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Le Concours de Livingston



The 9th Annual Le Concours de Livingston was held on August 4th at the spectacular Waldenwoods Resort. Once again, God blessed us with a perfect day of warmth and sunshine, allowing guests to roam the property while taking in the beauty of the cars from the past, and a few from the present. Guests were treated to heavy appetizers, beverages, and live music from "The Sanctuary Blues Band." Renowned sculptor, Alex Buchan, honored us by displaying his one-of-a-kind art work.

We praise and thank God for the many volunteers who gave of their time and talents to assist with making the Le Concours event a success, many of whom met for 9 months to assure it was a top-notch gathering.

We were blessed by beautiful live and silent auction item donations from our community businesses, and we continue to be blessed by the wonderful sponsors who believe in being part of making an impact on people's lives in Livingston County. We thank them all! Please view www.livingstonloveinc.org to read the names of the Love INC supporters, and please, support them!

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New Creation's Core Bible Study Class

New Creation Core Class Making Bible Covers



It was a powerful, equipping, and fun filled summer in the Love INC Core Class!!!

James 5:16 reveals, "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." We learned about the power of prayer in a DVD series by Jim Cymbala, "When God's People Pray." God is a prayer answering God who is rich in mercy to everyone who calls on him; that blessing is real and tangible. It can change someone's life, transform a neighborhood, revive a church and even affect the course of history.

At the end of this study we enjoyed a guest speaker who equipped us with a lesson on the Armour of God described in Ephesians 6:10-20. She shared with us a very practical illustration as we transformed into soldiers for Christ. This was a memorable way to learn about the Armour of God and how vital it is as a component of the Christian prayer life.

The fun was just getting started though; one of the ladies in the class who is experienced in sewing mentioned that we could all make Bible covers for our Bibles. This idea blossomed as a volunteer had access to everything we would need to do this project. We had a fun time designing and sewing covers for our Bibles.

This summer was packed with great fellowship and learning as we grew in the knowledge of God's Word. 2 Timothy 2:15 exhorts us, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

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

Love Stories



Having lost his housing and his job, Joseph (name changed) joined the New Creation program. We have been joyfully celebrating with him as he sets goals and moves forward in his life. Joseph is now attending a Love INC Partner church where he is surrounded by Christian support and acceptance. Through much support and prayer, he has found employment, and soon will be moving into stable housing. When his life is situated he plans to volunteer in a Prison Ministry. What a true testimony of God working with volunteers who are the hands and feet of Jesus.



Michael, (name changed), only phoned to explain how God blessed his situation, and no longer needed assistance from Love INC thanks to our prayers and church resources. While on the phone, he asked if he could pray for Love INC; his prayer, "Thank you God for Love INC; please bless this ministry of help through Christ and the Holy Spirit. Thank you God for providing all that is needed to serve His people." Wow! Our phone volunteer was in tears, and blessed to receive this call!



A family phoned requesting a deck repair, and we were praying about which church had a group who could take on the task. The next day one of our partner churches phoned saying their pastor was a skilled carpenter and works with the young adult group, who was always looking for projects. Another prayer answered; we had a project waiting for them with the deck repair. God is SO good!!

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



Katherine B. Janego
Executive Director

Greetings Friends,

God is Good! We have a replacement to carry on the mission and vision of Love INC of the Greater Livingston Area! God blessed us with numerous strong candidates, and after a long and thorough search, involving many hours in prayer and discernment, I am honored to introduce Mrs. Kim Bruns as the new Executive Director. Kim began shadowing me on September 9th, and plans to transition into the position in mid-November.

Below is a note from Kim...

I am excited for this opportunity and I plan to learn as much as possible from Katherine before she begins enjoying her retirement. Her knowledge and experience are invaluable, and I feel blessed to have such an amazing mentor.

My husband (Ben) and I have been married for 15 years and we have a 10-year old son (Roman). We moved to Michigan in 2013 when my husband took a call to a church in Metro Detroit. We have been in Howell for almost two years, and he is currently serving as pastor at

Shepherd of the Lakes in Brighton. I worked in Healthcare IT for 15 years. I have served in both leadership and project manager roles, and I am excited to use these skills in my new role. I am a Stephen Leader at my church and firmly believe that God uses His people to walk alongside others in times of need.

God's timing is always perfect; isn't it? I can admit that this was not my initial reaction when I found out that I was losing my job. I was both angry and sad to be losing a job that was part of my life for almost a decade, but I trusted that God had other plans for me. I remember sitting on a friend's couch a few days before my last day when my husband looked over at me and said, "Would you want to apply for the Executive Director at Love INC?" He handed me his phone; I read the job description, and I said, "YES – I would love to be part of this mission!" In June, I drove away from my office for the last time and the first song playing on the radio was Stand in Your Love by Bethel Music. These lyrics became my anthem for the summer because "my fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in His love!" I am excited to serve in this role and to see what God has planned for Love INC.

Philippians 4:6 reminds us, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." My grandmother always told me, "If you're going to pray - why worry, and if you're going to worry - why pray." I choose prayer; please join me in praying for our ministry and our community as we move forward together.



Kim Bruns
Executive Director

RESALE STORE UPDATE

We want to thank our generous community for the wonderful donations which allow us to raise funds to assist people struggling in Livingston County. Our volunteers are also a blessing to us. We are able to open our doors because of the gift of their time and talents. We all know that many hands make light work.

The support of our customers is a big blessing to us. We are also blessed with the opportunity to pray with them from time to time. The most recent "Love Story" we can share is about our friend "the plant lady" (she has a wonderful green thumb and shares her passion for plants with us). We noticed she was a bit distracted and asked if we could pray for her. Her car had been making noises, she was low on funds, and her employment options were running thin. We prayed for her car and gave her the Love INC number for assistance. Well, she called us later THAT DAY to say her car stopped making the noise! Praise God! Then the next week she burst into the store to say she secured full time work (with overtime!!). Her lovely smile returned. She was so grateful for our support. We are grateful for hers.



MESSAGE FROM A VOLUNTEER

I have been a once-a-week volunteer receptionist at Love In the Name of Christ for several years and receive so much more than I ever give. I have the privilege of often being the first voice clients hear when they call the Love INC Clearinghouse seeking help. They will eventually talk in more detail with an intake volunteer, however, I am the first to hear their stories, explain Love INC's Mission and Guidelines, and pray with them.

I am also blessed to work with wonderful Christians – some staff and others volunteers. They are such a blessing and have supported me through some difficult, personal times in my own life. I consider my volunteering at Love INC a true honor, and plan to be a volunteer as long as I am able.



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

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HOWELL, MI 48844

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SAVE THE DATE

Howell/Hartland/Fowlerville CROP Walk

Sunday, October 6

Brighton CROP Walk

Sunday, October 20

Wine & Shop at the Resale Store

Thursday, October 24

Purple Bag Sale at The Resale Store

Saturday, October 26

Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, December 3

A Cheerful Heart For Giving at Cornerstone EPC

Thursday, February 27

Golf Outing at Chemung Hills Golf Club

Saturday, May 2

10th Annual Le Concours de Livingston

At Waldenwoods

Sunday, August 2

SPECIAL THANKS



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Love INC received \$250.00 from UTECH!

Thank you!

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