



Greater
Hancock
County

Helping Churches Help People

HOLISTICALLY CARING FOR PEOPLE
IN ALL AREAS OF LIFE: SPIRITUAL,
MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, RELATIONAL,
MATERIAL, AND PHYSICAL





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.

“We were just praying for guidance for our finances and then we called Love INC. We believe this is God’s answer to our prayers!”

— NEIGHBOR



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

Dear Friends,

It is truly humbling to reflect on the amazing ways in which the Love INC Network of churches and volunteers serves the community of Hancock County. There is no other organization that meets the needs of our neighbors like the organized body of Christ.

You feed those who are hungry, provide financial assistance in times of crisis, build ramps, deliver essential items such as beds, rice cookers, and laundry detergent, mentor, teach, and pray for and with those who need it most. You listen to our neighbors' stories with compassion and the love of Christ, donating your time, talent, and treasure to work collectively as the Church to serve the Lord and fulfill the second-greatest commandment: to love your neighbor as yourself.

Thank you to the churches and each person who served and gave through the Love INC Network. May the Lord bless you and protect you, smile on you and be gracious to you, show you his favor, and give you his peace (Numbers 6:24-26).

Blessings,
Debra Weber, Executive Director



***“We remember before our God and Father
your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love,
and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”***

1 THESSALONIANS 1:3



“I’m grateful for my mentor, she is very inspiring! She has taught me a lot and she helps keep me on track. I cherish our friendship!”



PARTICIPANT
Faith &
Finances
Program



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.



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

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Network of Churches mobilized

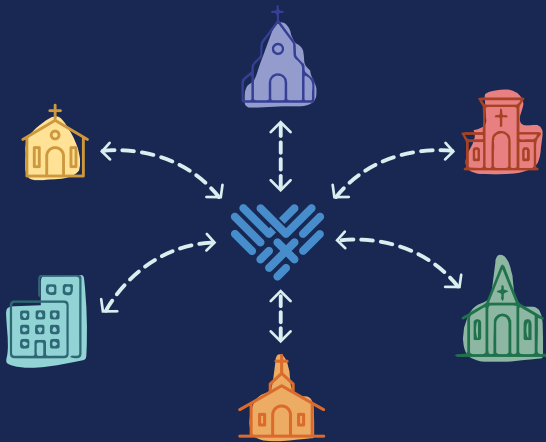
It's amazing to witness how the local churches in Hancock County support each other.

In 2023, Bradley United Methodist Church partnered with Brown's Chapel Wesleyan Church to provide dishes and cookware for the Creative Kitchen Ministry. Several churches participated in a product drive for St. James Lutheran Church, donating personal care and cleaning supplies. Park Chapel, SAWS, and volunteers from numerous local churches worked together to build handicap-accessible ramps. Volunteers from Sugar Creek Baptist served alongside the Faith Baptist Furniture Ministry Team to deliver items.

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 2023, 36 churches participated in the Love INC network of churches to meet needs through:

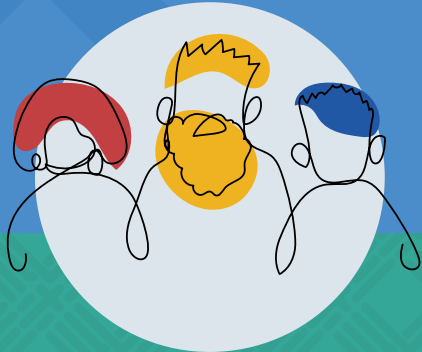
- financial support
- volunteers, staff, and board members
- hosting a Gap ministry;
- providing tangible items.

1. Aldergate Free Methodist
2. Amity Community Church
3. Apostolic Pentecostal
4. Bethel Baptist
5. Bradley UMC
6. Brandywine Community
7. Brookeville Road
8. Brown's Chapel Wesleyan
9. Burge Terrace Baptist
10. Calvary Baptist
11. City Church
12. Community Christian Church
13. Curry's Chapel
14. Eden UMC
15. Emerge Church
16. Evangel Christian Church
17. Faith Baptist
18. Faithway Baptist
19. Fortville Church of Nazarene
20. Greenfield Christian Church
21. Mercy Road Northeast
22. Mt. Comfort Church
23. Mt. Lebanon Church
24. New Life Christian Fellowship
25. New Palestine Bible
26. Northside Christian Church
27. Otterbein UMC
28. Outlook Christian Church
29. Park Chapel
30. Realife Church
31. St. James Lutheran
32. St. Michael's Catholic
33. St. Thomas Catholic
34. Sugar Creek Baptist
35. Trinity Park Church
36. Vineyard Community Church

In the name of Christ

Partner Churches + People =

Transformed Lives, Transformed Churches, Transformed Communities



Staff represent: **3 different churches**

Board of Directors represents: **12 different churches**

Clearinghouse volunteers: **8 different churches**

10 churches host Gap Ministries

90 Bibles handed out

Mobilized **2,769 volunteer hours.**

Christmas Assistance: **16 families; 50 children; 17 adults.**

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



In 2023, Love INC hosted 2 volunteer training sessions



Resourcing Our Outreach

Love INC had a new event in 2023. The **Lanes of Hope Bowling Fundraiser** was a huge success! Families, businesses and churches came together for a night of fun, fellowship and fundraising.

A new roof, windows, and siding for our LoveINC building at 630 N State Street was made possible by the City of Greenfield through an **ARPA Grant**.

Fundraisers for 2023

- **Love Thy Neighbor Banquet**
- **Indianapolis Brass Choir**
- **Lanes of Hope Bowling Fundraiser**
- **Leo's Dine to Donate**
- **St Michael's Fish Fry**

Community Partner Events

- **Hancock County Community Night**
- **Rise Above It**
- **Sugar Creek TWP Fire Prevention & Life Safety Open House**
- **Community Foundation Volunteer Fair**

"I'm a stronger believer in Christ today, compared to where I was a year ago."

VOLUNTEER



Transformational Ministry

In 2023, Love INC launched the Faith & Finances Program by the Chalmers Center. Families gathered for a homemade meal, learned basic money management skills, biblical stewardship principles, and developed supportive relationships with classroom mentors while the kids had fun in childcare.

52

TM Classes & Mentoring Sessions

36

TM Class Sessions/Adult Enrollment

23

TM Class Sessions/Adult Completed

19

Children in Childcare



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

Churches help “fill the gap” when calls for help are outside the scope of community services and resources.

Churches hosting Gap Ministries:

- Faith Baptist Church — **Furniture & Appliance Ministry**
- St James Lutheran Church and Fortville Nazarene Church — **Household & Hygiene Outreach (H2O)**
- Park Chapel and Calvary Baptist Church — **Handyman Services**
- Trinity Park Church — **Giving Nursery**
- Brown’s Chapel Wesleyan Church — **New Creation Kitchen Ministry**
- Mt Lebanon Church — **Medical Supply Closet**
- Mt Comfort Church — **Linen Ministry**
- Park Chapel and Brookville Road Church — **Gas cards and Bibles**
- Park Chapel and SAWS — **Wheelchair ramps**
- Multiple Churches — **Financial Assistance**



4
Wheelchair
Ramps

5
Handyman

8
Giving
Nursery

12
Creative
Kitchen

9
Linen

27
H₂O

34
Furniture

45
Gas
Cards

4
Medical
Supplies

90
Bibles

235
Financial

* Families Served



Words of Hope

1

After making a call into the Clearinghouse for assistance, a **neighbor** called back to share that **she had a received a job offer** and wanted to testify how God was helping them!

2

A Property Manager stated, “Love INC does so much for the community, I love working with the staff. They really care about our residents.”

3

A Faith & Finances Participant expressed confidence and gratitude by saying, “I don’t normally do well in a classroom, but **this class is really good!** It makes me want to engage and share!”

4

“That is incredible! Please pass along our thanks and appreciation to the group.” shared a family who received the Christmas Blessing of a utility payment.

5

An **elderly neighbor** who needed beds and received them from the Furniture Ministry told us, “Everything is great! They are all put together and we are happy as a lark. We appreciate it very much!”



By the Numbers 2023



"Eighteen years ago, Love INC helped me and I still

have the furniture. I thank God for Love INC!"

RECIPIENT

Requests

3143

Total calls for intakes and verifications



416

Total new intakes

757

Total needs requested

804

Total cases closed

Those Who Served

250

Needs met by Church

353

Needs met by community organization

57

Needs self resolved

Those Served

508

Unique families

1159

Adult beneficiaries

978

Child beneficiaries

People can be referred to LoveINC in several ways. In 2023 **43** were referred by a church, **83** by a community partner, **202** by self and **86** by another means.

Love INC | 2023 Statement of Funding Activity

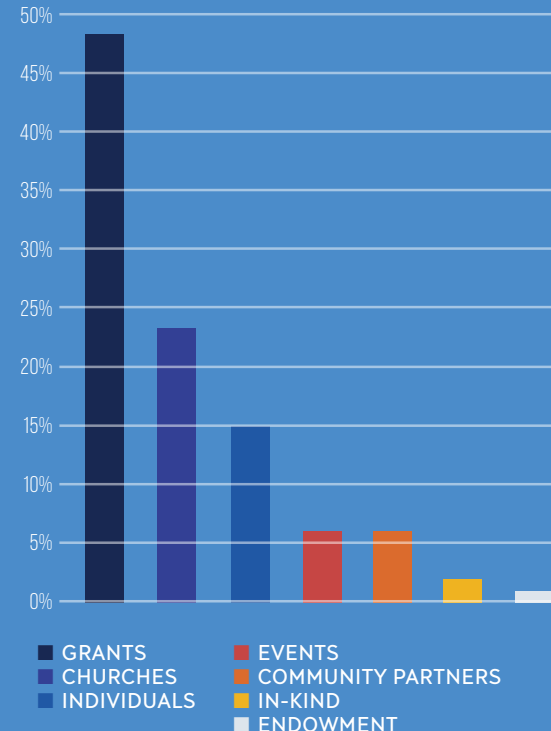
Income

CASH DONATIONS	
INDIVIDUALS	\$36,720
CHURCHES	\$56,903
COMMUNITY PARTNERS	\$15,481
GRANTS	\$113,880
ENDOWMENT	\$1,760
EVENTS	\$13,695
IN-KIND	\$5,052
RENT INCOME	\$0
TOTAL INCOME	\$243,491

Expenses

STAFF COMPENSATION	\$128,369
STAFF EXPENSES <i>(meetings, training, travel)</i>	\$128
COMMUNITY RELATIONS <i>(printing, promotions, chamber lunches, volunteer recognition, church growth)</i>	\$1,204
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES <i>(event costs, mailings)</i>	\$4,904
PROGRAM EXPENSES <i>(transformational workshops, GAP ministries)</i>	\$3,087
GENERAL <i>(accounting fees, rent, ins.)</i>	\$6,332
OPERATING EXPENSES <i>(telephone, postage and mailing, repairs and maintenance, office supplies, banking service charge)</i>	\$14,155
PROPERTY COSTS	\$80,660
NATIONAL DUES	\$5,280
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$244,119
NET OPERATING INCOME	(\$628)
GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS	\$8,633
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)	\$5,000
NET INCOME	\$13,005

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

2023 Board of Directors

Chair Clara Starkey <i>(Otterbein UMC)</i>	Secretary Fred Feister <i>(Greenfield Christian)</i>	Members Jennifer Brattain <i>(Bethel Baptist)</i> Brent Eaton <i>(Bradley UMC)</i> Steve Foreman <i>(Greenfield Christian)</i>	Cyndi Helfrich <i>(Brown's Chapel)</i> Jaris Hammond <i>(Aldersgate Free Methodist)</i> Rev. Larry Hof <i>(Faith Baptist)</i>	Meghann Holmes <i>(Brookville Road)</i> Ethan Maple <i>(Mt. Comfort Church)</i> Charles (C.O.) Montgomery <i>(Burge Terrace Baptist)</i>
Board Emeritus, Treasurer Tom Ferguson <i>(Park Chapel)</i>	Asst. Secretary Marty Moran <i>(Evangel Church)</i>			

2023 Staff

Executive Director Debra Weber	Clearinghouse Coordinator Randy Griffin	Transformational Ministry Coordinator Cristy Warren
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