



Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ

# Livingston Love INC News

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of the Greater Livingston Area

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## WHY LOVE “IN THE NAME OF CHRIST”?

We are often asked why “In the Name of Christ” is part of our name. As a ministry, we are a very effective church networker and local ministry that makes a great difference in meeting needs and improving lives throughout our county. Beyond that, we are able to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all we do!

Sometimes Christ is shared by all the deeds and assistance which our church members provide - and many times Christian volunteers are able to share the message of salvation as a natural part of their interaction with those they help. Yet even though we are a Christian organization, we are fully committed to serving all county residents regardless of religious, social, or economic background.

Love In the Name of Christ is much more than helping people with “stuff.” We are committed to helping Christians live out their faith and touching people’s lives for Jesus Christ. Love In the Name of Christ truly takes joy in “*preparing God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.*” (Ephesians 4:12 )

## Successful “Le Concours de Livingston” Leads to Changes at Love INC

Because of the enormous support of the community and the Livingston County United Way, the Board of Directors of Love In the Name of Christ of the Greater Livingston Area is pleased to announce its future plans that will enable them to assist the Love INC partner churches with helping families during times of distress. Beginning the week of Monday,



Classic cars added to the enchantment of Le Concours de Livingston

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Love INC office will be opening on Fridays, increasing its helpline hours by 25 percent, enabling individuals needing assistance as well as area agencies and churches to reach help more readily. Katherine Janego, Executive Director, states, “People can reach a crisis mode any day of the week, and when they looked to us for help on a Friday, they were disappointed that they could not talk with a trained Love INC representative until Monday. We need to be able to speak to our individuals during their times of need.”

In addition to increased phone hours, Love INC will soon offer matching “grants” to Love INC partner churches that want to create a new ministry or further develop an existing ministry, in order to help fill the identified gaps in our community. Don Rohrer, Board Chair commented, “We have been so blessed this year with the support of our community and with the success of this event. A matching grant will help partner churches, both

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Our mission is to mobilize the Church to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.

## Partner Churches

### Brighton

Brighton Christian Church  
 Brighton Church of the Nazarene  
 Chilson Hills Church  
 Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
 The Father's House  
 First Baptist Church  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 First United Methodist Church  
 GracePointe Church  
 Lord of Life Lutheran Church  
 New Life Community Church  
 Pathway Community Church  
 St. George Lutheran Church  
 St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church  
 St. Patrick Catholic Church  
 St. Paul's Episcopal at the Millpond  
 Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

### Fowlerville

Conway Free Methodist Church  
 Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene  
 Fowlerville United Brethren in Christ Church  
 First United Methodist Church  
 Plainfield United Methodist Church  
 St. Agnes Catholic Church  
 Trinity United Methodist Church

### Hamburg

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
 St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

### Hartland

Hartland United Methodist Church  
 St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
 The River

### Howell

Christ Church of Livingston County  
 Crossroads Apostolic Church  
 Crossroads Church of God  
 First Baptist Church  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 First United Methodist Church  
 Grace Lutheran Church  
 Hardy United Methodist Church  
 Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church  
 Hidden Springs Church  
 Howell Church of the Nazarene  
 Marr Community Bible Church  
 Oak Grove United Methodist Church  
 Sunrise Church  
 St. John's Episcopal Church  
 St. Joseph Catholic Church

### Pinckney

Arise United Methodist Church  
 Community Congregational UCC  
 People's Church of Pinckney  
 St. Mary Catholic Church  
 Shalom Lutheran Church  
 Trinity Lutheran Church

## Love Stories



*Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*  
*Matthew 5:16*

Susie, a mom of 5 hiding from an abusive relationship from her husband, called seeking food. Without transportation, Susie is unable to get to the food banks. Once Love INC discovered additional needs, several volunteers have arrived to provide Susie with diapers, bedding, and food, and area churches are now ministering to her in many areas.



Betsy, a single, working mom of twin boys called needing only one thing: day care before and after school. One of the Love INC churches granted a scholarship for the boys, and other partner churches assisted with personal need items, food and gas vouchers. Betsy is now able to have peace of mind as she works!



Peter called; an underemployed husband with 2 children needing help with a utility bill. After a long conversation with Peter, other churches were contacted to come alongside his family with personal needs items, gas vouchers and food. *The theory of the "gap" ministries is that if the churches are able to assist with the costly day-to-day items, such as personal needs, gas and food, Peter will then be able to pay for his next utility bill.*



*All names have been changed.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings and Blessings!

One of the Love INC core Clearinghouse volunteers sent me this quote:

*"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."* (St. Francis of Assisi)

No truer words have ever been spoken! Because of much prayer, dedicated and committed volunteers, *volunteers who served only because of their belief in the mission and vision of Love INC*, the inaugural "Le Concours de Livingston" was an enormous success. Our prayer was to have 500 guests, and to earn "about \$70,000. The day was filled with fun, laughter, sunshine, and energy from the Holy Spirit, with 700 people roaming the beautiful estate of Steve and Patty Gronow, and grossing over \$100,000! St. Francis was correct; we did the impossible!!

As always, this was not only a fundraiser, but it was an opportunity to show our community what the Love INC churches are providing in our county. In attendance were artists, antique car collectors, business owners, and policy makers who did not realize the impact of the blessing that a Love INC brings to an area.

We are now receiving calls and letters from new connections and additional churches asking how they can become more involved; how they can be a part of this outstanding but simple movement of Christian churches pooling their resources to more efficiently assist people in their time of distress.

The economy continues to look bleak, with more and more calls coming in with requests of assistance with rent, gas, and utility bills. We recognize that it is going to be another long winter; but, we know that when someone calls Love INC, they hear the voice of Jesus reaching out to them with prayer, a listening ear, and hope.

"And Jesus was asked, 'Who is my neighbor?'" A man had fallen victim to robbers, and a Samaritan traveler came upon him, "he poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him." Luke 10: 33-34

*Peace and Prayers,*

Katherine B. Janego

## Nancy Mamolen joins Love INC as Liaison to Partner Churches

As a result of a generous grant from Livingston County United Way, Nancy Mamolen has joined the staff of Love INC in the role of Liaison to Partner Churches. A long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church in Brighton and elder since 1970, Nancy has most recently served Love INC in training clearinghouse volunteers.



Nancy Mamolen

The purpose of the new liaison position is to grow the ministry of Love INC by encouraging churches to increase their level of participation. Nancy has already interfaced with several churches to discuss potential service ministries, as well as how to strengthen existing ones. Having served in the Love INC office and the personal needs pantry of First Presbyterian, she brings a wealth of understanding to the position. "It's just answering one more call from God," says Nancy. Please join us in welcoming Nancy Mamolen to the Love INC staff!

## Success Brings Changes *(continued from page 1)*

big and small, develop service ministries to connect locally and personally with those in need. We are now able to implement and accelerate our strategic plan to help our partner churches help more people in our county."

Love INC has already added a part-time position, a liaison between Love INC and the churches, with the intent of following its mission statement of mobilizing the local churches to transform lives in the name of Christ. Nancy Mamolen, the new Liaison to Partner Churches, is already meeting with churches to discuss service ministries and other ways of assisting individuals seeking assistance.

## Love INC of the Greater Livingston Area Board Members

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## You can help make a difference in the lives of people in need!

- I want to help with a monthly pledge of \_\_\_\$25 \_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\$75 \_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_ Other
- One-time gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Please send me information about volunteering in the Love INC office.

### Mail to:

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Greater Livingston  
Area  
820 E. GRAND RIVER  
HOWELL, MI 48843

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone ( _____ ) _____
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E-mail _____
Church Affiliation _____



Love In the Name of Christ invites you to join us for this year's Crop Hunger Walks (CROP), which give a portion of their donations to us. Two CROP Walks will take place in October:

- Oct. 9 2PM** **HOWELL AREA CROP HUNGER WALK**  
(starting from First Presbyterian Church)
- Oct. 16 2PM** **BRIGHTON AREA CROP HUNGER WALK**  
(starting at St. Patrick Catholic Church)

More information is available at:  
[www.churchworldservice.org/CROP](http://www.churchworldservice.org/CROP)



## ***CHILD OF THE PROMISE***

*A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL*

*BY MICHAEL & STORMIE OMARTIAN*

**20 soloists, choir, and orchestra from  
our partner churches!**

**PRESENTED AS A FUNDRAISER FOR LOVE INC**

**Hartland High School**  
**Saturday, December 17th 7PM**  
**Sunday, December 18th 3PM**

Buy tickets on line at [ChildofthePromiseliv.org](http://ChildofthePromiseliv.org) and at:

First Presbyterian Church of Brighton  
Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce  
Love INC office—820 E. Grand River, Howell 517-552-3970

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### OUR VISION

*Love in the Name of Christ of the Greater Livingston Area motivates and equips our Church community to collectively support people in physical, emotional, and spiritual need, leading to self-sufficiency and a relationship with a faith community.*

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