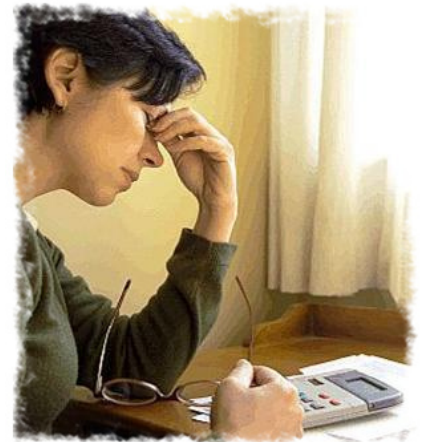




Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

2011 ANNUAL REPORT



WHO WE ARE

Love In the Name of Christ of Boone County is a unique network of churches and agencies that respond to needs of ordinary people who need hope in the midst of a difficult time in life. As Christians, we believe that genuine hope comes from a relationship with Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:3-4). Unexpected events like the loss of a job, a serious health diagnosis, a failed relationship, or a major home repair can sometimes cause major disruptions to normal life. Every year, hundreds of Love INC volunteers are mobilized to care for and walk with people through these challenging times.

Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC) was founded in 1977 by a Christian social worker in Holland, Michigan. Love INC now has over 150 affiliates, in 30 states. The Boone County, IN Clearinghouse officially opened in September 2008 to accept calls for assistance. Today more than 35 churches throughout Boone County partner with Love INC to assist people with needs, and doing so in the Name of Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. . .

1 Peter 1:3-4

WHAT WE DO

Love INC serves Boone County residents as a Clearinghouse, matching the needs of families and individuals with resources to meet those needs from churches, local agencies, and volunteers.

Love INC has a group of trained volunteers from area churches ready to assist in many ways including the services listed below. It is our hope that by providing various services for a short period of time, our clients will be able to conserve their finances allowing them to pay for necessities such as rent and utilities.

Volunteer services include: minor auto repair, short-term child care, clothing, counseling, minor electrical and plumbing, basic carpentry, financial budgeting assistance, groceries, meal assistance, hair care; light housekeeping, lawn care, snow removal, literacy assistance (filling out forms; GED; language skills), moving assistance, painting, sewing and mending, emergency transportation, tutoring, etc.

Love INC Core Values

- ♥ We are Christian. Everything we think, say, and do is in the name of Christ.
- ♥ Prayer is an integral part of who we are.
- ♥ We follow Christ's example of valuing the poor and needy.
- ♥ We value unity of the Body of Christ.
- ♥ We value transformation in the lives of people and communities.
- ♥ We value churches living out the two great commandments: to love God and love their neighbors.
- ♥ We value building Christ-like relationships.
- ♥ We value the connectedness of the Love INC movement.
- ♥ We strive to model excellence.
- ♥ We value continually maturing in our capacity to meet people's needs.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

We have come a long way since our first board meeting back in March of 2007. Through times of confusion and uncertainty as to where the ministry was headed, God knew. He was with us every step of the way, and tremendous growth has resulted.

We have seen the addition of many new volunteers eager to show the love of Christ as humble servants. Under the direction of our Executive Director, Wayne Adams, and his wife Donna Adams (Clearinghouse Coordinator), we have seen the Clearinghouse and the Love INC Ministry grow in ways we could never have imagined.

There has been an expansion of clearinghouse operating hours allowing Love INC the ability to respond to more needs by phone, which in turn has allowed more people to be touched by God's love. As God's love is expressed, lives and communities are changed. We have seen just the beginning of that. The new Love INC office has given us a visible presence in the community and a chance to offer hope to residents of Boone County.

We are very excited about the next phase of the Love INC Ministry which is the Relational Ministry. This involves establishing relationships and walking with others on their journey in life.

Through various classes, budget counseling, and Bible studies, families will be able to learn solid Biblical principles as their lives are transformed in the name of Christ.

I personally want to thank the many people who have served the ministry of Love INC of Boone County—this includes Wayne, Donna, an outstanding group of board members, caring and loving volunteers, as well as generous givers.

Don't be afraid to get involved; don't be afraid to show God's love in radical and transforming ways. Be a part of Love INC of Boone County. God can use all of us in ways we cannot imagine. God's love opens all doors and can make a difference in a family's life. I invite you to be a part of that difference.

Bob Kunz
Chairman, Board of Directors
Love in the Name of Christ of Boone County

Our Mission
*To mobilize area churches
to transform lives and
communities in the
name of Christ.*

Staff

Wayne Adams, Executive Director

Donna Adams, Clearinghouse Coordinator

Michaela Reeves, Assistant Clearinghouse Coordinator

Board of Directors

Chairman - Bob Kunz – Otterbein United Methodist Church

Vice Chairman – Cindy Schrier – Dover Christian Church

Secretary - Sheri El – Traders Point Christian Church

Treasurer – Kyle Shepherd – Pleasant View Church

Martha Catt – Zionsville Fellowship Church

Dean DeVries –First Baptist Church, Lebanon

Jerry Hurst – New Hope Christian Church, Whitestown

Tamie Morog – Traders Point Christian Church

Dave Myers – Lebanon Christian Church

John Puckett – Dover Christian Church

Pat Sherck – Traders Point Christian Church

Barry Weaver – Lebanon Christian Church

Patti Williams - Pleasant View Church

Jeff Wolfe – Pleasant View Church

2012 Will Bring Changes in Our Board

According to our bylaws, a board member may serve a total of three two-year terms at which time they must leave the board for at least one year. That means that five of our original board members will have fulfilled their term limits by the end of 2012. With that in mind, our nominating committee is looking for people who would like to serve on our board. In order to stagger future terms,

we added two new members before the end of 2011 and we will add new members intermittently throughout 2012. If you are interested, or if you would like to refer someone from your church, please contact the office of Love INC. We will be happy to send to your attention a list of Board Roles and Responsibilities.♥

CLEARINGHOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday when we open the phone lines, the volunteers and staff feel a sense of expectation as we pray for the day. Who will God send our way? How will He use His people to help them? How will the callers respond to God's overtures of love?

Nearly 1300 people called in 2011 with a variety of needs including transportation, shelter, tutoring for their children, meals for an elderly stroke victim, furniture, food, clothing, diapers, cleaning supplies, personal care items, and house and auto repairs. Some regularly called to ask for prayer. Shelter is the category of requests with the most remarkable increase during 2011. This is noteworthy as an indicator of the deepening economic problems in our community.

Our callers' responses to God's offerings of His love are inspiring to observe. Most respond with sincere gratitude expressed in spoken words, thank you letters, and cards. Others have offered to help with building maintenance:

cleaning and waxing floors, working on the parking lot, and solving plumbing issues. Many have found jobs during the year. Three have matured in their faith to become very active in their church homes and are now regular volunteers with Love In the Name of Christ.

God has worked through more than 100 different people in the clearinghouse as prayer warriors, board and committee members,

phone volunteers, and office support. As a group, these folks have volunteered 2,240 hours.

Hours of service and ministry outside the clearinghouse in 2011 totaled 3,070. These include visitations, drivers, food preparers, mechanics, construction workers, tutors, and servants in the gap ministries. Preparing the Love INC building for occupation involved approximately 250 of those volunteer hours.

We are grateful to the Lord for providing in numerous ways during this past year. Two instances are especially significant. One is the expansion of the physical space in which to work. In August, with the move to our building on W. Pearl Street, we were able to expand from two phone stations to four, and add an

area for a receptionist.

The second highlight of the year was a result of the first. An increase in the number of incoming calls accompanied the increase in available phone volunteers. In order to help more

people, we hired an assistant clearinghouse coordinator for 12 hours per week.

The months ahead will hold many opportunities and challenges as we continue working more closely with people to help them move from reliance upon the government, community, and gifts from churches to a dependence upon Christ and the talents and abilities He has placed in each individual's life to be used for His glory and for the good of the community.♥

STATISTICS	2010	2011	INCREASE
Calls for assistance	919	1,278	359
Adult needs met	998	1,499	501
Children's needs met	748	1,260	512
Referrals to churches	920	1,315	395
Number of volunteers	1,554	2,577	1,023
Volunteer hours	3,547	5,309	1,762

2011 IN REVIEW

The foundation for our Relational Ministry has been laid. We are looking forward to working one on one with many of our families who seem to be trapped in a cycle of dependence on community programs and the generosity of others to support them.

Throughout the 2010-2011 school year, Love INC provided more than 30 volunteers per week to staff the food pantry at Stokes Elementary School, where approximately 80 families received food each week. Due to other priorities at Love INC, this work has been turned over to school personnel to operate at the beginning of the 2011 school year.

In April, Dr. Amy Sherman was our guest for a presentation at Zionsville Fellowship. Dr. Sherman challenged us to view people who are in poverty in a different way, helping them to identify and recognize their own talents, skills, and resources. By doing this we begin to infuse hope and dignity back into their lives.

In July, Love INC assisted many families of the Eastwood Apartment complex who were displaced by a fire. Furniture, clothing, and other necessities were distributed to those in need.

The year 2011 will be remembered in the record of *Love In the Name of Christ*, Boone County, as the year we moved from a 300 square foot office to an 8,000 square foot office building at 817 W. Pearl Street in Lebanon. Many volunteers helped to prepare the new location for occupancy. We moved into the newly renovated offices the last week of August.

In September, we held our second annual Spreading the Love fund raising banquet. We were blessed to have Dr. Amy Sherman return as our keynote speaker of the evening. At the banquet we challenged everyone to help us pay off the loan used to purchase our new property by our next banquet in September 2013. Many people accepted the challenge. See separate article for the good news on the loan payoff.



#1

She came to the receptionist window with a big smile on her face. "I just want to thank you for helping me with extra food, cleaning supplies, and personal care items while I was between jobs. I especially appreciate your prayers that my interview would go well. Two jobs were available (she interviewed for both) and I got the one that pays \$18 an hour!!"

#2

Just a quick note to say thank you all so much for the help that you have given to me and my family. The food pantries you set up for us to see were friendly and such a blessing. The food card helped us get the necessary items we needed. I can't possibly say thank you enough. All of you at Love INC have blessed me and my family.

We first started having issues when my husband was told he had pancreatic cancer. The tests he went through and the 3 months he was off work really hit us quick and hard, but you prayed and helped us through it! He's cancer free and back to work and I know it's all because of God!! The one and only!! God has blessed each and every one of you and all of the churches and sponsors!"

GAP MINISTRIES

What is a Gap Ministry?

A Gap Ministry is an outreach that fills an unmet need or “gap” in community services for people in need. Gap ministries meet needs that are not currently or sufficiently being met by agencies, government, entities, or churches. Each Gap Ministry is focused on a particular need and these needs are met by providing:

- ♥ **Services** such as a transportation, budget counseling, haircuts, home repair, handicap ramp building, etc.
- ♥ **Products** such as food, personal care items, clothes, furniture, medical equipment, baby supplies, etc.

Boone County Gap Ministries

Christ Church - Zionsville

- ♥ Adult Clothing

New Brunswick Church of Christ

- ♥ Infant clothing
- ♥ Food Pantry

Pleasant View Church

- ♥ Baby Furniture & supplies

Lebanon First Church of Nazarene

- ♥ Food Pantry

Grace Church

- ♥ Food cards

Centenary United Methodist Church

- ♥ Food cards

Dover Christian Church

- ♥ Frozen food ministry

Traders Point Christian Church

- ♥ Furniture ministry

Love INC office

- ♥ Furniture ministry

Zionsville United Methodist Church

- ♥ Gas cards
- ♥ Homeless Kits
- ♥ Kids Klostet

Trinity Lutheran Church - Lebanon

- ♥ Gas Cards

First Community Church

- ♥ Gas Cards
- ♥ Rose Garden
- Feminine & Personal Care items

First Baptist Church - Lebanon

- ♥ Housecleaning Supplies (Ruth's Closet)

Jamestown United Methodist Church

- ♥ Housecleaning Supplies

Countryside Christian Fellowship Church

- ♥ Kitchen: pots, pans, plates, silverware, etc.

Lebanon Christian Church

- ♥ Linen Closet – sheets, blankets, pillows etc.
- ♥ Wheelchair/Handicap ramps

One Way Christian Church

- ♥ Personal Care items

Elizaville Christian Church

- ♥ Wheelchair/Handicap ramps

Zionsville Christian Church

- ♥ Wheelchair/Handicap ramps

Gap Ministries Needed in Boone County

- ♥ Job search/placement – Become aware of jobs that our clients qualify for in order to supplement their income and communicate those opportunities to the office of Love INC .
- ♥ Knitting/Crocheting — baby clothes; blankets; scarves, hats
- ♥ Teams to pick-up/deliver furniture
- ♥ Haircuts
- ♥ Dental Assistance

PARTNERING CHURCHES

A partnering church is defined as a church that supports the ministry of Love In the Name of Christ by...

- ♥ encouraging members to volunteer in the clearinghouse.
- ♥ asking members to fill out a Talent Survey with a desire to offer assistance to families / individuals who call the ministry of Love INC
- ♥ hosting a Gap Ministry at their location
- ♥ organizing a fund raising event to support Love INC, Boone County
- ♥ referring people who need a little assistance to our clearinghouse
- ♥ raising the awareness among their members of the Love INC ministry
- ♥ A *partnering church* may or may not be a financially supporting church.

Bethel Presbyterian Church – Shannondale

Centenary United Methodist Church – Lebanon

Christ Church - Zionsville

Countryside Christian Fellowship Church – Lebanon

Dover Christian Church

Eagle Church – Whitestown

Elizaville Christian Church

First Baptist Church – Lebanon

First Church of the Nazarene - Lebanon

First Community Church - Lebanon

First Presbyterian Church – Lebanon

Freedom Church – Lebanon

Grace Church – Lebanon (formerly Grace Bapt.)

Harvest Community Church - Whitestown

Household of Love & Faith – Lebanon

Jamestown United Methodist Church

Lebanon Christian Church

Lebanon Rock Church

Mechanicsburg Christian Church

New Brunswick Church of Christ

New Hope Christian Church – Whitestown

Old Union Church - Jamestown

One Way Christian Church – Lebanon

Otterbein United Methodist Church– Lebanon

Pleasant View Church – Lebanon

St. Joseph's Catholic Church– Lebanon

Salem United Methodist Church - Whitestown

Thorntown United Methodist Church

Traders Point Christian Church – Whitestown

Trinity Chapel Church – Thorntown

Trinity Lutheran Church – Lebanon

Walnut Grove Community Church – Thorntown

Zionsville Christian Church

Zionsville Fellowship Church

Zionsville Presbyterian Church

Zionsville United Methodist Church

If your church is not listed, please contact us (765) 482-6152. We would love to provide you with an opportunity to partner with us.

SUPPORTING CHURCHES

Churches that make a financial contribution towards the operating expenses of Love INC.

Centenary United Methodist Church - Leb.
Covenant Fellowship Church - Advance
Dover Christian Church - Lebanon
Eagle Church – Zionsville
Elizaville Christian Church - Lebanon
First Baptist Church – Lebanon
First Church of Nazarene – Lebanon
First Community Church - Lebanon
First Presbyterian Church – Lebanon
Freedom Church - Lebanon
Grace Church - Lebanon
Household of Love & Faith – Lebanon
Lebanon Christian Church
Lebanon Rock Church
Mechanicsburg Christian Church
New Brunswick Church of Christ

New Hope Christian Church - Whitestown
Old Union Church - Jamestown
One Way Christian Church – Lebanon
Pilgrim Lutheran Church - Indianapolis
Pleasant View Church – Lebanon
St. Mark's Lutheran Church - Whitestown
Salem United Methodist Church - Zionsville
Traders Point Christian Church – Zionsville
Terhune United Methodist Church
Trinity Chapel - Thorntown
Trinity Lutheran Church – Lebanon
Walnut Grove Community Church - Thorntown
Zionsville Christian Church
Zionsville Fellowship Church
Zionsville United Methodist Church



#3

"I just want to take the time to say thank you to Love INC and to Rick and Jeff for delivering a washer and dryer to my family on Saturday morning. Thank you and God Bless."

#4

"Thank you so much for the clothes you gave my children. My daughter especially loves her purple coat! Purple has become her favorite color. Thank you and God bless,"

#5

"Thank you so much for the Kroger gift card. My son and I appreciate your help so much! God bless you for your help and kindness."

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Loan Repayment

At the end of December the loan balance to purchase our building was \$33,375. Early in January 2012, God provided us with the means to make a payment of \$20,000 toward the principal of the loan, leaving a balance due of \$13,375. We have been blessed beyond measure to have paid a total of \$39,350 towards the loan balance in a period of 5 months time. Thank you for accepting our challenge at the September banquet.

Love INC Boone County is a 501(c) (3). All donations are welcome and tax deductible.

**Love in the Name of Christ, Inc.
Statement of Support, Revenues, Expenses,
and Changes in Net Assets - Modified Cash
Basis
Internally Prepared
December 2011 YTD**

Operating Income

Contributions - Individuals	55,482.66
Contributions - Businesses	8,398.82
Contributions - Churches	54,474.64
Special Events	15,165.00
Other Income	650.17
In-Kind Donations	4,130.00
Total Operating Income	138,301.29

Operating Expenses

Program Services	46,477.13
<i>General and Administrative:</i>	
Office	45,733.56
Building	17,830.93
Fundraising	5,126.89
Total Operating Expenses	115,168.51

Net Operating Income/ (Loss)	23,132.78
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**Love in the Name of Christ, Inc
2012 Operating Budget
December 2012 Full Year**

INCOME

Contributions - Individuals	\$ 50,000
Contributions - Businesses	5,600
Contributions - Churches	59,423
Special Events	15,500
Other Income	8,700
Total Income	139,223

EXPENSES

Program Services	61,999
<i>General and Administrative:</i>	
Office	51,724
Building	21,700
Fundraising	3,800
	139,223

Net Operating Income/(Loss)	\$ 00.00
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Report on Love INC at the National Level

The year 2011 has been a transitional year for Love INC at the national level. The national office was closed in December 2010 and the National Director and his staff were relieved of their duties due to the loss of some major donors that had enabled that office to exist. The National Board has continued to meet and from the reports we are seeing, the Love INC ministry is on the road to being a much stronger support for local affiliates, like ours, than they have ever been in the past. We are very excited about the future!

