



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Livingston Love INC News

A publication of Love in the Name of Christ
of the Greater Livingston Area

WINTER 2019

Upcoming Cheerful Heart For Giving Comedy Show and Fundraiser

We have an exciting new venue this year for our annual spring event being held at the beautiful Crystal Gardens Banquet Center, 5768 E. Grand River, Howell.

Come enjoy an evening of fun and games featuring a comedy show and lively activities that will help you to better understand the mission of Love INC.

A buffet of heavy appetizers and assorted beverages will be served as we kick off the evening. Sweet treats will end our time of laughter and giving together.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.livingstonloveinc.org.

Early bird tickets are available for \$50/person until February 14th. \$60/person from February 14th – March 14th.

A dedicated ask will be taken at the event to support the on-going work of Love in the Name of Christ.

A CHEERFUL HEART FOR GIVING!
COMEDY
SHOW & GAME NIGHT

A FUN FILLED EVENING!
COMEDY, GAMES, MUSIC,
FOOD & DRINKS

LOVE INC FUNDRAISER
March 14, 2019
6:30-9:30 PM
Crystal Gardens Banquet Center

Tickets Available at
livingstonloveinc.org
\$50 per person through February 14th
Tickets purchased after February 14th are \$60 per person

ELECTRIC EEL ENTERTAINMENT
"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor 9:7
Proceeds to benefit Love INC of the Greater Livingston Area
For more information, contact Love INC at 517-552-3618

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A cheerful heart is good medicine.
Proverbs 17:22

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

Gerry fell from a 20-foot roof while at work, leaving him with major injuries and in a wheelchair temporarily. Being unable to work, he phoned Love INC for assistance. The Love INC partner churches were able to provide gas vouchers to help with getting him to his Doctor appointments, costly personal needs, and many food resources. Gerry remains grateful for the help, but mostly for the prayers for his healing.



A family of 5 phoned with numerous request. Mom had recently delivered twins who had to spend more time in the hospital due to their low birth weight. The family is back together now, but requires much assistance. What a blessing that the Love INC churches were able to help with diapers, gas vouchers and personal needs. While praying with them, we prayed for the health of the twins, and for the family to find a church for them to worship together.



A pastor from one of our partner churches phoned explaining a situation of a member needing extensive car repair. The church was able to help with some of the cost, but needed more funds. Through prayer, time, and collaboration, we were blessed by church members, St. Patrick Knights of Columbus, and a car repair business to completely repair the car. This person is so encouraged by all of these fine people of service that he has joined the New Creation ministry, and is excited to part of such a prayerful community.

Every person who phones the Love INC office is lifted up in prayer during the phone call and after. We thank God for blessing us to bless others.

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfections."

Colossians 3:12—14

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Blessings in 2019!

I pray you were able to "count your blessings" as you reflected on 2018. On a personal note, I lost my mother, who was 4 days short of her 96th birthday, and my sister was singing a psalm to her as she gently closed her eyes and went to sleep, into the arms of God. Mother was a testimony of true grit, with a love of Jesus, always smiling and always ready for her eternal journey. In October, the category 4.5 hurricane hit my sister's home and her community in Panama City. While the hurricane was happening, she only prayed that they would be able to help others when the chaos was over. Her prayers were answered, as she and her husband dug through the rubbish, helped people remove trees and anything of value, and served food to the new homeless. Our family understands how blessed we are, and how God always shines through the darkness of upheaval.

I pray that you were able to discover all of your own blessings of 2018.

Our Love INC affiliate was blessed to continue to serve our churches by validating the request of the many needs provided by them. We were blessed to send over 100 families a month to the churches to

receive needed items such as gas vouchers, personal needs, laundry vouchers, and diapers. Each person phoning the Love INC office receives prayer, and the prayers continue as they visit a church while picking up their items.

The New Creation ministry continues to be a blessing to volunteers and participants as individual's experience growth, confidence, and transformation.

Our Resale Store has been blessed to serve numerous customers with love and kindness, while also providing job coaching and retail experience for volunteers seeking employment.

Our list of blessings continues; witnessing miracles daily.

Please take a moment to "count your blessings", and look for those quiet miracles around you.

God's blessings to you, may you have a peaceful, prayerful 2019.



Katherine B. Janego

Executive Director



NEW CREATION UPDATE

Thanks to the Love INC National partnership with the Chalmers Center, our affiliate now has certified trainers to teach Faith and Finance. This course is a holistic approach of basic knowledge and skills in financial management, implementing new life-long, and strong financial practices.

Each participant is blessed with an "ally", (mentor), to engage relationally with them, as they spend 12 weeks together in Faith and Finance.

Recently we trained 15 allies who are ready, and filled with the Spirit to witness the transformation of the participants who are anxious to make a change in their lives as they learn to write a monthly spending plan.

We ask for your continued prayers as we embark on this exciting, life-changing course. The classes are every Tuesday evening. Please pray particularly on Tuesdays for all engaged in the class. Thank you!

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SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks to all of the families and organizations who fulfilled the Christmas wishes of families experiencing poverty. Your generosity shined the light of Jesus on the special day of His birth.

We thank the numerous churches who provided meals and gifts to people who were struggling during the Christmas Season.

We thank Joe Mazur, car repair, and Jim Bigelow, car repair.

We continue to thank the many donors and supporters of Love in the Name of Christ

We thank the anonymous donor of the \$10,000 match during our annual Appeal Letter campaign!

Thank you! You
remain in our prayers.

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

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



**A Cheerful Heart for Giving
at Crystal Gardens**
Thursday, March 14

Golf Outing at Chemung Hills
Saturday, May 4

**Memorial Day 5K put on by
Peoples Church in Pinckney**
Saturday, May 27

**Le Concours de Livingston at
Waldenwoods**
Sunday, August 4



The Love INC Resale Store was selected by Leadership Livingston to guide us in writing a Strategic Plan for the Store. Leadership Livingston is designed to expand the leadership potential existing in Livingston County. The program was initiated by Cleary University and the Brighton and Howell Chambers of Commerce in 1992. Each year the participants decide on a community leadership project, and 2018-2019 Strategic Planning was identified as the project.

We are grateful to the outstanding participants from Leadership Livingston, and we are enjoying meeting and analyzing the store with them. We look forward to see the outcome of the planning sessions for the Love INC Resale Store.

Thanks and Blessings to the Leadership Livingston team!

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