



Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ

## Notes From The Neighborhood

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### A Message from Nathan

It is good to wrap up another year.

As I was thinking about all that God has allowed: reaching 434 homes, meeting 1,165 needs, addition of three churches in 2010, more GAP ministries, and seeing faithful volunteers make this all happen, I smiled at God's work. This was cool.

Then I thought about 2011 and what it will bring. We will grow new Gap ministries, strengthen current ministries, and strengthen the clearinghouse. We are preparing for our Banquet on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We will add new board members, and take additional steps to become a Relational Ministry at Love INC.

These goals need teammates. As Love INC continues to mobilize the church we need passionate people who love God and love their "neighbors" in need.

I encourage you to start your new year with the desire to take part in a ministry that is making a difference in our communities. There are many ways to serve Christ in this way. It might be volunteering at the clearinghouse in our Intake process, or data entry, or delivering items to those in need. You might choose to lead your small group or church in a specific item drive (diaper, paper goods, etc), or be available to do some yard work for older or handicapped individuals. There are many ways to care for our neighbors that bring great pleasure to Jesus.

Yes, we had a good 2010, and with your volunteer time, 2011 will be even better.

Our communities need help, and who better to help them than the body of Christ. Not only did Jesus tell us to love our neighbors, but he also gave us the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Will you join us in loving and in caring for our neighbors in need who are hurting, lonely, hungry, discouraged, needing to be clothed, needing a ride, or have the need of other things? Join us in 2011 in bringing transformation to their lives and our communities.

May God give you a blessed 2011!

Nathan Scott  
Executive Director

### Love Story

A Love Story from  
Nathan



My wife, Erica, and I recently delivered a living room chair that pulls into a bed to a wonderful lady in Sycamore. This courageous woman was overjoyed with the delivery. As she and my wife were talking, she shared how she had been drug free for a couple years. It was good to hear of the victory that she was living and walking. It was a blessing to give her the encouragement of furniture in her apartment. I saw that furniture is more than just something to sleep on or sit on. It can be a great gift from the Lord to those in need. It's something that many take for granted, but something that many need. A chair can serve as a reminder that Jesus loves you as it did for the lady I met that Saturday. She was filled with joy and encouraged, not just by the furniture, but visiting and talking with us as well.

This particular piece of furniture was donated by Kishwaukee Hospital. Thank you for partnering with us to help take care of basic needs of wonderful people in our community.

## Someone You Should Know

This month's Someone You Should Know is Camilla Metcalf. Camilla is one of our longest-serving intake volunteers. She first heard about Love INC from a board member, Helen Mauer. Camilla was looking for something worthwhile to keep her busy in retirement.

Camilla says that being an intake volunteer can be very fulfilling. Sometimes talking to a client brings tears to her eyes when she hears a need and how God meets those needs. She is looking forward this next year as we build more relationships in ministry.

She encourages others to consider becoming an intake volunteer at Love INC, it is a great way to serve.

## Wants and Needs

We have some **high priority needs** this month. Can you help?

The **diaper ministry** at the Nazarene church in DeKalb has a critical need for diapers of all sizes. Consider adding a pack of diapers to your grocery cart. Packages can be dropped off at the clearing house or the Nazarene church.

The **paper ministry** at Salem Lutheran in Sycamore needs paper supplies including paper towels, toilet paper, and napkins. They also provide cleaning supplies when they have some in stock. Donations can be delivered to Salem or to the clearinghouse.

As our **furniture ministry** continues to grow, we need more volunteer teams to deliver furniture. Consider this ministry for your family, your small group, your church youth group. Most deliveries happen on Saturdays but we need teams for weekdays also. Can you help once a month?

Other needs:

- Intake volunteers
- Beds, especially twin size and dresser
- Gas vouchers

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

## Second Annual Love INC Banquet

Plans are underway for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Love INC Banquet, scheduled for May 1 at the St Mary Memorial Hall, Sycamore.

We will again have a Gap Ministry Fair. Churches are invited to have a display showing their ministries and how to become involved. Nathan will be sharing our growth this past year and our desires for the coming year. There will also be some interesting entertainment. So save the date, plan to bring at least one table of people from your church.

## Thank You

Mary Lynn Mapes is busy developing an Access database for our furniture ministry.

Four Seasons Sports in Sycamore recently held a food drive. We greatly appreciate the donation since we have many clients who need basic food items.

Thanks to Dave Wessel who connected our new wireless printer to the computer network.

Thanks to Todd Peterson for his service as a board member for the past two years. We appreciate your time and dedication to Love INC.

## Upcoming Events

+ **January 17** Intake Volunteer Training -, 10:00 AM at the clearinghouse.

+**March 10:** Annual Meeting held at The Church in DeKalb 122 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St DeKalb

+ **May1** Second Annual Love INC Banquet – 6:00 PM, at St Mary Memorial Hall in Sycamore