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Love INC news

Love in the Name of Christ

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The Clearinghouse is OPEN!

We give praise and thanks for God's providence and the blessings of support that allowed us to remain open through the COVID 19 pandemic. Volunteers and staff returned to in office work in May.

"Let all that you do be done in love."

1 Corinthians 16:14

Recent Events:

- A big shout out to the partner churches who participated in collecting donations for care-kits that we gave to the warming center. We were able to create 30 kits!
- We want to welcome Jessica Fawley, our official Clearinghouse Coordinator. We are thrilled to have her on staff.
- We received a Wal-Mart grant that we used to purchase a computer and an NAS server.



Don't Miss the 3rd Annual Festival of Love on October 3rd!

We hope you will join us at Johnny T's for an evening of dining, comedy, and a silent auction that will make a difference for our community. Christian comedian Tim Chappell is the featured entertainment for the evening, back this year after he gave us a wonderful show at our last event. He is bringing another Christian comedian with him so it will be double the laughs and double the fun.

We will be sharing more details soon. Please call the office at 1-517-235-5299 if you would like to volunteer to help plan and put on the event. Last year we raised over \$5,000.00 and hope to raise even more this year.

Wish List

- * Locking vertical file cabinet
- * Stamps
- * K-cups
- * Wastepaper baskets
- * Self-adhesive 2" prong fasteners
- * Paper towels
- * Letter size file folders
- * Letter size hanging folders
- * Hand soap
- * Stacking desk top trays
- * Blank note cards
- * Coasters
- * Wite-Out
- * Garbage bags (large and small)
- * Vacuum
- * Toilet paper

Our Partner Churches

- † Banker's Baptist
- † College Baptist
- † Faith Mennonite
- † First Congregational of Pittsford
- † First Presbyterian
- † First United Methodist
- † Hillsdale Free Methodist

- † Holy Trinity
- † Lifesong Community
- † North Adams First Methodist
- † Somerset Congregational
- † Somerset United Methodist
- † SOZO
- † St. Peter's Episcopal

Love INC Board

- † Terry Bobzien, Chair
- † Debbie Treiber, Vice Chair
- † Janice Plummer, Secretary
- † Gail Clow, Treasurer
- † Kathy Beckwith
- † Rob McPherson

Thank you to those at Hillsdale Free Methodist and College Baptist for the masks!



A special thank-you

We could not do what we do if not for the generosity of others, thank you for your giving.

Nancy Entrikin Richard & Elizabeth Hurley Jackie Keenan

How you can give



You can scan this QR Code to donate through PayPal **right now** or visit us at loveincofhillsdale.org. You can always mail in a donation to PO Box 85 or 55 Barry Street Hillsdale, MI 49242

Love Stories

Building Bridges

Mr. B came to us during the COVID 19 pandemic when his normal resources became inaccessible. Mr. B is a sixty-two-year-old gentleman who is home bound due to illness. When Mr. B first reached out to us, he needed rides to go the drug store and laundromat. As we came alongside him, we discovered he is staying in his basement for simplicity purposes. Mr. B shared with us his love of music and explained that he had no radio or TV in his basement. We reached out to our partner churches, and not only did Pastor Linn from Lifesong provide Mr. B with rides but a church member from another partner church provide a portable radio. We will continue to walk alongside Mr. B in the months to come.

Making Connections

Mr. C, a veteran, came to us with frustration and a hefty electric bill of a couple thousand dollars. As a veteran he had many resources available to him but none of the three organizations could assist him unless they were the last payee needed to cover the remaining balance. Love INC was able to sit down with him, gather the necessary information, and advocate on his behalf to these organizations. Within a few days those organizations whose hands were tied came together and fully took care of the electric bill. Mr. C was then able to have his children stay with him again and get back on his feet.

Relational Investment

Love INC's relationship with Ms. R began when a few of our partner churches were able to help with a car insurance down payment after her income changed drastically. She was working on making adjustments that would allow her to make ends meet. Several months later she approached us again for help with rent. She had kept up on her insurance payments and was working a new job. Love INC was able to work with Ms. R's landlord, a local church, and partner churches to keep her in her apartment and advocate for an adjustment in her income-based rent. This also came with the opportunity to work more closely with Ms. R on a budget. A Love INC Volunteer is now meeting with her monthly to equip Ms. R for a more stable future.