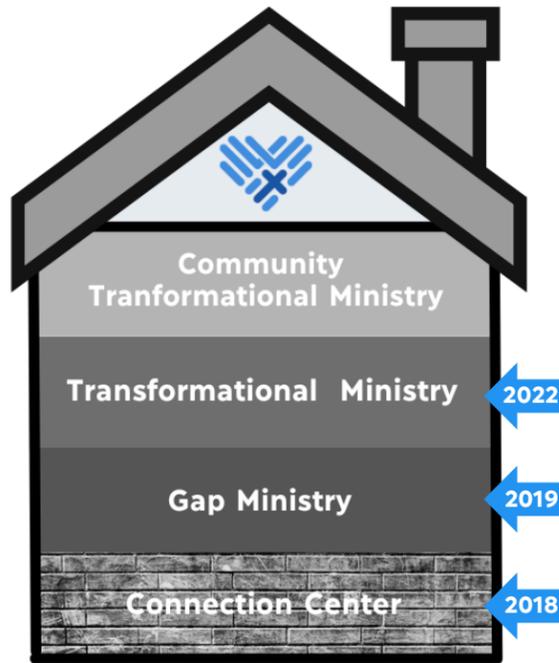
May - Personal Finance Study

This class was taught by Beth McKinney, a professional educator in our community. The class's main themes focused on how to handle money and get out of debt.

September - Max on Life DVD Study

This study was about the role of prayer, the purpose of pain, and the reason for our ultimate hope. Max responded to the day-to-day questions—parenting quandaries, financial challenges, difficult relationships—as well as to the profound: Is God really listening?

We look forward to continue growing this ministry in the coming year with new offerings. We will be updating the New Hope Life Skills web page on our website in early 2026 to include class offerings, easy online registration, as well as information for volunteers who would like to become a mentor or provide other resources to assist in this ministry. So stay tuned, there are great things to come!



LOVE STORY

Facing limitations due to diabetes and feeling overwhelmed with keeping his apartment clean, Jack* reached out to Love INC for help. What seemed like a simple request for cleaning, quickly became a much deeper concern. Our Intake Specialists in the Connection Center are trained to look beyond the immediate need and it was quickly discovered that Jack was actually unable to care for himself.

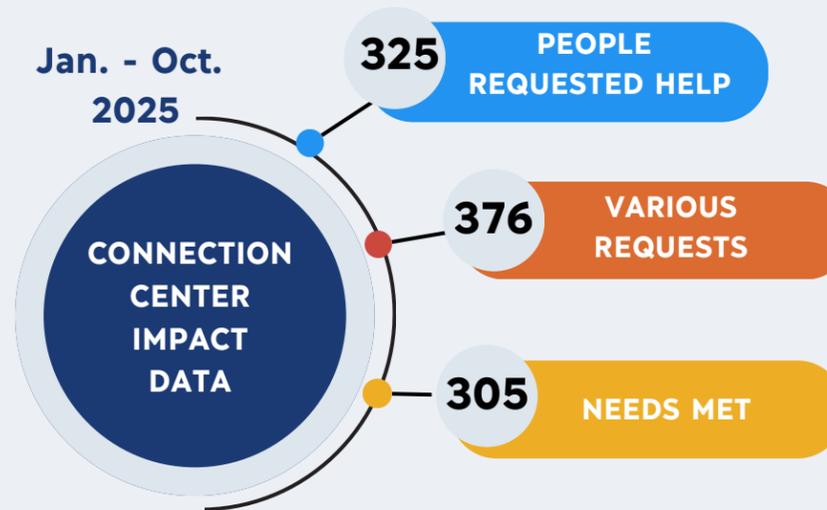
Despite his struggles, Jack trusted in God, but living alone meant that some days were incredibly difficult for him. We soon learned that complications from diabetes led him to require surgery on his ankle. Hearing of his need for encouragement, a caring pastor from one of our Partner Churches, River Cities Church, went to visit Jack in the hospital. Jack was overwhelmed with gratitude for the visit and conversation that he called the pastor, "his hero."

Following his surgery, Jack stayed at several care facilities and volunteers through our Careline Ministry continued supporting him through regular phone calls. These calls provided a source of comfort against his loneliness as he shared stories about his life and his daily struggles. Jack was loved and cared for in his last days, supported by his family, dedicated staff, and caring volunteers. We take comfort knowing that Jack's struggles are now over, and he is home with his Lord and Savior.

Romans 8:38-39 - For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Pseudonym

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Our Church Partners

- 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
- River Cities Christian
- Saint Lawrence Catholic
- St. Luke's Lutheran
- StoneBridge
- Wisconsin Rapids United Methodist
- Woodland Lutheran



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