

LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST OF GREATER HANCOCK COUNTY



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Helping churches help people



vision:

To mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities

In the Name of Christ

We envision a community

transformed by faith — where Christian churches are united in purpose and fully engaged in actively living out their faith by lovingly serving people in need.

LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST IS A PROVEN, CHRIST-CENTERED POVERTY ALLEVIATION MODEL THAT HAS IMPACTED MILLIONS OF LIVES AND HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITIES SINCE 1977. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 135 AFFILIATES IN THE US AND AFRICA.

LOVE INC IN HANCOCK COUNTY WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2004.

SINCE THAT TIME COUNTLESS NEEDS HAVE BEEN MET THROUGH THE COORDINATED EFFORTS OF HIS CHURCH!

Dear friends,

As we look back over 2020, we are exceedingly thankful for many blessings and how the Lord has sustained and prospered the ministry of Love INC. Even though the doors to the office were closed for a while, the staff and volunteers continued to minister to our neighbors. A recent technology upgrade allowed staff and a volunteer to remotely respond to phone calls and process intakes. Other volunteers were able to deliver cleaning supplies to neighbors, work on emergency handyman projects, and host children in their homes. Throughout the year we were blessed with new volunteers, new ways to collaborate, and our donors continued to



give faithfully. Additionally, our wonderful partnership of local churches found new ways to meet needs and cared for the neighbors of Hancock County.

Staff transition was a big part of 2020 for Love INC. Karla Whisenand gracefully led our ministry through the most difficult time of the year while Sandra Box worked diligently to connect neighbors with resources. God is not surprised by the events of our lives and He displayed this by placing Randy and I in the right places at the right time when Karla and Saundra's lives took them on another path. We are grateful for the hard and faithful work done by these ladies and look forward to what the Lord has planned for 2021.

Blessings,

Debra Weber

OUR CORE VALUES

- **1** We are Christian... Everything we think, say, and do is in the Name of Christ.
- Prayer is an integral part of who we are.
- We follow Christ's example of valuing people in need.
- 4 We value unity of the Body of Christ.
- We value transformation in the lives of people and communities.
- We value churches living out the two great commandments to love God & love their neighbors.
- 7 We value building Christ-like relationships.
- **8** We value the connectedness of the Love INC movement.
- We model excellence.
- We value continually maturing in our capacity to meet people's needs.

being able in some small way to be of use in Kingdom work, in particular in obeying God's directive all throughout Scripture to care for the needy JAN LARAMORE.

CALVARY BAPTIST



LOVE STORY | IF NOT US, THEN WHO? | BY LARRY HOF

I have had the honor over the last few years to serve on the board of Love INC. It is a wonderful organization that finds those in need and plugs them into a ministry or ministries that best meets that need. That is a way for us to love them in the name of Christ so that we might help them with their greatest need, a vibrant relationship with Jesus.

As a pastor here in Hancock County, I have found Love INC a wonderful resource for our church. I cannot tell you how many phone calls I get from people who are hurting and in need financially or physically. I also receive calls from people who just want someone to take care of them, yet have no desire to truly see a difference in their life. I too often cannot tell the difference. I am pleased that I can refer them to Love INC.

Love INC has a wonderful clearinghouse that has the system developed to truly find the best way to meet our neighbor's need. They ask the right questions, find the best solution, and do the leg work I simply do not have the ability to do...they are truly a wonderful resource!

Maybe there is a need you can meet! We are commanded by God to love Him and to love our neighbor as ourselves...this may be that perfect opportunity for you to do just that. The year 2020 was continued on next page



IF NOT US, THEN WHO? | CONTINUED

something that none of us could have predicted, but God was not surprised, nor has He been wringing His hands thinking, "Oh, no! What do I do now?" There is a song I love that asks some very important questions.

- God, why don't you do something?
- He said, "I did, I created and saved you!"
- If not us, then who?
- If not now, then when?

Well, it is time for us to do something! Love INC is a non-profit organization that solely relies on donations. Usually we would have our Love Thy Neighbor Banquet...but you know, COVID side-tracked our plans. So we have tried to develop some new ones. This is a call to love your neighbor here in the greater Hancock area. I know what you are thinking..."Larry, how can I help?" I am so glad you asked! Let me tell you some ways that you can answer God's call and command for you to love your neighbor...you may be the only Jesus someone ever sees!

- 1. Take up some of the financial burden. Go to loveINC-ghc.org OR mail in your donation to P.O. Box 192 Greenfield, IN 46140
- 2. Donate your time as a volunteer at our clearinghouse, at your church's ministry that works with LoveINC, or call us to learn where you could be used!



Gap Ministries

THE PURPOSE OF A GAP MINISTRY IS TO PROVIDE A RESOURCE OR SERVICE TO MEET ONGOING NEEDS THAT ARE NOT CURRENTLY BEING MET BY AGENCIES, GOVERNMENT, OR CHURCHES.

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WHEELCHAIR RAMPS

There were **3 REFERRALS**for families
who needed
a handicap
accessible
ramp built
for their
home in
2020.

HANDYMAN We

helped 30
NEIGHBORS
with simple
home and
appliance
repairs in
2020.

GAS CARDS provided in 2020.

GIVING NURSERY

Providing all kinds of items that babies and toddlers use or need, **11 FAMILIES** received this help in 2020.

H20 MINISTRIES

Help with items such as cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products and paper products was given to **51 NEIGHBORS** in 2020.

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Begun at the end of 2020 we served

3 FAMILIES with basic kitchen startup items such as pots, pans and dishes.

CREATIVE FOOD KITCHEN PANTRIES

Making canned and boxed goods available for emergency supplies, **52 NEIGHBORS** were helped with food pantry items in 2020.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Lending items such as walkers, shower chairs, wheel chairs and crutches, **13 PEOPLE** were helped with medical supplies in 2020.

FURNITURE & APPLIANCES

Donations of tables, beds, rs, rattresses, couches, dressers, washers, s, dryers are delivered or picked ical up. 68
in FAMLIES benefited in 2020

Helping churches "fill the gap."

LOVE STORY | JAZZY | BY RANDY GRIFFIN

Last fall, a young lady called Love INC wanting assistance. Jazzy was finally going to be able to secure an apartment after being homeless. With excitement she stated that she was on the section 8 list and housing in Hancock County became available. Jazzy was relocating and needing furniture, dishes, and hygiene items. We were able to use our GAP ministries with our local churches to help meet her needs.

She received dishes the day that she moved into her apartment!! H2O hygiene products arrived a week later. She received furniture a month or two after she was in her home. We prayed with her and welcomed her to Greenfield. Jazzy called back stating that she felt welcomed and was happy she chose Greenfield. Once, after she was settled in, she realized that her income was not going to help her pay her electric deposit, so she reached out to ask for prayer and assistance. We were able to connect her with a local church to pay that bill. Again, Jazzy was very grateful.

Since then, Jazzy has been self-supporting. She calls for prayer regularly during her medical appointments. She plans to volunteer locally to pay it forward. She often speaks of the help she received when she was starting over. Jazzy credits God, Love INC, the churches and community partners for assisting her — her move was a success.





VICKIE SCHMIDT, Trinity Park UMC

Hands and Feet Oward 2020

"We are called to be Christ's hands and feet and we must be dedicated and faithful in the role He has given us. We make up the body of Christ and each part is significant in its own way. How we work may be more important than what we do. Perhaps the most important thing we can do is to work in such a way that if someone doesn't know Christ, they'll want to know more about Him because of what they see in us."

-Lois Tupyi, Redemptive Compassion

Each year Love INC recognizes an individual who has faithfully served the Lord through their work at Love In the Name of Christ. **This year's recipient is Vickie Shcmidt.** Vickie started volunteering in the Clearinghouse in the fall of 2014. Week after week for over 6 years Vickie has answered the phones at Love INC listening with empathy and responded with compassion to a countless number of your neighbors. She is incredibly knowledgeable of our community resources and works diligently to connect our callers with those needed resources.

In March of 2020, Vickie took volunteering with Love INC to a new level by working at home during the pandemic to process requests and enter intakes while our doors were closed. Vickie's dedication and hard work helped Love INC continue bridging resources though those difficult days. She has humbly been the hands and feet of Jesus with her service through Love INC.

^{*}Thank you to Miller's Jewelry for providing the beautiful award.



Love INC's transformational ministries offer group and one-on-one sessions to help provide the life skills necessary to reach self sufficiency. And they're FUN! We also offer a basic money management curriculum that includes spiritual concepts matching one-to-one a mentor with a participant. Our callers are encouraged to participate in our programs that will make long-term improvement possible.



NEIGHBORS GAINED NEW MONEY MANAGEMENT SKILLS

OUR 2020 JOB FAIR WAS UNFORTUNATELY CANCELLED DUE TO COVID



LOVE STORY | DESPAIR TO HEALING | BY MELISSA HAM

Lauren came to Safe Families in 2016 when she was expecting her third child. Lauren had two little girls at the time, and their father was not in the picture. Lauren was getting evicted from her apartment. She had no one to turn to for help, so she called Safe Families.

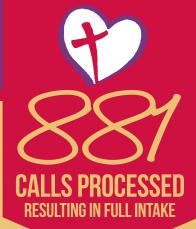
I was blessed to be able to meet Lauren at that time. Safe Families found a host family for the two girls while Lauren went to the hospital to deliver her third baby, a little boy. As my relationship grew with Lauren, she and I experienced many ups and downs together. After many months of instability, Lauren was able to admit to me that she had an addiction. We began to work through that, together. In the midst of that, we were also able to provide several host families to help with all three of Lauren's children while she worked on herself. It was a long, uncertain road. I could see these host families falling in love with these kiddos, and with Lauren, as was I.

Lauren has been able to heal from her addiction. In addition to that very important piece, she was able to get stable housing secured where she now resides with all of her children. The host families contact Lauren regularly and stay very involved in the lives of her kids and her. After five years of working with Lauren, I very confidently call her a dear friend.



By the Numbers in 2020





2,348
VOLUNTEER
HOURS

LOVE INC | 2020 STATEMENT OF FUNDING ACTIVITY **INCOME CASH DONATIONS INDIVIDUALS** \$38,333 \$30,545 **CHURCHES COMMUNITY PARTNERS** \$9,722 \$74,352 **GRANTS** 40% **ENDOWMENT** \$1,410 \$0 DESIGNATED \$0 **EVENTS** IN-KIND \$400 30% \$3,350 **RENT INCOME TOTAL INCOME** \$158,112 20% **COMMUNITY PARTNERS NDIVIDUALS** ENDOWMENT 10% CHURCHES IN-KIND **GRANTS** RENTAL

EXPENSES

STAFF COMPENSATION

NET INCOME	\$18,046
NET OPERATING INCOME GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)	\$6,505 \$11,519 \$22
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$151,607
COST OF GOODS SOLD	\$192
NATIONAL DUES	\$5,179
PROPERTY COSTS	\$9,723
OPERATING EXPENSES (telephone, postage and mailing repairs and maintenance, office supplies, banking service charge)	\$10,158
GENERAL (accounting fees, rent, insurance)	\$5,549
PROGRAM EXPENSES (transformational worshops, GAP ministries, Safe Families)	\$536
COMMUNITY RELATIONS (printing, promotions, chamb lunches, volunteer recognition, church growth) EVENT EXPENSES (event costs, mailings)	er \$1,516 \$2,440
STAFF EXPENSES (meetings, training, travel)	\$790
STAFF COMPENSATION	\$115,524

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2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2020 STAFF

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(Q4) — Debra Weber
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(Q1-Q2) — Saundra Box
(Q3-Q4) — Randy Griffin
Safe Families Coordinator —
Melissa Ham

Jesus replied: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

MATTHEW 22:37-39

