

LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

of South Wood County

October 2025



LOVE STORY

When someone calls the Connection Center at Love INC, we focus on the whole person, not just the need. We start by listening to their story or situation, we ask questions, get to know them, and pray with them. This approach allows us to build caring, Christ-like relationships with and reflects our mission to "mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ." Jocelyn's* story is a great example of this.

While getting to know Jocelyn through a phone call in the Connection Center, we discovered that she found joy in working with children with special needs and helping others. She has a strong faith, which is very important to her. Due to health issues and lack of transportation, she required Medical Transport for medical appointments. We also learned that Jocelyn loved to swim, but again, transportation prevented her from exercising to improve her health. This emphasis on building relationships is what makes Love INC, Love INC! As we got to know her, and what was important to her, we were able to bring together staff, church partners, and volunteers to meet her needs in several ways.

- Volunteers from Love INC drive her to church weekly, and also delivered food to her from FOCUS. (The volunteer who drives her to church recently attended a get together at Jocelyn's home along with several of her friends.)
- River Cities Christian Church provided in-home prayer visits.
- An ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) referral helped her get transportation to the YMCA several times a week.

Today, Jocelyn is walking two miles a day and swimming 15 laps, 2-3 times a week. While she still struggles with her health, she is full of joy. Deb, our Connection Center co-coordinator, shared, "I am not sure who is more blessed when talking with Jocelyn. Her kindness and optimism are contagious, and you can't help but let it rub off on you!" *pseudonym

VISION:

To see Christian churches united and fully engaged living out their faith by lovingly serving people in need in our community.

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To mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ

CORE VALUES:

- PRAYER is an integral part of who we are
- We follow Christ's example of valuing ALL PEOPLE
- We value TRANSFORMATION in the lives of people and communities
- We value building CHRIST-LIKE RELATIONSHIPS
- We are CHRISTIAN...what we think, say, and do is in the name of Christ
- We respect and value UNITY in the Body of Christ
- We value and support CHURCHES living out the two great commandments to love God and their neighbors
- We value the CONNECTEDNESS of the Love INC movement
- We model EXCELLENCE in our operations including our stewardship of all resources



Love INC of SWC supports our clients through partnerships with many organizations/agencies across South Wood County. We are especially grateful for our long-standing ties with The Family Center in Wisconsin Rapids, an organization that advocates for and provides shelter to individuals and families in crisis due to domestic violence. Together, let's paint the town purple!



CONNECTION CENTER REPORT

35 Requests in August 2025

9 - Financial	14 - Services
11 - Material	1 - Other

Wisconsin Rapids Family Center invites you to take a stand against domestic violence this October

PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE

💡 *Show your support—change your porch light to purple this October*

Join Wisconsin Rapids in sending a message of hope and solidarity!

Community Highlights:

- Mayor Matt Zacher's proclamation & city bridge glowing purple
- Homes and businesses shining with purple lights
- Candlelight Vigil – Thursday, Oct. 23 • 6:00 PM held at the McMillan Library

Together, we can shine a light for survivors and stand united against abuse.

JOIN US!

Have you ever wanted to share your faith in Jesus with someone...but you just didn't know how? Come out to our monthly evangelism training and outreach every first Sunday of the month at Love INC at 1:30pm to learn a simple method for sharing Jesus. And then watch our experienced evangelists demonstrate it in action!

Every 1st Sunday of the month
1:30 PM @ Love INC
710 20th Avenue South



Partnering in the Gospel to see my community transformed



The purpose of Redemptive Compassion is to offer compassion in such a way that it helps redeem and restore one to the fullness of life God has promised to all.

Love INC's approach to helping people is different; rather than focusing on the person's need, we focus on the person. This 4-week series will convict participants that this biblical approach is the key to helping people gain hope to change their lives.

We are offering two options for this class:

- Monday evenings from 6-7:30pm on October 13, 20, 27, and November 3
- Tuesday afternoons from 1-2:30pm on October 14, 21, 28, and November 4

Location: Love INC Building Board Room
701 20th Ave So., Wis Rapids

Register: By October 6th
Call 715-424-LOVE (5683) or email info@loveincswc.org.



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