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Love INC Golf Outing



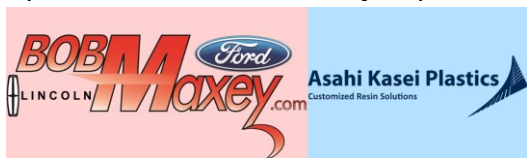
Saturday, May 4th Chemung Hills Golf Club

9:00 AM Shotgun Start
Registration begins at 8:00 AM

- Four-person scramble
- Longest Drive Contest (Men/Women)
- Closest to the Pin Contest
- Prizes for:
 - Lowest Men's Team Score
 - Lowest Women's Team Score
 - Lowest Mixed Team Score

- Continental Breakfast
- Lunch at the Turn
- Buffet Dinner & Awards
- Red Tee Mulligans for Sale
- 50/50 Raffle

Special Thanks to these major sponsors:



Le Concours de Livingston



Sunday, August 4, 2019 • 2pm - 5pm Waldenwoods Resort & Conference Center

The 9th annual Le Concours de Livingston promises to be a special afternoon. Join us for one of the preeminent events in Livingston County. Le Concours de Livingston showcases a stunning array of antique automobiles & motorcycles. You can also enjoy live music, delicious appetizers & beverages. In addition, we have silent & live auctions featuring one-of-a-kind items. All of this is hosted by Waldenwoods Resort & Conference Center, an amazing location.

**Early bird tickets are \$50 per person until June 30, 2019.
Tickets are \$60 beginning JULY 1, 2019.**

Tickets available at:

**www.livingstonloveinc.org
The Love INC Office • Brighton Chamber of
Commerce • Howell Chamber of Commerce**

**For exhibit, auction & ticket information please visit
www.livingstonloveinc.org or call 517-552-3620.**

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Love Stories



A local Fire Department phoned the Love INC office requesting that we assist a resident who has a hearing defect and was in need of a special set of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. The detectors were above her means to purchase. One of our volunteers phoned “Dan”, (named changed) to see how we could help. A Love INC Partner church paid for the detectors, and the Fire Department installed them, stating that they “knew Love INC would be able to help.” Another example of “Helping Churches Help People” in our community. Praise God!



Quotes from participants in the New Creation Ministry.

- ❖ “I’ve been depressed and overwhelmed lately, but I now understand where I needed to be, back at Love INC, in the New Creation classes. So, I took a deep breath and walked in the door. I am so happy and relieved that I did!”
- ❖ “I don’t want to be calling Love INC and other places for the next 10 years. I am learning a new way, a new normal.”
- ❖ “After I get settled and stronger, I want to be an advocate for others.” (Working on dreams and goals)
- ❖ “I can feel joy again and I am understanding more every day.”
- ❖ “I have spent no money going out to eat this past week. It is not healthy for me and I’m saving money.”
- ❖ “I really need these classes to better understand and get a handle on my finances.”
- ❖ “The prayer call seemed to come just at the right time; I was ready to give up. I felt like I was carrying around two bowling balls, and someone called to pray with me.”

People’s lives and their children’s lives are being impacted. God is renewing the next generation. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. The old has gone, the new is here!” 2 Corinthians 5:17

Jesus spoke to them again saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

John 8:12

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings on this new Spring season,

As it reads in Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2: “There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.”

It has been my great pleasure and honor to serve as the Executive Director of Love INC of the Greater Livingston Area, Love in the Name of Christ, since 2006. It is now time for me to “uproot.” I have announced my retirement to the Love INC Board, effective the end of 2019. My new phase in life will be spending more time with my husband of 48 years, (we met in high school!) who retired before me, and to allow us both to travel, and most importantly, to be with our precious grandchildren and sons who live in different states.

Our affiliate has witnessed the beauty of God’s immeasurable strength as we grew from 7 Partner Churches, to 62. We began with 2 service ministries, initially at 1st Presbyterian Church of Brighton with Personal Needs, and then the Furniture Ministry from Cornerstone EPC of Brighton. As the needs were identified, the churches grew the ministries, now with 6 churches providing Personal Needs, and 9 churches providing Gas Vouchers, and many more. Through Love INC, the Partner Churches are serving hundreds of Livingston County residents with new cribs, diapers, bikes, laundry vouchers, clothes, food, beds, assistance with rent, lodging, and utility bills.

This Love INC affiliate mobilized the churches, taking the lead role of forming the Severe Weather Network, serving and providing overnight lodging for county residents experiencing homelessness.

In 2017 God called us to launch 2 new initiatives: the opening of the Love INC Resale Store and transformational ministry, “New Creation”, which provides hope, growth, and mentoring to participants. Through God’s will, this ministry will continually expand while we witness the depth of God’s love as lives are impacted daily to individuals seeking change.

Change is a challenge for all involved. Some embrace it; others ignore it; many avoid it due to the disruption it may cause.

With our “change,” the Love INC Board has begun a search for my replacement, allowing ample time to hire, introduce, and transition from my leadership to another’s. I am committed to make this a seamless transition as our affiliate enters a period of continued growth and prosperity. I will remain in the area to participate less actively in this process.

I ask for your prayers, support, and understanding as we enter this new phase of our life. God has a plan for us all, and I embrace His journey for me in the days and months ahead. “Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the decision of the Lord that endures.” Proverbs 20: 21.

Thanks and Prayers to you.



Katherine B. Janego
Executive Director

HEART FOR GIVING

Our Cheerful Heart For Giving event this March was designed to provide an atmosphere of joy and fellowship as we participated together in recognizing and supplying the financial needs of Love INC. We trust that every gift we received that night, and from the generous support of our sponsors to underwrite the event costs, came from truly cheerful hearts! We are deeply grateful to those who attended, and all who gave.

We played games-with-a-purpose together, ate delicious food together, got 'jailed & bailed' together, and laughed together! Fr. Mathias (St. Patrick Church) and Jeff Waterman (The Well Church) encouraged us to 'do unto the least of these' our neighbors in need as together we join our hearts to be the true church!

If you were unable to join us, you missed a great time and we missed you! But it's never too late to give! Please joyfully go to our website and have a 'hilarious' experience supporting the critical work of Love INC. Our mission to provide the physical and spiritual necessities of our neighbors in need, and to help move them toward self-sustainability goes on by God's grace and your gifts!



NEW CREATION

Paul reminds us in **2 Corinthians 5:17** "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." This redeeming promise is the foundation for the latest addition to the New Creation Ministry class. The Core Class is a weekly class offered Wednesdays during the day at the Love INC office to the community of Livingston County. We started out as a small group but God is adding to our numbers weekly as others have been invited to join the class. From the start God has enabled this study to be a blessing for all. Additionally, new Bibles and journals have been donated for all of the participants.

Throughout this study we have shared tears, laughter, community, commitment and friendship as we have grown in the promises from God's Word. That is how transformation happens – one day at a time. As we are nearing the end of this eight-week class, it is bittersweet, but I am excited about the new connections that were made and look forward for God to move in the next class series.



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.

Love INC serves Livingston County residents regardless of their religious, social, or economic background.

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

820 E. GRAND RIVER
HOWELL, MI 48843

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SPECIAL THANKS



Thank you to Crystal Gardens for hosting A Cheerful Heart For Giving and to Principium for their "Laugh Out Loud" sponsorship!



Thank you to Venture Church volunteers for creating the "jail" for A Cheerful Heart For Giving.



Special thanks to LCCM for putting on the Child of the Promise concert and having the proceeds come to Love INC!

FAREWELL

We thank Deacon Bill Russell for his years of service on the Love INC Board of Directors. We will miss Bill. He continues to advocate and represent Love INC, and remains an active volunteer.



Golf Outing at Chemung Hills
Saturday, May 4

Resale Store Celebrates 2 Years
Friday, June 21

Le Concours de Livingston at
Waldenwoods
Sunday, August 4

Apple Pie Baking Contest at Brighton
Farmers Market "Harvest Day"
Saturday, September 28

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