



Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ

## Notes From The Neighborhood

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### A Message from Nathan

**“We value Christ’s example of valuing the poor and needy” Core Value #3**

As we have looked at two of our core values the last two months, I wanted to share our third one with you. It is one that defines our heart and our recipients. “We value Christ’s example of valuing the poor and needy.”

There are so many examples in Scripture where we see this described and acted upon. Christ tells us to care for the orphans, and to care for the widows. He tells us to, “love our neighbor as ourselves.” He asks the rhetorical question, “If your neighbor asks for bread, would you give him a stone?” Of course not, we would give him what he needs and hopefully, if we are able to go the extra mile, to be a blessing and give even more to the neighbor.

What a privilege it is to be able to use our contacts and resources through agencies, churches, and individuals, to encourage individuals in need. Weekly we have teams of people delivering items to those in need who are financially unable to purchase on their own. It may be a lamp for light in the house, a kitchen table for meals or a chair to just sit and relax after a trying day. We may also have individuals legitimately struggling with an electric bill or struggling to get a few dollars at the end of the pay period for gas so they can take the kids to school and then go to work.

What a blessing it is to have a body of churches in our partnership that desire to live out Christ’s example of valuing and caring with an act of compassion for the poor and needy in our communities. Thank you for doing ministry with us and bringing transformation to our communities In the Name of Christ  
Nathan Scott,  
Executive Director

### Love Story

A Love Story From  
Nathan



Recently when my wife and I were having breakfast at IHOP, a woman having breakfast with one of our intake volunteers stopped us on our way out.

“You guys are amazing!” she said. Thinking she was talking about Erica and me, I smiled ear to ear and thanked her. As she continued to talk excitedly, I quickly learned she wasn’t talking about us, but the ministry of Love INC. She was saying how much she appreciated the bunk beds she had been given for her two young girls. Her thankfulness didn’t stop there—she went on to share how she was touched by the giving of another one of our GAP ministries which provided linens. “They brought good pillows, sheets, and blankets for us,” she explained.

I was encouraged and blessed to hear this story as we were out in public. It doesn’t happen every day that I hear the excitement, blessings, and thankfulness from the individuals that call. Despite her other challenges, this woman’s daughters are now getting a good night’s sleep in their own beds with their own linens. My heart was touched and my eyes a little watery as I heard what God had done for her through the churches of Love INC.

Together, we are bringing encouragement and hope to our community. Three churches + volunteers showing the love of Christ + beds and linens = a moving Love Story.

### Wants and Needs

As our furniture ministry grows, we need to maintain our inventory records so that we better meet client needs. We want to convert

our records to an Access database. If you have Access experience and about 10 hours, you have an opportunity to volunteer. Please contact the clearing house at 815-217-0082 and ask for Wayne.

Other needs:

- Gas vouchers
- Bikes
- Furniture (see list above)

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

## Pumpkin Parade

As he approached, you could see and hear the children point and shout, "Look at that Big Pumpkin!" Yes, "Pumpkin Love" (as the Love INC creators affectionately called him) stood over 9 feet tall! He perched above his pumpkin patch overlooking his crop of Love INC church ministries and carried signs that shared "Love INC Ministries Across the County."

The crowd at the 2010 Sycamore Pumpkin Parade got a good look at what Love In the Name of Christ was doing for the community. Seven church affiliated ministries were showcased: Kitchen, food, diaper, clothing, linen, moving, and paper, along with Love INC's own furniture and appliance ministries. It was a beautiful fall day, as eight additional volunteers walked along the parade route carrying a support banner sharing "Love INC's Pumpkin Love." A parade onlooker later shared that the float was a great way to inform him of what Love INC is all about and the interaction of all the partner churches.

A big thank you to all who helped with the float: Kelly Pederson, Emily Lampkins, Wayne Joslin, John and Phyllis Horst, Helen Maurer, Lanny Sanner, Bill Scholl, Jerry and Shirley Thaden, Nathan Scott and Tarryn Thaden.

Those who contributed to the float:  
Mike Mooney Chevrolet – Truck  
Almburg Auctioneering – Hayrack  
Rob Wessel's Farm – Pumpkins and straw bales

Horst Builders – Shop for construction of float and materials  
Hearing Help Express – Building use and Banners

Walker: Nathan and Erica Scott, Alex Scott, Mark Cordes, Lucile Reynen, Tarryn Thaden, Bill Scholl, Abeo Walter, Devynn Gordon, and Amiya Gordon.

Pictures can be seen at our Facebook page: Love INC of DeKalb/Sycamore.

## Family Estate Furniture Ministry Donation

On October 25, Diane Blot and Linda Beck donated furniture for their father's estate. He had lived in Genoa for many years. Upon his passing on August 20, aged 92, his lovingly cared for furniture became available for Love INC in its Furniture Ministry. The items of bedroom and kitchen furniture are those which are always in short supply to the clients of Love INC. In addition, there were house wares, dishes, and household items. His daughters, who live in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, returned to their former home in Genoa to conclude this last act of respect for their father. Thank you Diane and Linda.

We at Love INC, are grateful that community awareness is building the furniture ministry which supplies items to those in need. The major recipients continue to be those with small children.

## Upcoming Events

### Intake Volunteer Training

Dec 8, 2010 10 AM

Please visit our website for the monthly prayer calendar.