

# Helping Churches Help People



Holistically caring  
for people in all areas of life:  
spiritual, mental, emotional,  
relational, material, and physical...



**Greater  
Hancock  
County**

## 2022 **Impact Report**

## Mission:

To mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities **In the Name of Christ**

## Vision:

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.

There are 118 affiliates across the nation with one in Nairobi, Kenya. Love INC in Hancock County was established in 2004.



## 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.

*“I very much appreciate my Mentor; she is like a guiding light for me!”*



— PARTICIPANT  
Transformational  
Ministries  
Budget Mentor Program

## Dear Friends,



The book of Mark records Jesus being asked, what is the most important commandment? (Mark 12:28-31) Jesus answered, *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”*

So, how do we effectively live out the second-greatest commandment to love our neighbors? At Love INC we wrestle daily with that question, and that wrestling leads to more questions.

- Is it enough to meet a specific need but leave the person living in a state of need?
- How can we help so they believe their situation can change?
- Will the help we give move our neighbor towards transformation or help them stay in their poverty?

Mostly the answers are imperfect and complicated, but we look back over 2022 and celebrate the Love INC network of churches, community partners, donors, and volunteers who helped in a way that gave our neighbors hope and a hand-up. We are thankful for a good God who gives grace and continues to guide us in the best ways to love our neighbors.

Blessings,  
Debra Weber, Executive Director



***“May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with Hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”***

ROMANS 15:13



HELPING CHURCHES HELP PEOPLE

## OUR CORE VALUES

- 1** We are Christian... Everything we think, say, and do is in the Name of Christ.
- 2** Prayer is an integral part of who we are.
- 3** We follow Christ's example of valuing people in need.
- 4** We value unity of the Body of Christ.
- 5** We value transformation in the lives of people and communities.
- 6** 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.
- 9** We model excellence.
- 10** We value continually maturing in our capacity to meet people's needs.

*"I'm much more knowledgeable about our financial picture. I'm feeling much more encouraged about reaching our goal of home ownership! I really appreciate the*

*guidance & friendship from my mentor."*



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## **We embrace the 6 core principles of Redemptive Compassion**

- We see everyone's value
- We invest relationally in each other
- We help everyone achieve their God-given potential
- We require mutual contribution and participation
- We must respond with discernment and wisdom
- We must serve in ways that transform us and them

*Redemptive Compassion: Copyright © 2012 Lois M. Tupy*



## Network of Churches mobilized

Mount Comfort church collected and donated items for Brown's Chapel Kitchen Ministry. A few days after receiving the donations, a microwave was given to a single mom in the Family Hope Program, and a family who lost their home to a fire received kitchen items for their new apartment.

What a wonderful example of churches working together to meet needs in our community.

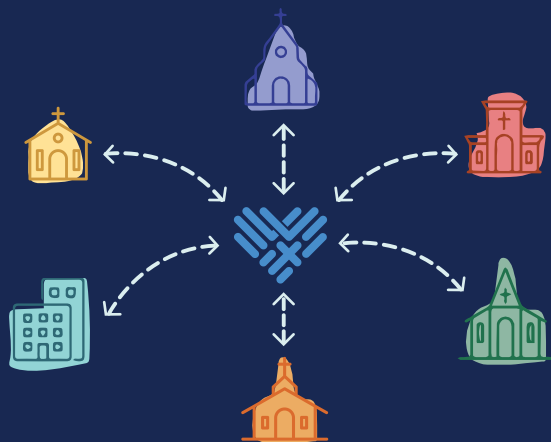
—Debra Weber  
LoveINC Executive Director



# The Love INC Model

When care is not coordinated, needs can be overlooked or duplicated, and people are not served in a holistic manner.

The role of Love INC is not to replace the Church but to foster collaboration and organize holistic care to help churches serve their neighbors through resources and relationships – **In the Name of Christ.**



**In 2022, 40 churches participated in the Love INC network of churches to meet needs through:**

- financial support
- volunteers, staff, and board members
- hosting a Gap ministry;
- providing tangible items.

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Aldersgate Free Methodist (out of County) | 22. Mercy Road                    |
| 2. Amity Community Church                    | 23. McCordsville UMC              |
| 3. Bethel Baptist                            | 24. Mohawk UMC                    |
| 4. Bradley UMC                               | 25. Mt. Comfort Church            |
| 5. Brandywine Community                      | 26. Mt. Lebanon                   |
| 6. Brookville Road                           | 27. New Life Christian Community  |
| 7. Brown's Chapel Wesleyan                   | 28. New Palestine Bible           |
| 8. Burge Terrace (out of County)             | 29. Otterbein                     |
| 9. Calvary Baptist                           | 30. Outlook Christian             |
| 10. Carthage Community                       | 31. Park Chapel                   |
| 11. Community Christian                      | 32. Realife Church                |
| 12. Cross of Grace Lutheran                  | 33. Shirley-Wilkinson Community   |
| 13. Curry's Chapel                           | 34. St. James Lutheran            |
| 14. Evangel Church                           | 35. St. Michael's Catholic Church |
| 15. Faith Baptist                            | 36. St. Thomas The Apostle church |
| 16. Faithway Baptist                         | 37. Sugar Creek Baptist           |
| 17. Fortville Christian                      | 38. Trinity Park church           |
| 18. Fortville Nazarene                       | 39. Vineyard Community Church     |
| 19. Greenfield Christian                     | 40. Westland Friends Meeting      |
| 20. Greenfield Church of God                 |                                   |
| 21. Greenfield Friends Church                |                                   |

# Partner Churches + People =

Transformed Lives, Transformed Churches, Transformed Communities



Staff represent: **3 different churches**

Board of Directors represents: **11 different churches**

Clearinghouse volunteers: **7 different churches**

**8 churches** host Gap Ministries

**82 Bibles** handed out

Mobilized **2,882 volunteer hours**.

Christmas Assistance: **34 church families**  
**meet the needs of 40 families**

Served families in **every township (9)** in  
Hancock County.







# Resourcing Our Outreach

Love INC was chosen to participate in the Hancock County Community Foundation's (HCCF) **30th Anniversary Match Day** in 2022. The goal was to increase the fourteen nonprofit organizations' endowment funds while securing funding for immediate needs from a \$150,000 fund provided by the HCCF. All community gifts received were endowed and proportionally matched with HCCF's pool of \$150,000.

## Fundraisers for 2022

- **Love Thy Neighbor Banquet**
- **Rotary Steak'n, Bake'N Raffle**
- **Indianapolis Brass Choir** at Park Chapel
- Hancock County Community Foundation **Match Day**
- Leo's **Dine to Donate**

## Community Partner Events

- **Women's Empowering Event**
- **Community Night Out**
- **Rise Above It**
- Sugar Creek TWP Fire Dept. Annual **Fire & Life Safety Open House**
- Greenfield Main Street **Bikes in Bloom**
- FARM Community **Fair & Treats on Main Street**

*"I have been so blessed by Love INC, that I hope to pay it forward once I am able."*

NEIGHBOR



## Transformational Ministry

Love INC, through local churches, seeks to transform the lives of people in chronic need by providing caring relationships and training opportunities.

To facilitate these relationships, Love INC organizes and equips church members (from across denominational lines) to lead budgeting/finance classes, life-skills classes or mentor people in need over a short period of time. Usually, two to four months. The relationships built during this time are significant for all involved.

26

TM Class Sessions

79

TM Participants

30

TM Mentor Meetings



## Clearinghouse Ministry

The Clearinghouse or call center is the foundation of the Love INC ministry. It is also the first opportunity we have to begin connecting churches relationally with neighbors in need.

The Clearinghouse receives requests for help, screens the requests, verifies the need, and then refers the request to a local church ministry, church volunteer, or community agency.

After people are helped the Clearinghouse follows up to ensure the need was met and to offer continued spiritual support. Intakes are done over the telephone by trained volunteers.



## Gap Ministry

As the Clearinghouse receives calls for help “gaps” in community services and resources are identified. The local Love INC helps churches that have a desire and the means to build ministries to “fill in the gap”.

Gap ministries may include:

**Furniture & Appliances, Personal Care Products (H2O),  
Handyman Services, Giving Nursery,  
New Creation Kitchen Ministry, Linen Closet,  
Medical Supply Closet, Gas cards, and  
Wheelchair Ramps (in partnership with SAWS).**

5

Wheelchair  
Ramps

10

Handyman

8

Giving  
Nursery

8

Creative  
Kitchen

6

Linen

25

H<sub>2</sub>O

43

Furniture

13

Gas  
Cards

5

Medical  
Supplies

11

Rent/  
Utilities

82

Bibles

*\* Families Served*





## Stories of Hope

- 1** A **Christmas sponsor** shared, “We met today and gave the family their Christmas presents. They have been coming to church off and on since October. We were able to lead the mother to Jesus and she was baptized a few weeks ago. We are trying to show them what church family is. **Thank you all for what you do! I love Love INC!**”
- 2** A **Clearinghouse volunteer** spoke with a neighbor who shared about his depression and why he was unable to work. The Holy Spirit used our volunteer to minister to this neighbor. Our volunteer shared some of his own struggles and how Jesus brought him through them. He offered the neighbor the Hope of Jesus. This moment was both touching and healing. Love INC connected him with Salvation Army and he received help with his rent situation. Days later, on a follow-up call, **the neighbor was talking about how this volunteer had helped him.**
- 3** A **neighbor** called in with his One-Year Update since completing the **Budget Mentor Program**. He is doing great! He has money in the bank, food in the fridge! He’s no longer in debt! He’s been at his job a year now! He’s still in his apartment! And his car is almost paid off! And **he just wanted to say “THANK YOU” for working with him** and that he learned a lot from his Love INC mentor!







## By the Numbers 2022



*"Thanked  
God for  
sending  
men to  
deliver the bed. It  
was the best night's  
sleep I'd had in a  
long time."*

RECIPIENT

### Requests

# 2669

Total calls for intakes  
and verifications



## 434

Total new  
intakes

## 631

Total needs  
requested

## 520

Total  
needs met

### Those Who Served

## 216

Needs met  
by Church

## 252

Needs met by  
community organization

## 52

Needs self  
resolved

### Those Served

## 539

Unique  
families

## 918

Adult  
beneficiaries

## 718

Child  
beneficiaries

# Love INC | 2022 Statement of Funding Activity

## Income

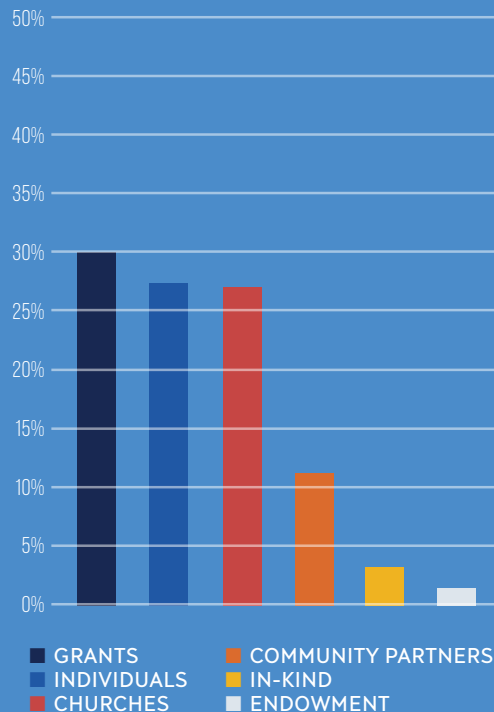
CASH DONATIONS	
INDIVIDUALS	\$48,167
CHURCHES	\$47,434
COMMUNITY PARTNERS	\$19,723
GRANTS	\$53,690
ENDOWMENT	\$1,610
EVENTS	\$1,157
IN-KIND	\$4,692
RENT INCOME	\$1,900
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$178,373</b>

## Expenses

STAFF COMPENSATION	\$137,365
STAFF EXPENSES (meetings, training, travel)	\$3,947
COMMUNITY RELATIONS (printing, promotions, chamber lunches, volunteer recognition, church growth)	\$1,766
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES (event costs, mailings)	\$2,925
PROGRAM EXPENSES (transformational workshops, GAP ministries, Safe Families)	\$694
GENERAL (accounting fees, rent, ins.)	\$5,569
OPERATING EXPENSES (telephone, postage and mailing, repairs and maintenance, office supplies, banking service charge)	\$13,686
PROPERTY COSTS	\$10,807
NATIONAL DUES	\$5,273
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$182,032</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>(\$3,659)</b>
<b>GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>(\$7,239)</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>	<b>(\$84)</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(\$10,982)</b>



## Funding Sources



**“I thank my God every time I remember you.  
In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy  
because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,  
being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you  
will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”**

**PHILIPPIANS 1:3-6**

### **2022 Board of Directors**

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### **2022 Staff**

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Debra Weber

**Clearinghouse Coordinator**

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