



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Livingston Love INC News

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LABOR OF LOVE PROJECT DAY SET FOR SATURDAY, MAY 1

This year's Labor of Love Project Day has been set for Saturday, May 1 and volunteer registration has already begun. Designed to reach out and assist the elderly, disabled, and financially challenged of our county with home maintenance and repairs, Labor of Love involves hundreds of volunteers from over 15 churches.



Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Brighton manages the ministry, organizing major and minor projects, along with cleaning projects and a large number of "Rake and Run" outdoor cleanup projects.

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New Food Pantry opens in Hamburg



Ellen Johnson and Arlene Wiltse of St. Paul Lutheran Church at the dedication of the new pantry on November 29th

Since the beginning of Love INC of the Greater Livingston Area, Gleaners Shared Harvest Food Pantry has been asking if a church along the M-36 corridor would be willing to start a food pantry. Through the generosity of two churches, St. Paul Lutheran Church and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, that dream became a reality on December 2, 2009. After researching with Gleaners the design of the pantry, St. Paul Lutheran Church began the long process of bringing its plans to fruition.

The pantry was named in memory of Daisy Lehman, whose family was on hand at the dedication of the pantry on November 29th. The location of the pantry at the southern end of Livingston County will allow households in that area screened by Love In the Name of Christ to gain access to food without traveling across the county.

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
 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
 Harmony Way Community 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

Howell

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
 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
 St. Mary Catholic Church
 Shalom Lutheran Church

Love Stories



One of our churches wrote saying, "What a blessing it was to meet Tina with the Furniture Ministry! We had a member who went home to be with the Lord in March, and all of her furniture, dishes, pictures, and small appliances were donated to the Furniture Ministry. A group of men and women arrived with trucks, trailers, and vans, and within three hours they had three floors of furniture moved to the warehouse. What a testimony to the woman's neighbors! At the end, one of the furniture team members closed us in prayer, and we prayed for all those who would be blessed by this woman's furniture and household items that she wanted to share with others. It was a blessing all the way around.



A single mom of three young children was driving with unsafe, bald tires. After phoning the Love INC office, funds were found from a partner church for the purchase of two new tires to help keep the family safe. Love INC churches provided food, personal needs, and, most importantly, much prayer.



A single gentleman with many basic needs is being blessed by many churches coming together to pool their resources. Funds were found from one of our churches to purchase a toilet, and volunteers were able to install it. Additional churches provided bedding, clothing, and gas vouchers. God provides!



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I write this letter, I have a chill due to the cold temperatures, and the smell of pizza and sandwiches fills the hallway. Often these extra senses remind me of how Love In the Name of Christ and its 45 churches are serving the many families who are struggling due to the economic decline in Michigan. Our churches and their many volunteers are feeding the poor with food pantries and hot meals. They are providing clothes and personal need items along with beds, blankets, diapers, gas and laundry vouchers, and public transit tokens. Love INC has additional volunteers teaching budget classes, providing haircuts, cutting and delivering wood to heat homes, delivering items to people who are unable to drive, providing rides to the doctor, and even repairing homes. I stand in awe before God to see these many hands at work - all serving in Christ's name.

I'm excited to share with you that the remodeling plans for our new building at 820 E. Grand River in Howell are coming together, and we look forward to hearing the sounds of construction soon! The demolition of the existing interior is near completion and the permits are in place. The remodeling itself should proceed rather quickly under the capable direction of project manager Jim Mitte.

We have a fun and exciting newsletter this month! Please take a few moments to read how God has brought so many of us together to do His work. Having been blessed by Him, we in turn bless others.

With thanks for each of you,
Katherine Janego

Labor of Love-May 1 (continued from page 1)

To volunteer as an individual or church group, just visit the Labor of Love website at:

www.laboroflovelivingston.com

All skill levels are welcome, from amateur to licensed professional. Applications can be filled in directly on line or downloaded and mailed in by the registration deadline of April 15th.

Home projects referred by Love In the Name of Christ are currently being screened and evaluated. Come join hundreds of volunteers and labor for your neighbor on Saturday, May 1st!

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LOVE INC FUNDRAISERS

Thanks to the generosity of two local restaurants, **BIG BOY** in Brighton and **BENNIGANS** in Howell, Love INC has been designated as the recipient of several fundraising efforts yielding hundreds of dollars for our affiliate. Our thanks to these great establishments and to all of you who came in during the designated hours to purchase meals with a percentage of the sales going to Love INC! Watch for further opportunities with **BIG BOY** and **BENNIGANS**!

Please join us for **TENPENNY FURNITURE'S** fundraising promotion for Love INC: For every mattress purchased over \$600, **TENPENNY FURNITURE** is donating two twin beds for Love INC's Furniture Ministry! Many thanks to **TENPENNY FURNITURE**!

SPECIAL THANKS

Love In the Name of Christ extends its warmest thanks to **OAK POINTE COUNTRY CLUB** for its generous contribution to us from their annual Club Corp Charity Classic. Thank you for including Love INC as a recipient of your annual event to help local charities!

Thanks to all of you who helped with **Community Connect** this year! We served 500 households with personal need items, thanks to your generosity!

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:

Love INC of the
Greater Livingston Area
P.O. BOX 558
HOWELL, MI 48844

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____


Home Phone (_____) _____

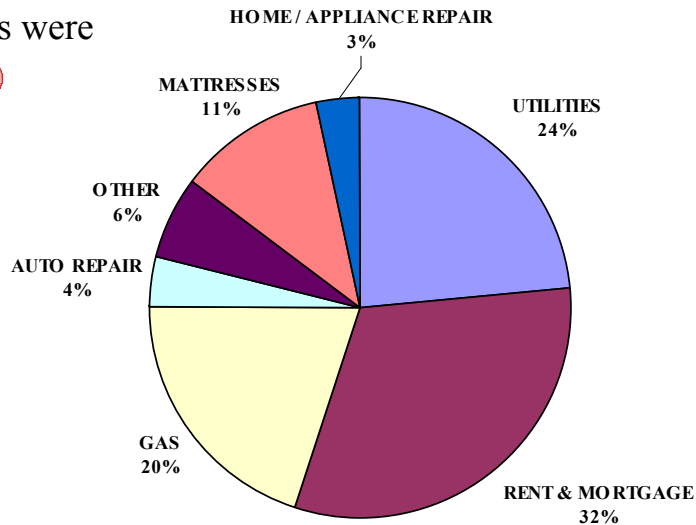
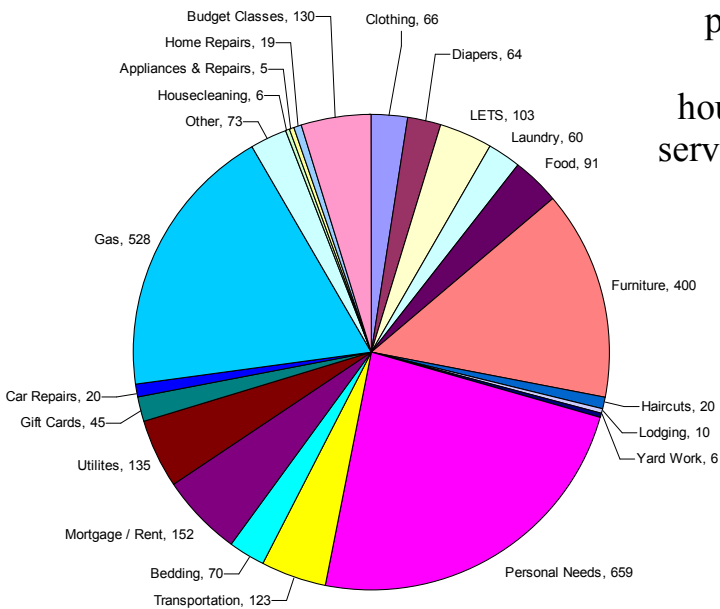
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E-mail _____

Church Affiliation _____

NEEDS MET BY LOVE INC CHURCHES IN 2009

More than 5300 persons from over 1800 households were served! 



TOTAL NEEDS MET BY LOVE INC CHURCHES: 2785
(vs. 2121 IN 2008)

TOTAL FUNDS DISTRIBUTED BY LOVE INC CHURCHES: \$67,546
(vs. \$62,723 IN 2008)

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