



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Notes From The Neighborhood

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A Message from Nathan

Last month I shared with you the first Core Value of Love INC. Another defining characteristic of who we are as a ministry is that, **“Prayer is an integral part of who we are.”** Most definitely as another said, “Prayer is not a substitute for work, thinking, watching, suffering, or giving; prayer is a support for all other efforts.

Ron Hutchcraft once said, “Prayer is the language of dependency in the life of a believer.” Here at Love INC we realize that it is ultimately God’s work, and if we are going to be partnering with Him in doing His work, we need to be continuously communicating with Him in prayer. Encouragement and hope will come through Him as we connect with clients. Some of our clients have many needs and we want to always commit the process, needs, and client before the Lord in prayer.

It has been a privilege to see the results of prayer for clients for the needs of our Love INC. Listening to our Intake Volunteers offer to and are allowed to pray with the clients during a call... this is a great testimony of this ministry. Clients have called backed asking for a specific person just to say thanks for praying with them on the phone. The hope and encouragement given by Christ through prayer is a great blessing.

Prayer has allowed us to connect with many individuals and meet many needs. Prayer for our clients has allowed some to get plugged into a positive support group in our churches on a weekly basis. Prayer brings transformation to lives and our community which is part of the goal of Love INC.

“Prayer is the language of dependency in the life of a believer” and therefore, “Prayer is an integral part of who we are.” Please lift us up in prayer daily and feel free to use our Prayer Calendar for daily prayer ideas for the ministry

of Love In the Name of Christ. Our prayer calendar can be found on our website or you can notify us and we will mail you a copy.

Nathan Scott,
Executive Director

Love Story

Amazing things happen when God’s people work together through Love NC to serve their neighbors. Needs are expressed, connections are made, and people are helped.



A client receiving help from the linens ministry at First Lutheran Church talked to a volunteer there about her struggle with her aging wheelchair. It needed repair, or better yet, replacement. How could she get a new wheelchair?

Meanwhile, back at the Love INC clearing house, arrangements were being made for the pick-up of an unusual donation: a nearly new motorized wheelchair. But who could use a new wheelchair?

You can see how this love story ends, can’t you? Love INC volunteers were able to match a need to a donation. The client who needed a wheelchair received a wheelchair. Thanks be to God!

Love INC exists to establish relationships among God’s people—to empower us to make connections and more effectively show the love of Christ to those in need in our community.

Gap Ministry

Salem Lutheran in Sycamore serves the community with two ministries. For about 10 years, the church has had a food pantry. It started as a place where a family could come and get just one meal to help out until other arrangements could be made. The pantry has grown so that now it carries all kinds of canned goods and staples since the church does not have a large refrigeration unit. Families can have two bags of groceries per month.

The church's second ministry is to provide various kinds of paper goods to those in need. They provide paper towels and napkins, toilet paper, and feminine products. Clients can also receive cleaning supplies and soap for dishes and laundry.

The pantry is open Tuesday through Friday at the church. Each Monday, a volunteer shops for supplies for the coming week. The pantry serves clients from Sycamore, Cortland, DeKalb, Kirkland, and Hinckley.

If you would like to support this ministry, you can donate canned goods, paper goods, or cash. For more information, call Sue at 895-9171.

Successful Pork Chop Dinner!!

Thank you to all who participated in Love INC's 2nd annual pork chop dinner on September 28th! God provided perfect weather and awesome Christians to help pay His love forward. With 600 meals sold, and a tremendous community communication, the event was clearly a success.

We look forward to our next major fundraiser to be held in March, 2011 as our 2nd annual Love INC banquet begins to take form. Again, thank you for your efforts to show our love through Love INC.

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.

Upcoming Events

October 31 - Pumpkin Fest Parade

Love INC is having a float this year. We need four volunteers to walk in the parade. We also need people to build the float. Times to build:

- Saturday October 23, 10 AM – 4 PM
- Sunday, October 24, 2 PM - 6 PM
- Additional times - if needed
- At least 9 persons each day to build float.

Contact Tarryn at 815-751-4719 for more information.

Intake Volunteer Training

We have expanded our ministry. We are open Monday evenings!! So we have scheduled Intake Volunteer training.

- November 1 at 10:00 AM to 11:30 PM for new morning volunteers
- November 1 at 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM for new evening volunteers

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