

2010 Annual Report

Love In the Name of Christ DeKalb/Sycamore



Our Mission is to mobilize the Church in the DeKalb/Sycamore area to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ.

Love INC...“For such a time as this!” Esther 4:14b



Greetings!

As we look at our second year of serving the greater DeKalb/Sycamore communities it has been good to see the growth and additional support that took place in 2010. Just as a growing child develops in different areas so have we been able to develop further in this wonderful organization as we partner with churches and agencies to assist those with legitimate needs.

It has been good to see churches like First Lutheran Church in DeKalb take advantage of the contacts they have made through their Linen GAP Ministry and actively have ladies attending their weekly Bible studies.

To watch churches want to be part of the ministry and take the steps to do so has been encouraging.

To see churches in 2010 want to reach out further and establish GAP Ministries within their congregation was motivating.

Hearing a grateful working single mother in remission of cancer thanking us for the beds for her two children was touching.

Watching a team of churches and church members provide furniture and delivery for a family who lost their home due to a fire was an awesome sight of the Church loving, "in action and truth."

The need to add storage units due to the generosity of people donating their belongings to encourage those in need, and make a difference in homes was humbling.

Those are just some of the stories that allow us to see that the ministry of Love In the Name of Christ is impacting our community and will for years to come. The ministry coordinated over 8,000 hours of service to our communities through the Clearinghouse, furniture deliveries, and walking alongside people in need. Volunteers have been a "Good Samaritan" to 1,386 people in 2010.

To all those who have been co-laborers in ministry either by giving your time, insights, resources, or finances, thank you for your service of loving God and loving people in our community. Thank you for letting your light shine as seen in Matthew 5:16.

In the Name of Christ,

Nathan Scott
Executive Director
Love In the Name of Christ DeKalb/Sycamore

Who is Love In the Name of Christ DeKalb/Sycamore?

The Ministry...

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The Mission...

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The Motto...

“Helping churches help others”

The Mandate...

Our Core Values

We are Christian-everything we think, say, and do is in the name of Christ. **Prayer** is an integral part of who we are. We follow Christ’s example of valuing the **poor and needy**. We value **unity** of the Body of Christ. We value **transformation** in the lives of people and communities. We value **churches** living out the two great commandments to love God and love their neighbors. We value building Christ-like **relationships**. We value the **connectedness** of the Love INC movement. We model **excellence**. We value continually **maturing** in our capacity to meet people’s needs.

The members

We have 31 partner churches in our ministry area, representing 22 different denominations.

The Method

Love In the Name of Christ operates as a central clearinghouse and ministry center, receiving calls for needs of all kinds and verifying the legitimacy of all needs. Love INC empowers Christian volunteers to meet needs and accomplish ministry. We also make sure that, as a ministry, we have all the resources and help of area agencies and organizations at our fingertips, including complete knowledge of the ministries and services of each network church. Love INC strives to be the best steward possible of the variety of resources that will help people with legitimate needs. For individuals and families with chronic needs we hope to expose them to ministries to help accomplish long-term change. We desire to see transformation come to homes and our communities because of our coordination and network approach to ministry.



Met 1,165 needs in 2010

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me....” Matthew 25: 35-36

Provided 434 families with help and hope.

“But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!” I Corinthians 15:57

Coordinated 182 Christian volunteers from 31 churches,
representing 22 different denominations.

“To prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...”
Ephesians 4:12.

Found additional ministries to meet basic needs in our communities. There
are currently 13 GAP Ministries partnering with us.

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.” I Corinthians 12:4-6

Cared for those in need.

“Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm! Let nothing move you! Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

I Corinthians 15:58



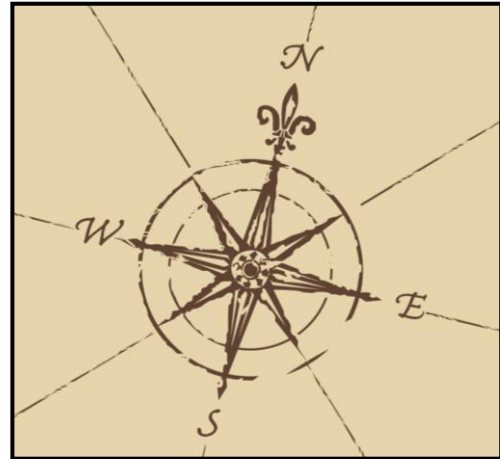
Our Impact.....

“Helping Churches Help Others.”

Our boundaries:

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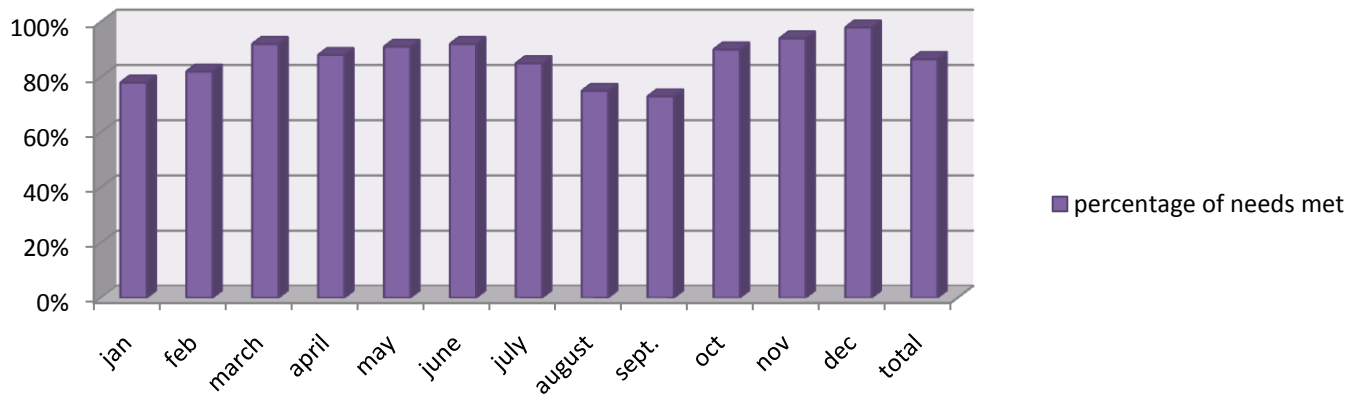


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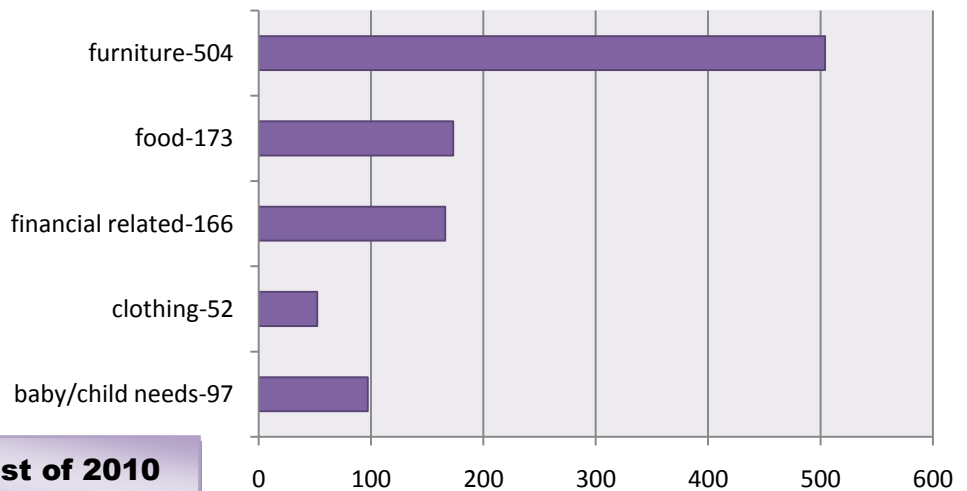
Rt. 30 / Hinckley to Shabbona

Community	Number of clients
Cortland	36
DeKalb	256
Genoa	11
Hinckley	2
Homeless	5
Kingston	9
Kirkland	4
Malta	6
Shabbona	3
Sycamore	93
Waterman	7
Transient	4


percentage of needs met



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Top 5 request of 2010

 One of the blessings of being a Love INC volunteer is being able to help people solve problems. Our intake interview volunteers are great at listening and finding out what callers really need.

Last month, a client called our office asking for help with her gas bill. During the intake interview we learned that because the client was disabled, she relied on her 17-year-old daughter for transportation to the doctor's office. More questioning turned up the fact that the daughter's auto insurance was \$383 per month!

Thinking this amount was outrageous, the volunteer contacted a friend in the insurance business. The client now has a better policy and \$152 a month extra that she can put towards her gas bill.

 When is a pair of eyeglasses more than just a pair of eyeglasses? When Love INC is involved, you can be sure that a whole lot of blessings are involved as well.


A man who said he needed a new pair of eyeglasses was referred to Love INC by one of our partner churches, Salem Lutheran. When our volunteer finished the intake interview, it was apparent that the man needed more.


The client shared that he was dealing with the recent deaths of both his father and his wife, and he needed help to donate all of his wife's clothing and personal belongings. He also needed money to keep his phone on, and he was struggling to pay for necessary medication for depression and other medical issues. Moreover, his unemployment benefits had run out and bills were piling up.

Our verification process confirmed that all the needs were real, and volunteers immediately got to work to find assistance. Here are some of the results:

- DeKalb Community Services provided help with utility bills.
- St Vincent de Paul of St. Mary Church was the recipient of many of the personal belongings that needed to be donated.
- Salvation Army offered assistance.
- One of our partner churches provided spiritual outreach.
- Volunteers offered encouragement, listening ears, and counsel, resulting in the client getting out and meeting friends, praying, and beginning to look for an area church home.

And of course, the eyeglasses—a pair was found through the Lions Club and donated by a local business in DeKalb. Now the client can see the world, and the blessings shown to us all through the love of Christ, so much more clearly!

 "Thank you for the couch, table, chairs, and TV stand. I appreciate you bringing the furniture to my apartment. Its nice to have furniture to sit on. Thank you for being nice and helpful when I called." -A note from a client

 Single parents are finding proper baby needs, families are eating, children are sleeping on beds, families are sitting on couches around the living room, families are eating at a kitchen table, and utility assistance is warming apartments. These are some of the needs that have been met.

Needs that would not be met in any other way, **are** being met as a result of Love In the Name of Christ in this community.

Love INC serves as an umbrella ministry for area churches

Love INC Clearinghouse

Many churches and church members are involved...



...resulting in many needs being met that would otherwise not be met.

Partner Churches

- Bethel Assembly of God
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church
- Nazarene Church of DeKalb
- DeKalb Christian Church
- Evangelical Free Church
- First Baptist Church of DeKalb
- First Baptist Church of Sycamore
- First Lutheran Church of DeKalb
- First United Methodist Church of DeKalb
- Foursquare Gospel Church
- Glad Tidings Assembly of God
- Grace Free Lutheran Church
- Harvest Bible Chapel of DeKalb
- Hillcrest Covenant Church
- New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
- Newman Catholic Center
- North Avenue Baptist Church
- Salem Lutheran Church
- St. Mary's of Sycamore
- St. Mary's of DeKalb
- St. Paul Episcopal Church
- Sycamore United Methodist Church
- The Church in DeKalb
- The Vineyard
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Victory Baptist Church
- Vida Nueva
- Waterman Bible Church
- Wesleyan Church of DeKalb
- Westminster Presbyterian Church

Church led GAP Ministries

- Linen Ministry-First Lutheran
- Kitchen Ministry-Hillcrest Covenant
- Moving Ministry-New Hope, First Lutheran, Hillcrest Covenant, Christ Community, First Baptist of Sycamore, Trinity Lutheran, United Methodist of DeKalb
- Diaper Ministry-Nazarene Church of DeKalb
- Paper Ministry-Salem Lutheran Church
- Food Ministry-Salem Lutheran, Sycamore United Methodist, Church of the Nazarene, New Hope Missionary Baptist, St. Mary's DeKalb,
- Car Repair Ministry-Christ Community Church
- Gas Voucher Ministry: Hillcrest Covenant, United Methodist Church of DeKalb
- Clothing Closets-Nazarene Church of DeKalb, St. Vincent DePaul
- Life Skills: Bethel Assembly of God, First Baptist Church of Sycamore, New Hope Missionary Baptist

GAP Ministries overseen by Clearinghouse

- Furniture Ministry
- Appliance Ministry
- Electronic Ministry
- Lamp Ministry



The Board of Directors

Ministry Year 2010

Providing oversight, insight, accountability, planning, solid Christian leadership

Chair.....Mark Cordes, Hillcrest Covenant Church
Vice-Chair.....Angela Baron-Jeffrey, New Hope Missionary Baptist church
Treasurer.....Doug Stice, Evangelical Free Church of DeKalb/Sycamore
Secretary.....Helen Maurer, Sycamore United Methodist Church
Community Relation Committee>...Tarryn Thadyn, First Lutheran Church
Resource Development Committee..Russ Bishop, Christ Community Church
Resource Development Committee..Kathy Butler, United Methodist Church/DeKalb
Personnel Committee.....Marcy Buick, Sycamore United Methodist Church
Finance Committee.....Pastor John Burch, North Avenue Baptist Church
Personnel Committee.....Chuck Walters, Newman Catholic Center
Community Relations Committee....Pastor Todd Peterson, Trinity Lutheran Church

Clearinghouse Intake Volunteers in 2010

Erica Scott-Harvest Bible Church
Laurie Hillman-North Avenue Baptist Church
Nita Rogers-North Avenue Baptist Church
Sharon Williams-First Lutheran Church
Donna Wagner-Christ Community Church
Carolyn Watson-Sycamore United Methodist Church
Larry Wood-Hillcrest Covenant Church
Jane Lean-Christ Community Church
Angie Fabris-Christ Community Church
Alice Larimer-Sycamore United Methodist Church
Desiree Sawyer-New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
Darlene Webb-New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
Camilla Metcalf-Sycamore United Methodist Church
Janet Mundall-Sycamore United Methodist Church
Leora Little-Sycamore United Methodist Church

Clearinghouse Coordinators

Sharon Williams, First Lutheran
Laurie Hillman, North Avenue Baptist Church
Erica Scott, Harvest Bible Chapel
Dave Ellison, Glad Tidings Assembly of God

Moving/Furniture Ministry Coordinator

Wayne Joslin, First United Methodist Church in DeKalb



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Financial Report

Income

Individual Contributions	\$13,492.00
Church Contributions	\$30,266.00
Misc. Contributions	\$ 1,516.00
Banquet	\$ 9,965.00
Pork Chop Dinner	<u>\$ 6,287.00</u>
	\$61,526.00

Financial gifts allowed us to bring our Executive Director to a full-time status and provided an office, and ministry space for us to use.

The financial gifts allowed us to protect the resources of the church from people who misuse services. It also allowed us to promote new ministries to help meet needs that were previously not being met.

Expense

General	\$52,646.00
Banquet	\$ 3,972.00
Pork Chop Dinner	<u>\$ 4,413.00</u>
	\$61,031.00

2010 Net Income **\$ 495.00**

If you would like to support the ministry of Love In the Name of Christ, financial gifts can be mailed to:

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