



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Notes From The Neighborhood

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A Message from Nathan

Over the next few months I want to share with you some of our Core Values in this column: values that define the work of Love In the Name of Christ, and why we do things we do.

Our first Core Value defines what kind of organization we are, **“We are Christian. Everything we think, say, and do is in the name of Christ.”** As Christ followers, we want to model Christ in everything we do.

Sometimes we get calls of appreciation from clients, and other times cards sharing how we made a difference for them. We, as the body of Christ, have an awesome opportunity to share a hope and encouragement that comes through our actions. We can share through our good works the love of Christ. It says in I John 3:18, “Dear Children, let us not love with words or tongue but with **actions** and truth.” We make a difference when we show genuine love by doing, talking, praying, and getting involved with the lives that call the Clearing House. John R. Rice said,

“You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day,

*By deeds that you do, by words that you say.
Men read what you write, whether faithless
or true.*

Say, what is the gospel according to you?”

On a daily basis, what are your neighbors seeing in your life? As Love INC sends our volunteers into our community and connects clients with various ministries to meet their need(s), the volunteers are displaying Christ. We are Christian, and we serve for the purpose of promoting Christ in our communities through everything we give, say, and do.

Are you looking for a way to make a difference? Are you looking to be able to share in a relaxing way, Christ to various

individuals in DeKalb/Sycamore? I encourage you to contact our Clearing House to find out how you can be used in your church in partnership with us to encourage and bring the hope of Christ to your “neighbors” in need.

Nathan Scott,
Executive Director

GAP Ministry



This last year, various GAP ministries have been highlighted in the Love INC newsletter, ministries that meet a need at Love INC. This month and next, we want to share what these ministries have been doing and what you can do to help them.

The **Linen Ministry** at First Lutheran Church provides linens to our clients. They purchase mattress pads and pillows and so are almost always in need of them. If you have used sheets and towels or would like to make a cash donation, please call 815-758-0643.

The **Blessing Well** at the Nazarene Church provides clothing for all ages. They also provide supplies for children, including car seats, strollers, toys, youth beds and diapers. The need for **diapers** is increasing and the shortage is often critical.

If you have clothing or children’s things or would like to donate diapers, please call the Nazarene church at 815-758-1588.

The **Furniture Ministry** collects and stores used furniture for distribution to clients. They especially need beds, mattresses, and dressers. They also need:

- Kitchen tables & chairs
- Sofas
- Living room tables
- If you have furniture to donate, please call the Clearing House at 815-217-0082 to arrange a pickup/delivery time.

The **Kitchen Ministry** at Hillcrest Covenant provides clients with dishes, silverware, pots and pans, and other needed kitchen equipment. They furnished five kitchens during the first month of operation.

For the next several months, you can help the Kitchen Ministry with pots and pans for only 1 cent. When you shop at Jewel you will receive stamps for your purchases. Save them as a church project or save them on your own. If you want to purchase the new pans for yourself, donate your old ones. You can also send your stamps to Hillcrest Church.

If you want to donate to the Kitchen Ministry, please call Hillcrest Covenant Church at 815-756-5508.

Pork Chop Dinner is Coming!!

Our second annual fundraiser is coming soon. We are having a drive-through pork chop barbecue dinner on Tuesday, September 28 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. You can pick up your dinner at the Evangelical Free Church of Sycamore-DeKalb on the corner of Bethany Road and First Street.

Think about having some friends or neighbors over for dinner. You can share information about Love INC and what we are doing in the community. And you won't even have to cook!!

Tickets are \$10 and need to be purchased prior to the event. To purchase tickets, contact your Church Ministry Coordinator. If your church does not have a CMC, contact the Love INC Clearinghouse at 815-217-0082 or loveincdk@gmail.com. The Clearinghouse is open from 9:00 – 12:00 Monday through Friday. Phone messages may be left at other times.

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

Second Annual Fundraiser

- Pork Chop Dinner - Tuesday, September 28 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Intake Volunteer Training

- September 20th at 10:00 AM for new morning volunteers and 6:30 PM for new evening volunteers

We also have an evening shift available now on Monday evenings. Come be part of this incredible movement.

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

Volunteer Opportunity

Just as churches come together in Love INC to work for God's kingdom, another opportunity to serve together is coming to DeKalb/Sycamore. Make A Difference 2K10 is an event to pack food for starving children around the world. This event is a part of Feed My Starving Children. <http://www.fmssc.org>

- November 18 – 21 Two locations: Cornerstone Christian Academy and School Tool Box, both in Sycamore
- For more information, call Sherri at 815-762-0871 or email us at makeadifference2k10@gmail.com.