



Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ

## Notes From The Neighborhood

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### A Message from Nathan

We have seen great growth in a number of areas all which is due to the passionate volunteers that are part of the Love In the Name of Christ ministry here in DeKalb/Sycamore area. Some volunteers provide needed service with the client, some serve on various committees while others volunteer in our Clearing House on the phones and other administrative tasks.

This year alone so far over 5,000 hours of service have been given by individuals in our partner churches. Over 550 needs have been met. What an impact our 32 partner churches are making in the lives of our “neighbors.” Things are happening by God’s grace through his people.

We have seen a certain need to communicate with our clients and that requires additional Intake hours. After talking with some of our Church Ministry Coordinators we thought it best to begin an evening shift.

We are looking for volunteers who may be able to serve once or twice a month to help us process those requests from people who work during the day but still have needs. We have an upcoming Intake Training Session schedule (see save the date) for this need as well as a training time scheduled for those that are available in serving one of our morning shifts.

We want to continue to have an encouraging godly impact on our communities, but we need your help in the Phone Intake Ministry. If you have some time that you want to share please call our office or email us. Note our training times in the Upcoming Event Section.

Nathan Scott,  
Executive Director

### Love Story

One of the joys of sharing the love of Christ by helping to meet clients’ needs is hearing stories of how assistance from Love INC has turned their lives around. When people call the clearing house, they are often in despair or even desperate. However, when they find out that we care for them and want to provide for their needs, they are sometimes encouraged and grateful beyond our imagining.



For example, a member of one of our Love INC partner churches needed a dresser and some other home furnishings. As a disabled veteran, she has many challenges. After she received what she needed, she called the clearinghouse to express her gratitude and left a message. When a volunteer followed up with her later, she again gave thanks to every volunteer—those who work in the clearing house, or donate, or deliver—who cared enough to help her.

As Nathan says, “We don’t always get a client thanking the ministry this way, but it is encouraging to hear how God has encouraged one through the partnership of the body of Christ.”

## GAP Ministry

Our featured Gap Ministry this month is the new kitchen ministry at Hillcrest Covenant Church. This ministry provides items need to set up a kitchen. The inventory includes:

- Dishes – plates, bowls, silverware, glassware, serving dishes and mugs
- Small appliances – toasters and coffeemakers
- Pots and pans
- Cooking utensils – including spoons, spatulas, tongs, beaters
- Miscellaneous items – canisters, dish drainers, plastic containers

We especially need pots and pans, and silverware.

Each year at Hillcrest, we focus on one characteristic of our walk with Jesus. This year it is service. When Nathan mentioned the need for a pots and pans ministry at the Love INC Banquet last spring, it seemed like a God choice.

Our building is small and we needed lots of space to store donations, so we chose to follow the Love INC of DeKalb model and rent a storage unit. We found one close to the Love INC units. In this space, we set up shelves and sorted through lots of boxes to stock our shelves. Soon we will have a checklist that intake volunteers can use to identify just what a client needs to stock the kitchen.

So now when Love INC has a client who is setting up an apartment, we can provide furniture, linens (from the Linen Ladies at First Lutheran) and the equipment and dishes to set up a kitchen.

So....

- If you love garage sales and see something you like
- How about sorting through your kitchen
- If you have a box of unused kitchen things in your basement

Consider a contribution to the Kitchen Ministry, please call Love INC at 815-217-0082 or

Hillcrest Covenant Church at 815-756-5508 to arrange a drop off time.

## Wants and Needs

We are always in need of good used furniture.

- Beds in good condition (various sizes)
- Lightly used mattresses
- Dressers
- Gas vouchers
- Kitchen tables & chairs
- Sofas
- Living room tables
- Bikes

### Critical Need

The need for twin beds and dressers is critical at this time. We have a waiting list for these items.

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

## Upcoming Events

We want to **expand our ministry!!** So we have scheduled Intake Volunteer training.

- August 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the morning shift prospects
- August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for evening shift prospects

This training will be held at the Clearing House at 151 W. Lincoln Hwy in DeKalb. Please consider joining in this important and fulfilling ministry.

RSVP by calling 815-217-0082 or email at [loveincdk@gmail.com](mailto:loveincdk@gmail.com)