



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Notes From The Neighborhood

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A Message from Nathan

These last few weeks have been exciting as my son has graduated from high school. All the years of school have finally come to an end until August when college starts. His hard work and dedication to doing what needed to be done to complete high school has paid off. Watching him walk across the stage was good to see, and seeing the smile on my wife's face was priceless.

As I have reflected on that and thinking how that ties in to our fifth core value here at Love In the Name of Christ DeKalb/Sycamore. It states, "We value transformation in the lives of people and communities." It brings excitement to see individuals make positive choices that bring changes to their lives and the lives of others. I think usually when transformation occurs in one's life there is going to be an effect on someone else. We thank the Lord for the changes we are seeing in the ministry that is having an impact on individuals and their households. We value that transformation and the work the Lord is doing. The transformation we see is a blessing to us and encouraging.

The transformation that takes place when a family receives a bed or sheets from First Lutheran's Linen Ministry is a humbling sight. What the body of Christ is doing for the least of these in need, the Bible says we are doing it for Jesus. Helping those get to work by connecting them to a church with gas vouchers is a positive step in community transformation. Providing individuals with the resources that are available through the churches and agencies of our communities and mentoring those in need how to continuously manage the resources in their homes is a step to positive community development and alleviating poverty in our community. Yes, we truly value transformation in the lives of people and our community.

There are several ways you can take part in caring for those in need. Please call our office or me at loveincdk@gmail.com to find out more. More than 120 people have volunteered over 6,500 hours in the last 13 months. Come be part of a ministry that is having an impact and one that values positive godly transformation.

Nathan Scott,
Executive Director

Love Story

Everyone loves a love story with a happy ending. For the clients who call the Love INC office for assistance, it's the volunteers serving in the name of Christ who are able to provide that those services. Can you help write a happy ending to this story?



Recently a client suffering from terminal leukemia called needing rides five days a week to Elgin for treatments. After the intake interview, Love INC learned that he was recently laid off from his job. Because his family was struggling with only half their previous income, they needed help with utilities and groceries.

The client was put in contact with local food pantries and governmental agencies that will be able to help his family. Also thanks to Love INC, he was led to the American Cancer Society and a local cancer support group.

And what about the initial need—the request for rides to his medical treatments? Love INC contacted some of the partner churches and found several willing drivers. However, more are needed. Perhaps you can provide the happy ending to this love story. Please call the Love INC clearinghouse to volunteer in the name of Christ.

Someone You Should Know

This month's Someone You Should Know is Pastor John Burch, who serves the Lord at North Avenue Baptist Church in Sycamore. Pastor Burch is one of the new Love INC board members. He serves on the Finance Committee, which manages the funds for Love INC.

Pastor Burch has always had two careers; he worked for Caterpillar in Aurora as a machinist and served the Lord as a pastor. Now retired from Caterpillar, he still is a pastor.

He heard about Love INC when a board member came to his church to present Love INC. He found the enthusiasm, the vision to unite churches, to multiply resources by combination to be an exciting opportunity. Two members of his congregation have since become intake volunteers, Laurie Hillman and Nita Rogers.

Pastor Burch says he would like to see Love INC expand the number of churches that partner together. Churches have resources and people have needs. But sometimes churches can be like individuals who need to be convinced that working together benefits all. More churches working together means more needs would be met. He is especially interested in the area to the east of DeKalb.

Ministry in our community is the key, we minister first in Jerusalem, then to Judea, and then to the world.

Wants and Needs

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

We also need more volunteers to do intake. We would like to expand our hours to meet the needs of more people and to decrease the number of missed calls. If you think the Lord is calling you to serve, please call the office for more information.

Upcoming Events

- Church Ministry Coordinator Training. This training is for Church Ministry Coordinators **and** for anyone who would like to learn more about Love INC. You have 3 options:

July 13 – 12 – 2:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, DeKalb

July 13 – 6:30 – 8:15 at North Avenue Baptist Church, Sycamore

July 14 – 6:30 – 8:15 at Trinity Lutheran Church, DeKalb

Thanks

Thanks to:

- The DeKalb Community Foundation for its generous contribution. We have been able to purchase a trailer to use when moving furniture and household goods to a family with a legitimate need.

Expanding hours:

We are looking to expand our intake hours to include an evening shift. Will you consider being part of this one night a week from 6-8 pm? This will help us help those in need that are working during the day. We desire to see this started mid-July. Training for this will be held July 12th at our Clearinghouse from 6-7:15 pm. Our Clearinghouse is located at 151 W. Lincoln Hwy in DeKalb. RSVP to Nathan Scott at loveincdk@gmail.com.