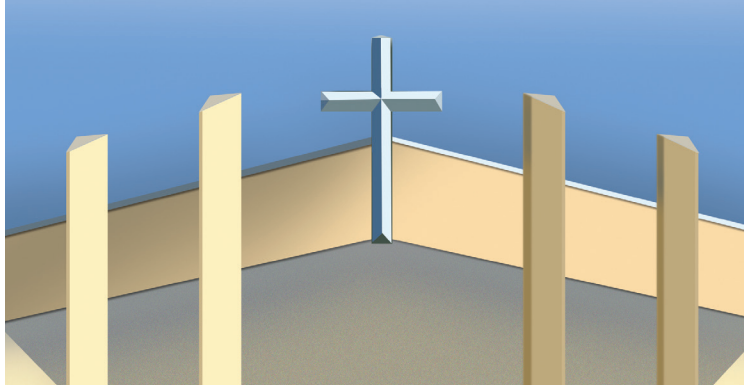




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 Love In the Name of Christ
 of Sheboygan County



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Winter 2016 Edition

SHARING THE ART OF NEIGHBORING

By Jeff Pederson

The first ever Love INC (In the Name of Christ) of Sheboygan County “Love Where You Live” – The Art of Neighboring event drew nearly 100 church and community leaders, members and volunteers to City Church in Sheboygan on Monday, October 3rd.

The program featured noted inspirational speaker Dave Runyon, co-author of the book, “The Art of Neighboring,” who shared his insights from the book, which draws on the themes of bringing churches, government leaders, civic groups, business owners and community members together to foster a restored sense of neighborhood togetherness.

Runyon, who launched the CityUnite organization in Arvada, Colorado in 2007, has successfully united church, government and civic leaders in tackling community problems head on in the greater Denver metropolitan area. He came away from his first ever trip to Sheboygan impressed with the work of Love INC of Sheboygan County under the leadership of Executive Director Katie Popp.

“It was a great event,” Runyon said. “Katie and her team structured it in a way that was engaging and interactive. The stories that were shared were powerful and I’m confident that many in the audience were moved to the point of action.”

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On Tuesday, October 4th, Runyon met with a group of 40 church and civic leaders during the “Breakfast with Dave” event at First United Lutheran Church in Sheboygan.

“It was great to see the local city mayor [Sheboygan Mayor Mike Vandersteen], state reps [Sen. Devin

LeMahieu and Rep. Terry Katsma], and the mayor of Sheboygan Falls [Mayor Randy Meyer] in attendance,” Runyon said. “All of them are passionate about this community and about working with others for the common good. The interaction around each table was robust and was one of the highlights of the event”

Popp was equally satisfied with the inauguration of Love Where You Live.

“We pray that the ‘Art of Neighboring’ continues after the event and moves into neighborhoods, homes, workplaces and churches throughout Sheboygan County,” Popp said.



Top: Pastor/Civic Leader Breakfast with Dave Runyon event.

Left: Pastor Mark Janzen of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Love INC Executive Director Katie Popp, and presenter Dave Runyon.



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we approach 2017, we recount many blessings and extend our gratitude to you as Ministry partners. Together, we have traveled far. I am grateful for the wonderful Board, Staff, Volunteers and Donors that surround and support us – over 200 in number. These individuals contribute their time, talent and treasure as Christians. We have been graced with amazing results.

Our prayer is that you have seen the benefits and value in working with others to transform lives and communities through relationship in the name of Christ. We are on the threshold of developing the final component in the Love INC model – “transformational” ministry. Leadership will be participating in a planning session with our National organization, moving us from “situational” ministry in the Gap Ministries, Clearinghouse and community-building initiatives into the light of Christ through relationship. We need your ongoing support and prayers for strength and wisdom.

May God Bless You,

Katie Popp, Executive Director



Our Purpose



To mobilize local Christian Churches to transform lives and communities through relationships, In the Name of Christ.

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LIVE YOUR FAITH

Love INC brings resources together to meet needs, identify and fill gaps, and unify the body of Christ – lifting up all!

CLEARINGHOUSE - THE HEART OF LOVE INC

The Clearinghouse provides a connection to our Neighbors as we work together to identify the root cause of their circumstances, and help to prayerfully inspire the possibility of a different kind of life – empowering them to take the steps necessary to move toward self-sufficiency. These situations are complex – we understand that identification of the issues, (including resource gaps); communication with a wide range of ministry/service providers to respond to these needs; and, the step-by-step process of building relationship with our Neighbors supports them in breaking the bonds of social isolation and hopelessness as a pathway to a new future. A future in which the Neighbor shifts the trajectory of their life, and becomes a positive force in our communities. Providing a hand-up, rather than a hand-out is our core value, and we believe the answer to ending the generational poverty plaguing so many of our Neighbors.

HOUSING STILL TOPS NEEDS IN COUNTY

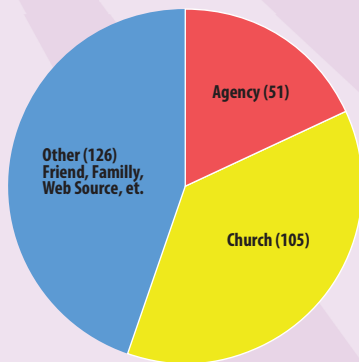
The pivotal issue is many Neighbors struggle to maintain safe and stable housing, often relying on short term solutions provided by family and friends who may represent an at-risk situation, as well as limited community emergency housing options. Through our Clearinghouse intake process - we have identified the need for transitional housing for a wide range of circumstances including families evicted from their homes; and, individuals fleeing domestic violence. How can we as a community work to left up those caught in this cycle?

If you know someone in need of assistance, please call the Clearinghouse Open Tues. - Thurs., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at (920) 783-6701

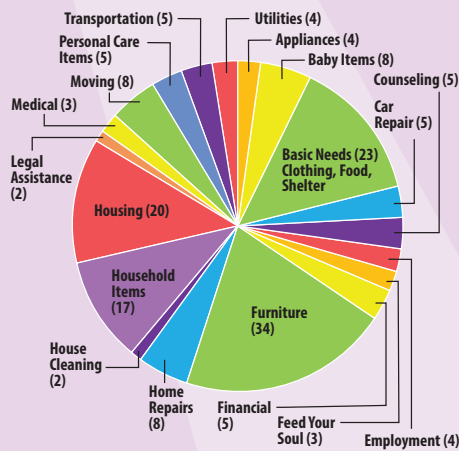
The Clearinghouse is the foundation of the Love INC Ministry



Jan. - Sept. 2016 Data
(282 Intakes Completed)
NEIGHBORS REFERRED BY



NEIGHBOR NEEDS MET



UNITED IN PURPOSE



Love INC Staff & Volunteers with Kohler Co. Engineers

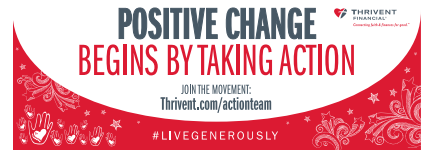
LOVE INC & UNITED WAY- 2016 DAY OF CARING

In a collaborative effort to improve the lives of our Neighbors in Sheboygan County, Love INC joined forces with United Way and Kohler Co. employees for United Way's annual Day of Caring. Together we completed two exterior home painting projects for two families that are Love INC Neighbors-in-Need. The joy and gratitude felt by the families and the Volunteers together was immeasurable and inspiring! A big thank you goes to United Way, Kohler Co., and the dedicated Love INC Volunteers for making the Day of Caring 2016 events a blessed success!

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

With the engagement of Thrivent Action Teams, Love INC was able to provide lunch and refreshments for both Day of Caring teams. Love INC is honored to have Volunteers that are also Thrivent members, initiate their access to Thrivent Action Teams. Thrivent Financial provides \$250 in seed money for any project that meets the community impact and/or educational guidelines established.

If you are a Thrivent member, you can organize two Action Teams annually. Just contact your Thrivent representative to learn how you can meet needs, with Thrivent Action Teams or offer a Thrivent Action Team for one of our GAP Ministries or service projects. **ALL THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS TO LOVE INC through November 30th will be MATCHED WITH \$1 UP TO \$5,000 -- THIS IS A ONE TIME OFFER!**



WE PROVIDE TO OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- A spirit of unity, bringing local churches together to coordinate their resources of talents, skills, expertise, prayer, and donated items.
- An opportunity to ignite the spark of discipleship with their Parishioners – giving them a direction to change lives by using their gifts and talents in ministry opportunities.
- A central Clearinghouse to receive, screen, clarify and analyze needs, as well as to understand the challenges and histories of our Neighbors –
 - ✓ Coordinating services to meet the immediate and long term needs of those who are caught in a cycle of hopelessness.
 - ✓ Ensuring good stewardship of the gifts provided by our Church ministries and social services in the community.
- Access to information regarding all community resources.
- Life-changing opportunities by providing our neighbors the gift of accountability – with our focus on the person, not the circumstances!

FUNDRAISER HITS HOLE-IN-ONE



Love INC extends a huge thank you to Christy and Justin Moeller, owners of Harbor Pointe Mini Golf, for hosting a summer fundraiser. Even though it was a rainy day, a special thank you goes to all that participated in this flagship event. Christy and Justin are interested in hosting the event again next year, so stay tuned for summer 2017.

THANK YOU TO OUR AWESOME VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteer Hours Donated (1/1/2016-9/30/2016)

Intake Specialists - 766 Hours

Administrative Hours - 700 Hours

Supporting GAP Ministries - 617 Hours

Assisting with Special Events - 325 Hours

**Countless Hours from Board & Committee Members,
our Prayer Coordinator & 45 Prayer Warriors**

Grand Total - 2084 Hours

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ Moving and Furniture Ministries Team Members
- ▶ In-Home Cleaning
- ▶ Clearinghouse Intake Specialists
- ▶ Bilingual translators
- ▶ Grant Writer
- ▶ Receptionist & Admin. Assistants
- ▶ IT specialists
- ▶ Snow Removal

Contact Jenna Maschino for more information.

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Love INC graciously thanks every Volunteer that has served within the ministry. Together we can transform the lives of our Neighbors by sharing the Love of Christ. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to each one of you for sharing your time, talent, and treasure. We are blessed because of you.

MEET THE STAFF



Clearinghouse Coordinator
Shannon Madden



Volunteer Ministry Coordinator
Jenna Maschino

LAUNCH OF STARTER KITCHEN KITS MINISTRY

The new Starter Kitchen Kits Ministry is a joint GAP Ministry between Bethel OPC of Oostburg and Bethany Lutheran in Kohler. There are many Neighbors-in-Need that contact Love INC and are trying to restore their lives, many of whom are starting over completely. The ministry will meet the needs of the community related to basic kitchen items like plates, cups, silverware, pots/pans, etc.



The GAP leaders for the Starter Kitchen Kits Ministry are Lisa Roerdink, Mary Swihart, Diane Marotz and Steve Marotz (not pictured).

LOVE STORY

Dana brought her two daughters with her to the cooking Ministry. They were excited by the prospect of participating in more cooking Ministry events. Dana had expressed multiple times that she would like to Volunteer at Love INC now that she is establishing a secure home. She has finally moved into her apartment and needs a washer and dryer (which she is saving for). During a devotional at the cooking session, Dana expressed joy at being able to sit down and take a moment to talk about scripture, as she was not familiar with the Bible story of Martha and Mary prior to this.



The Feed Your Soul Cooking Ministry is pictured hard at work

THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS WERE MADE POSSIBLE



The Love INC Home Repair team, led by GAP Leader Gary Kolste has had an action-packed first year. One of many projects included whole chimney replacement and re-roofing the home for a family in need. This family was able to save over time and purchase the materials needed to complete these projects. When the family was ready with the materials, Love INC Volunteers from several partnered Churches joined together to get the job done. Teamwork makes the dream work!

God is at work in Sheboygan County and will continue because He is faithful! Rejoice in the privilege to join with Him in fulfilling His purposes!

God of love, help us to remember that Christ has no body now on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours.

Ours are the eyes to see the needs of the world. Ours are the hands and feet with which to bless everyone now.

Blessings from the Prayer Ministry Team

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*Not shown

THANKS TO BOARD CHAIR FATHER KARL



Father Karl pictured with his wife Elizabeth Schaffenburg

Father Karl Schaffenburg of Grace Episcopal Church in Sheboygan has served as Chair of the Love INC Board of Directors for the past two years. Under his leadership, Love INC has launched its Clearinghouse operation requiring a wide range of policies and procedures grounded in our purpose and the gospel; and grown to 40 partner Churches fully engaged in walking as Jesus called us. In addition, he has provided strategic support to deal with the operation challenges that exist in shifting the culture among Christian Churches in relationship to meeting the needs of our Neighbors.

Father Karl has demonstrated the strategic leadership and spiritual wisdom necessary to guide our Board, staff and partners in staying true to our mission and values of uniting in the demonstration of Christ's love.

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SUPPORT OUR MISSION

We are deeply grateful for your support of Love INC in Sheboygan County. Without your contributions of time, talent and treasure we would not be able to express Christ's love in this very unique ministry.



IS YOUR Church a Love INC Partner?
Help us reach our Goal of 50 Christian Church Partners, Up from 38

To DONATE GO TO www.loveincsheboygancounty.org or use the enclosed envelope. Contact your bank to set-up monthly distribution to our Ministry. We are a 501c3 organization, and your donations are tax-deductible.

Other Ways to Support Us

Host a Fundraiser, declutter your home and have a garage sale with proceeds to Love INC.

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Direct your **Thrivent Donor Choice Dollars** to Love INC Sheboygan County.

Create a **Thrivent Action Team** and receive a \$250 contribution to spearhead a fundraiser for Love INC. Go to www.Thrivent.com and click on "Making A Difference."

Participate in your employer's **Matching Gift Program** to support your donation of time and/or cash – guidelines for companies vary.

In-Kind Donations

Consider gifts of office supplies, bottled water and snacks for our Volunteers.

For More Information Call Katie or go to www.loveincsheboygancounty.org