



**Love INC**  
Love In the Name of Christ  
of Sheboygan County



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Fall/Winter 2019 Edition

## TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY PROGRAM EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS IN FIRST YEAR

By Jenna Maschino - Transformational Ministry Coordinator

On Thursday, September 19, 2019 teachers, students, mentors, meal donors, kitchen crew members, and the kiddos of students all gathered around the dinner table at the Love INC Transformational Ministry Program, at Calvin Christian Reformed Church. Each Thursday, before the meal begins, I welcome everyone joining us, we offer thanks and a round of applause for our meal donors, and I ask if anyone would be willing to pray over our meal.



*Fall 2019 TM Rally at Calvin CRC- Jenna Maschino (Crossroads), Pastor Ethan Tews (Zion), Joe Tobola (Zion), Kori Novicki (St. Paul- Falls), Cindy Heinen, Terry Scherer (St. Paul- Falls), Donna Bronoski (St. Paul- Falls), Ruth Grosshuesch (St. Paul- Falls), Pat Sather (Grace Episcopal), Pat Sprenger (Redeemer Lutheran), Laura Graney (St. Dominic), Jan Veldhorst (Bethel OPC), Cindy Hoitink (First Reformed- Oostburg).*

On this particular Thursday, when I opened the opportunity for prayer, 9-year-old Samuel's hand shot up into the air, and his face read, "PICK ME!" Everyone smiled. I nodded and said, "Alright, let's go, Samuel!" Sam proceeded to speak loudly, boldly, and openly from his blessed little heart, melting the hearts of everyone at the program. The opening of Sam's prayer went like this, "Dear God, thank you for letting us all come here. Thank you for giving us all this second chance. God, you know that everyone deserves a second chance, and you give us that." Sam took his time and went on to thank God for the food, and for everyone at the program, and when he finished his prayer, we all raised our heads and looked at each other in awe. Many of us had tears in our eyes, all of us were moved by what we had just experienced. I know that it is a moment that none of us in that room will ever forget. Samuel's mother, an Affirming Potential student recently shared that she, herself, is inspired by her son's faith.

God is at work within each and every person that attends the TM Program, both big and small. Through the Transformational Ministry Program, God, is moving within hearts and minds of the children, the parents & adults enrolled in classes, and each and every Volunteer. The potential for God's love and His promises to reach the hearts, minds, and lives of all at the TM Program, is immeasurable.

Since the pilot round of our first class, Affirming Potential in May of 2018, Love INC of Sheboygan County has since had 31 students fully participate in TM classes, and we have added three additional classes. The courses available are: Affirming Potential, Faith & Finances, Boundaries, and Nutrition & Cooking 101. Each TM class provides spiritual support as they are rooted in biblical principles, each class focuses on foundational life skills designed to build hope, foster accountability, establish goal-setting, and reward progress with incentives provided by Gap Ministries, upon completion of each course.

Love INC and the Transformational Ministry Program provide sustainable methods for local Christians to fulfill their biblical call to love thy Neighbor by investing in each other relationally. In our communities, there is no shortage of people with talent, skill, ability, or knowledge that we can share with others to teach and equip them to better their lives. For those trapped in cycles of poverty, we have the opportunity to hand them the tools to break free from reliance on the programs and systems that have kept them and their families trapped in need for one or more generations. It is in and through relationship with Christ that life transformation occurs, but it is our blessed chance, as believers, to take our Neighbors by the hand and grow His Kingdom by walking in faith with them.

Every effort in service and donation of time, program meals, Gap Ministry items, and financial gifts for class materials and training of Volunteers provides a vital piece to this Transformational Ministry Program. At any moment, a program participant



*Johnsonville employees, family members, Volunteers and members of Calvin CRC and Zion Ev. Covenant join up to provide a potluck-style meal.*

could have the "Aha-moment" where a commitment to Christ takes root and the wheels of change begin moving in their lives. We are grateful for your embrace of the Transformational Ministry Program, we pray you will invest in some way to be a part of these inspiring, hopeful, and faith-building opportunities. To learn more about how you can get involved, please contact Jenna Maschino at: 920-783-6701 x.5107 or [jenna@loveincsheboygancounty.org](mailto:jenna@loveincsheboygancounty.org)



*The St. Paul Lutheran Youth Group provides TM meals.*

Our Purpose



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

# LIVE YOUR FAITH CLEARINGHOUSE – THE HEART OF LOVE INC

By Pamela Bennin - Clearinghouse Coordinator

The role of the Clearinghouse is to start building relationships with Neighbors and foster them through verbal touchpoints. Intake Specialists continue to promote the growing Transformational Ministry (TM) Program, sharing information about classes, conducting follow-up calls, and helping with enrollment. With the rebirth of the Home Repair Ministry, the Intake Specialists have also been scheduling application meetings. Sharon McCormick, a new Intake Specialist, has been a bright addition to the team.



CH Coordinator Pamela Bennin (Zion), Lindy Malingowski (St. Peter's Episcopal), Terry Scherer (St. Paul - Falls), Pat Sather (Grace Episcopal), Brenda DeRuyter (Word of Grace), Barb Drewry-Zimmerman (St. Paul Episcopal)

The Clearinghouse is open T - W - TH 10 am - 2 pm. For more information about volunteering in this capacity, contact Pamela Bennin at 920-783-6701 x5105.

## NEIGHBOR NEEDS MET

January 1, 2019 - November 1, 2019

Source Meeting Need	Total
Furniture Ministry	50
Personal Care Kits	50
Love Buckets Ministry	47
Bedding Ministry	45
Starter Kitchen Kits Ministry	25
Community Resources Referral*	7
Rent Assistance Referral	6
Baby Needs	5
Home Repair Ministry	5
Financial Counseling Referral	4
Transportation - Love INC	3
Moving Ministry	2
Utility Referral	2
Auto Repair Ministry	1

\*Referrals made to local agencies and programs already meeting the need determined.

## AGENCIES TO HELP MEET OUR NEIGHBOR'S NEEDS



Pam Bennin Love INC Clearinghouse Coordinator and Kelly DenBoer: Sheboygan County Head Start Community Partnership Coordinator.

### Data Totals

1/1/2019 - 11/01/2019

- ♥ Calls Completed: 1,492
- ♥ Total Referrals to Love INC: 124
- ♥ Intakes Completed: 94
- ♥ Total Needs Met: 252



## FALL 2019 INTAKE SPECIALIST TESTIMONY

"I was moved to become a Love INC Volunteer after hearing Katie speak at our Church about the ministries Love INC provides. I started out helping in the kitchen with the Transformational Ministry (TM) meals and then became an Intake Specialist. Whether I'm preparing meals or listening with compassion, it is rewarding to know Neighbors' needs are being met and to watch them engage in the TM Program."

Pat Sprenger - Redeemer Lutheran

## SEW CARING GAP MINISTRY NEARING 1,000 CLOTHING PROTECTORS!

The Sew Caring Gap Ministry makes clothing protectors for residents in 21 nursing homes in Sheboygan County. To date, nearly 1,000 clothing protectors, which protect clothing from food stains during meals, have been made! Congratulations to the Sew Caring Ministry, which is truly so caring! The Sew Caring Gap Ministry Leaders are Nancy Weavers and Marilyn Price of Gibbsville Reformed Church.



## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR WORK CAMP/MISSION 2020 FOUNTAIN PARK UMC LEADS THE CHARGE

We are looking for Neighbors who need minor Home Repair. Neighbors should contact Love INC Clearinghouse at 920-783-6701 option 2, between T-W-TH 10-2 to complete an Intake. The work is set to take place the week of June 21-27, 2020 through a 1 week work camp that is managed by adults with youth completing the work tasks. There will also be a need for donations of: Carbon Monoxide Detectors, financial assistance, use of tools, snacks for the worksites and Volunteers. Youth groups should contact Lisa at workcamp20.lrad@outlook.com. For donation inquiries or general information contact Pam at 920-783-6701 x5105 or pam@loveincsheboygancounty.org



## LOVE STORY FROM GAP MINISTRY: LOVE BUCKETS



By Jackie Felde - Love Buckets Co-Leader

"There is more to our Gap Ministry than just providing Love Buckets and Personal Care Kits to our Neighbors. Much-needed emotional support and guidance, and encouragement for Neighbors to participate in Transformational Ministry classes are also given.

Neighbors seem very pleased with their Love INC experiences, and a growing number of them seem to have a strong faith which is gratifying for everyone."

## REDEMPTIVE COMPASSION

Redemptive Compassion is a biblical philosophy offering wholistic help to those we serve. After the Love INC Board of Directors completed the Redemptive Compassion training this summer, Jim Fasse said, "Redemptive Compassion addresses the root causes of need and points out how handouts can lead to dependency and very little change to the need situation. I believe this philosophy will better equip us to love our Neighbors, even those who seem unlovable and to help in ways that can move towards the fullness of life." If your Church is interested in journeying through the Redemptive Compassion Book Study, please contact Katie Popp, 920-783-6701 x5111.



2019 Board of Directors and staff pictured at Tree of Life Retreat Center.

## GAP MINISTRIES UPDATE

Thanks to the efforts of our Partner Churches, Gap Ministries continue to generously serve our community by putting their faith into action. Since May, the Home Repair Ministry completed one Neighbor's request and is in the process of helping five others. Personal Care Kits, Love Buckets, and Starter Kitchen Kit Ministries fill basic needs every week. Furniture Ministry has been delivering furniture twice a month, and the Bedding & Linens Ministry provides essential bedding. The Auto Repair and Moving Ministries are serving Neighbors about once a month. Emergency items, given to Safe Harbor, aid victims of sexual assault. "THE LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." - Psalm 126:3.



## 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 –
  - ✓ Introducing Christ into the situation by offering prayer.
  - ✓ 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!

## LOVE INC IS OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you Volunteers, for putting your faith into action to bring a hand up to your Neighbors!

**Volunteer Hours Donated  
January - October 2019**

**Clearinghouse Intake Specialist - 755 Hours**

**Administrative - 1,071 Hours**

**Gap Ministry - 1,005 Hours**

**Transformational Ministry - 637 Hours**

**Committee - 557 Hours**

**Special Project/Events - 152 Hours**

**Volunteer Training - 214 Hours**

**Grand Total: 4,391 Hours**

**Grand Total Monetary Value: \$111,663.13**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Transformational Ministry (TM) Class Facilitators and Mentors - Join this Volunteer team to facilitate a TM class or mentor a Neighbor.
- Afternoon Receptionist - Answer phone calls, assist with office duties, answer the door; training provided.
- Clearinghouse Intake Specialists - Answer phone calls from Neighbors. Training provided.
- Volunteer Warehouse Manager - Clean and organize donated furniture in the Love INC warehouse.
- Furniture Pick-up Team and Moving Ministry - Pick up furniture donations in Sheboygan County, 1st and 3rd Tuesday afternoons each month.
- Assist with a Neighbor move - As needed, 3 to 4-hour commitment/move.

Contact Dawn at 920-783-6701 x5104 or dawn@loveincsheboygancounty.org

Sign up for New Volunteer Orientation at <http://signup.com/go/ozUbdXY>

## WHAT IS A CMC?

A Church Ministry Coordinator shares information about Love INC Volunteer opportunities, events, and needs within the community to his/her Church. Church Ministry Coordinators are the glue that bonds the Churches and Love INC together.



CMC Bonnie Holzheimer at her Church St. Paul Lutheran-Falls.

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK 2019



No matter how you slice it, Love INC Volunteers are second to none! We thank you deeply for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. You are Love INC and you serve to the Glory of God. "All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God." 2 Corinthians 4:15

## DAY OF CARING 2019

Love INC and United Way partnered for Sheboygan County's Day of Caring to build an outdoor ramp for a 96-year-old wheelchair-bound woman. Due to the efforts of Dick Boenisch, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls, and a group of Volunteers from Sargento, this Neighbor was able to remain independent in her home. Praise to God for all who lent a hand to care for this woman!



## PUTT FORE LOVE

Thank you to Justin and Christy Moeller, members of Plymouth Alliance Church, for hosting the 3rd annual Putt Fore Love event. Although it was a rainy and cold June day, over \$7,000.00 was raised for Love INC's Clearinghouse Ministry, a call center that effectively helps Neighbors. Additionally, we give thanks for our top event sponsors: Sheboygan Paint Company, South Pier Parlor, Miesfelds Meats, Plenco, Veritas Financial, Blind Horse, and Leif's Performance Heating & Air.



Moeller Family (Plymouth Alliance) with Executive Director Katie Popp (St. Paul-Falls).

## GALA - "TRANSFORMING FROM THE INSIDE OUT"

Our 2nd Annual Dinner/Auction Fundraiser was a success! We want to share a huge thank you to our event planning team lead by Sue Prange & Michelle Blanke for the team's incredible & faithful planning all year. Also, thank you so much to our lead sponsors Veritas Financial, Plenco, John & Sandi Garland & Tender Hearts Senior Care. We also would like to thank countless generous donors that gave in kind & our guests that joined us to celebrate what God is doing through the movement of Churches uniting through Love INC. We are so humbled for your generosity to make this evening a success! To God Be the Glory!



Program Speakers at the 2019 Love INC of Sheboygan County Gala were Board Chairman Chris McKnight, Vice Chair Shirl Breunig, Katie Popp-Director, Dawn Grabowski Program Speaker & Volunteer Coordinator, Daven Claerbout-Auctioneer. Not pictured is Emcee Bill Horsch.

## 2019 WINNERS OF THE LOVE INC CRUSADERS FOR CHRIST AWARD



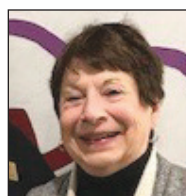
Sally Brouwer  
Calvin Christian Reformed  
(January)



Linda Cates  
Holy Name Jesus Parish  
(February)



Jackie Felde  
St. Luke United Methodist  
(March)



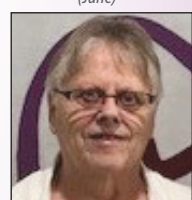
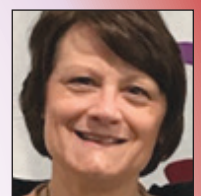
Pat Sather  
Grace Episcopal  
(April)



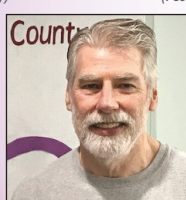
Byron Davis  
Zion Evangelical Covenant  
(May)



Diane Joesse & Cindy Hoitink  
First Reformed, Oostburg  
(June)



Barb Smith  
Redeemer Lutheran - Plymouth  
(December)



Joe Tobola  
Zion Evangelical Covenant  
(July)



Rick LeMahieu  
St. Peter's Episcopal  
(August)



Bonnie Holzheimer  
St. Paul Lutheran - Falls  
(September)



Dale Froh  
Calvin Christian Reformed  
(October)



Michelle Blanke  
Calvin Christian Reformed  
(November)

Dear Lord,  
Please be present in all our lives to guide us as we serve our Neighbors. Protect and lead our Volunteers to serve with enthusiasm, and enable them to grow closer to You in the process.

We pray that our Partner Churches will continue to care for their congregations and encourage them to serve our communities with love and compassion. Give all of us and our community leaders strength and understanding when dealing with those in need. Let us always be thankful for all the blessings you give us. We pray all this in Your name. Amen.

- Written by Prayer Scribe Joan King-Fountain Park United Methodist

## WELCOME PAUL APARICIO AND FAREWELL TO CHRIS TEMPAS



Nine years ago, Chris Tempas helped bring the Love INC vision to Sheboygan County. As her tenure on the Board of Directors draws to a close, Love INC is sincerely thankful for her outstanding service, leadership, friendship, and dedication to its mission of "Helping Churches Help People." God's blessings to Chris and the glory to God!

Love INC is excited to welcome Paul Aparicio to the Love INC Board of Directors. A Grace Episcopal Church member, Paul volunteers as co-facilitator of the Nutritional/Cooking Ministry through the Transformational Ministry Program. Love INC looks forward to discovering how God will continue using Paul's talents and gifts to further its mission.

## THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN LOVE INC

The Church, which is the body of Christ, is ideally suited by design and definition to address human needs. Love INC brings local Churches together into one working unit to share the love of God with people who are in need (1 John 3:18). This partnership is called the Love INC Affiliate. Why is the Church important in the community? Jesus built the Church to do His work of caring for the lost and hurting. The Church is full of people who are called and equipped to serve, representing the love of Christ to those in need.



Pastor Ted McCurdy - St. Paul's Christian and St. Peter Evangelical with Pastor Ken of Hingham Church at recent Pastor Luncheon.

## LOVE INC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2019 Love INC of Sheboygan County Board of Directors includes



(front) Chris Tempas, Shirl Bruenig, Katie Popp, Tamara Remington, Margaret Wittkopp. 2nd Row: Paul Dirkse, Jim Fasse, Bill Horsch, Pastor Brad Veenendaal, Paul Aparicio, Pastor Chris McKnight.

## PARTNERED CHURCHES ARE LOVE INC

Bethany Lutheran	Grace Episcopal
Bethany Reformed	Hingham Church
Bethel OPC	Hope Community
Breath of Life Tabernacle	Hope Reformed
Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian	Plymouth Alliance
Calvin Christian Reformed	City Church
Christ Community	Redeemer Lutheran
Christian Life Assembly of God	Renew Ministries
Crossroads Community	River Rock Community
Faith Reformed	Salvation Army
Faith United Methodist Falls	Southside Alliance
Falls Community	St. Luke United Methodist
First Christian Reformed	St. Paul's Christian - Elkhart Lake
First Presbyterian	St. Paul's Episcopal - Plymouth
First Reformed - Oostburg	St. Paul Lutheran - Falls
First Reformed - Falls	St. Peter's Episcopal - Falls
First United Lutheran - ELCA	St. Peter Evangelical - Elkhart Lake
Fountain Park United Methodist	St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox
Gibbsville Reformed	Zion Evangelical Covenant
Good Shepherd Lutheran	

## A Note from our Executive Director

2019 has been a big year for us. We are fully staffed & fully operational-so much to praise God for! I am incredibly proud of our team of Staff and Volunteers for the important strides we have made this year to strengthen our operation. We remain committed to fulfilling our mission of "mobilizing local Christian Churches to transform lives and communities through relationships, In the Name of Christ." I am so encouraged by the many stories of transformation by our Volunteers, Staff & Neighbors. God is on the move here at Love INC, consider joining the movement and see where God has called you to serve.




## SUPPORT OUR MISSION

In addition to donating your time, talent, monthly or annual financial giving, here are great ways to show support. We appreciate you!


### Donate to Gap Ministry Product Drives!



Look for these flyers at Church or talk ask your CMC about product drives!



Are you a Thrivent Member like Joan King & Linda Hundt? You have Action Team access & Choice Dollars to bless your community! Please consider offering your two Action Teams & Choice Dollars to Love INC, contact your Thrivent rep today! Call Linda Hundt at: 920-783-6701



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