



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Notes From The Neighborhood

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A Message from Nathan

What a wonderful gift the Creator of the universe gave to mankind. He gave something that was so dear to him, "His only begotten son" (John 3:16). His gift is capable of meeting every need that an individual might have.

We have seen many different needs over the last few months with various reasons of how those needs occurred. It has been neat to see how God orchestrates different needs and individuals to show his love. This love is capable of transforming lives. What a gift!

During these last few weeks through Thanksgiving and now the Christmas season it has been a privilege to see first hand how many of our churches desire to use the holidays to share the joy of Jesus. For some churches it was hot served meals, for others gifts, and yet others extra things to encourage other people they've never met before.

Before Jesus went to Heaven he challenged his disciples, "Go into all the world...teach them." That is just a part of what he said. What a great time it was during the holidays to see what Love INC did throughout the week to carry out this command as we teach our communities of the greatest Christmas gift of all through our actions and our love. As we do for the "least of these" by ultimately serving Jesus. Jesus is the true gift that keeps on giving because of his unconditional love for us.

Love INC desires to take the Christmas and Easter story to our communities as we mobilize the churches to transform lives. Will you plan to help us this coming year to accomplish our goal through volunteering or financial giving? This is an investment that will bring many blessings to our neighbors, churches, and communities; an investment that will allow the individuals that call Love

INC to see the true meaning and Spirit of Christmas year round.

Joy to the world the Lord has come! May God greatly bless your household in 2010.

Nathan Scott, Executive Director

A Love Story

Every month, the volunteers with Love INC are blessed to be able to show the love of Christ to many in our community who are hurting.



A mother of four called the Love INC clearinghouse recently in despair. She was in desperate need of help with some home repairs. To complicate matters, she was distraught because she owed back income taxes and didn't know what to do.

After the intake volunteer found out her needs, the help started rolling in. A member of Christ Community Church in DeKalb stepped up to help with the home repairs. Other volunteers from the Sycamore United Methodist Church offered volunteers to help with her past due tax forms. The volunteers' time and expertise, freely given, have made a big impact on an entire family.

The client is very thankful for the kindness and generosity of those who stepped up to help her and her children. She knows what it is to feel the love of Christ!

Wants and Needs

- Moving teams
- Beds in good condition (various sizes)
- Lightly used mattresses
- Electric heaters
- Gas vouchers
- Kitchen tables
- Dressers

For the clearinghouse, we need paper and office supplies. Please call the clearinghouse for specific needs, 815-217-0082.

Someone You Should Know

Debra Burgin has recently volunteered to become our webmaster, another answer to prayer.

When her pastor presented Love INC at her church, Debra saw the potential for members to get involved and to find a niche in ministry. Board member Tarryn Thaden invited Debra to help with last summer's open house and to join the committee that provides information to the community. She is also active in the Linen Ministry at 1st Lutheran (see below).

Debra has been upgrading and updating our website. Her goals for the website are to make it easier to find information, keep it current and to make people more aware of Love INC and what our needs are to do ministry.

The website is nearly finished and will soon be available. So watch for an announcement soon.

Gap Ministries

This month's Gap Ministry is the First Lutheran Linen Closet in DeKalb. This new gap ministry is a result of a casual conversation at a women's Bible study when members discussed their garage sale bargains for Love INC.

The women located a room in the church, cleaned it, had shelving from the old hospital installed, and began to collect linens. And so this gap ministry was born.

The First Lutheran Linen Closet is now ready to provide linens (bedding and towels) whenever Love INC provides beds to those in need.

This ministry is supplied by donations of new or gently used linens, including sheets, pillows, mattress pads, blankets, comforters, quilts, and towels. If you have something to donate, please call First Lutheran at 815-758-0643.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 17, 2010 – Open house at the 1st Lutheran Linen Closet. Stop by anytime from 2 – 4 PM for a "linen shower."

March 20 --- Heart for the Community conference at First Baptist Church in Sycamore. Go to www.cdda.org to register.

Annual Meeting in March TBD.

Thanks

Thanks to:

- Debra Burgin, our new webmaster. She is currently updating our website.
- Kishwaukee Hospital for furniture, shelving, etc. from the old hospital.
- All who contributed food for the Christmas Boxes of Love. We were able to provide 25 homes with a Christmas meal.

Welcome

We welcome North Avenue Missionary Baptist Church as our newest partner.

Meat Ministry hosted by Harvest Bible Chapel and in partnership with First Baptist Church DeKalb and their Angel Food ministry.

We are now on Facebook!! 

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