

# Love In the Name of Christ of South Wood County



MOBILIZING LOCAL CHURCHES TO TRANSFORM LIVES AND COMMUNITIES IN THE NAME OF CHRIST



Written by Steve Stageman

Two years ago, I was invited to a Love INC ambassador breakfast. I had plenty of time, since I retired as a mechanical design engineer four years ago. I signed up to be an Ambassador for Love INC at my church, then, I thought I would volunteer to be a handyman for Love INC also.

My last request from Love INC led me to meet Anna Mae\*, the nicest lady you would ever want to meet. I was told she needed someone to help with a repair at her home. She had asked someone else to repair it, but they were unable. I went to meet with Anna Mae and see if it was something I could help with. She explained her son and his friend had attempted the repair, but were unable to complete the task, so they gave up. After assessing the item, I decided I was up to the challenge. A few days later I showed up with lots of tools to help put it all back together. I could see how excited and thrilled Anna Mae was with the thought of this item fixed.

Throughout the day, there were many difficulties, and even an incorrectly purchased part that I promised to exchange for the correct item.

We prayed that the store would exchange it and have the correct one in stock. Guess what? Never doubt God! The correct one was less money and in stock. At the end of the day, the item was as good as new! When Anna Mae realized this, she was so happy she almost cried. We took a moment and prayed thanking God for a great day and the repaired item, now back in working condition. I am not sure who got more out of that day: myself seeing Anna Mae so happy or Anna Mae herself. To God be the glory.

\*Pseudonym

**For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.**

**Romans 11:36**

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

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Looking for unique finds? Love it Again Thrift Store should be your one-stop shop for one-of-a-kind finds! Our volunteers carefully select and display donated items, ensuring great quality and value. All proceeds help to support Love INC of South Wood County, allowing us to continue caring for and serving our community in the name of Christ.

Store Hours:

Wednesday-Friday: 10AM - 5PM

Saturday: 10AM - 3PM

Location: 401 12th Ave S, WR

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## Christmas Shop Helpers

The Love INC Christmas Shop Helpers are well on their way to planning another year of joy and blessings for families in our community. Participating families will meet at the Love INC building where they will enjoy holiday-themed activities like cookie decorating, crafting, nativity story, and more. Each child will receive thoughtful donated Christmas gifts. After the party, children will have the opportunity to select a gift for their parent or guardian at Love it Again Thrift Store.

Help us make Christmas magical! We will be posting a gift list and volunteer opportunities at the end of October on our social media sites. Let's spread some holiday cheer together, and help make these families feel the joy of the season.

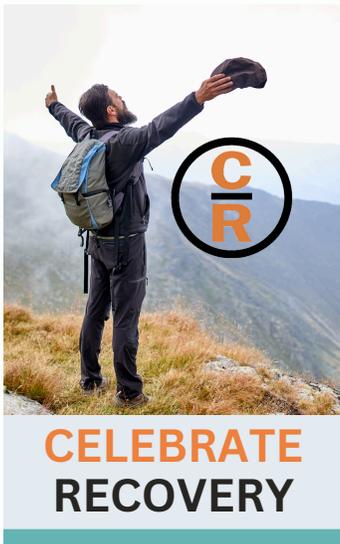


## A Gift of Hope

Sally\*, a New Hope Life Skills participant, had heard about Love INC's Christmas Shop. She asked if she could bring an application to her neighbor, Gloria\*. Gloria is raising her two teenage grandchildren because their parents are deceased. To make the situation more challenging, Gloria was going through chemotherapy and not able to work. In addition to the three gifts for each of her grandchildren, a comfort basket of goodies to help her cope with the chemotherapy was wrapped up and given to her.

When Sally and her daughter dropped off the items, Gloria stated, "I am so appreciative of the kindness. With being sick and disabled, I would not have been able to shop for any Christmas gifts." The goal of the Christmas Shop program is to provide an extra boost for families who can benefit from a financial blessing during the Christmas Season.

\*Pseudonyms



The beauty of CR (Celebrate Recovery) is the strength of the community it builds. Everyone, I mean everyone, that attends has some hurt, hang-up, or habit that they are dealing with. Individuals come to CR because they choose the power of God's transformation and healing through Jesus Christ.

God is already using the new CR group in Wisconsin Rapids where I am a part of the Leadership Team. One night a new guest attended. The group leader for that night gave their personal testimony. In the testimony, it was mentioned the dark place he had been in and the thoughts of suicide that came from being in that place.

There is no way to prepare for a random guest or to know what someone is thinking...but God can! Later, we found out that the testimony of the group leader struck the heart of the guest, who was contemplating suicide that night. Through the testimony and the combined prayers of the Wisconsin

Rapids and Bluff View CR groups, a suicide was prevented and the guest accepted Christ into his life.

Love INC invites you to be a part of this transformational ministry. For additional information and meeting dates, follow this link: <https://loveincswc.org/celebrate>. - Written by Pastor Eric Hambrock