

# NOT A NEEDY PERSON AMONG THEM. Acts 4:34

## How does your church respond to the needy?

Many believe that churches should fill the legitimate roles of government, in many instances we can be doing more than we are.

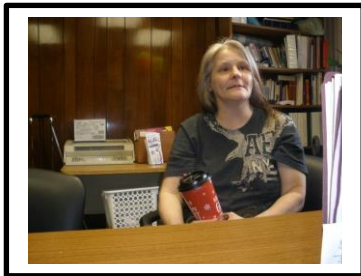
### **THINK SERVICE**

Those whom Jesus called the "least of these" are our sisters and brothers whom we cannot continue to abandon. The church has an essential role in helping to overcome poverty. Through the church, "partnering" in ministry opportunities, in helping the poor, we can work towards the day when Summit County can proclaim as Acts 4:34 told of the early church, that "there was not a needy person among them." So Pastors, members and all others, call Love Inc today. Get your church/members involved.... and **think service!**

**Love Inc training:** Contact Love Inc at (330) 762-1221 or email us with any questions at: [lincsummit@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lincsummit@sbcglobal.net).

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*Thanks for my security deposit*

*John 13:1-17*



## What makes Love Inc. of Greater Akron Unique?

#### Special points of interest:

- Praying to ask God to focus our attention on the crisis of the poor.
- Teach, inform the churches about what is happening to the poor.
- Mobilizing the congregation to reach outside .

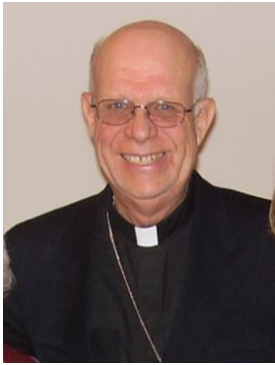
Agencies, charities and government can provide a safety net to help those in need, but it can't **Love** and bring transformation like the Love of Christ can do.

Imagine what the world would look like if **every Christian** was maximally utilized, living out their faith by serving others. Our vision is to see the local **churches united** in purpose and fully engaged in actively living out their faith by lovingly serving people in need in their community.

#### MINISTRY SUPPORT

Individuals and Church Donations are the primary ways in which Love Inc is supported.

## LIVING OUT YOUR FAITH.....



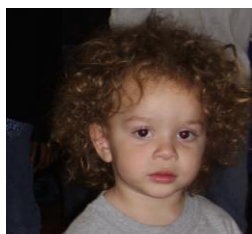
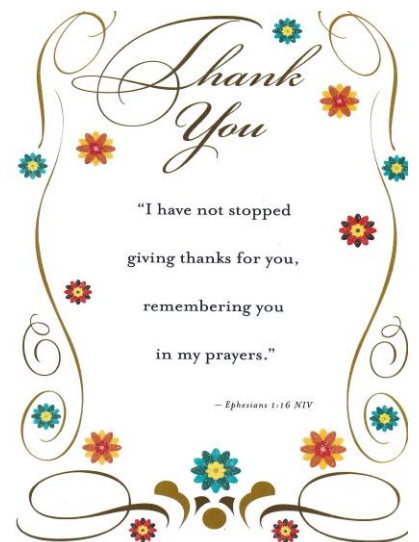
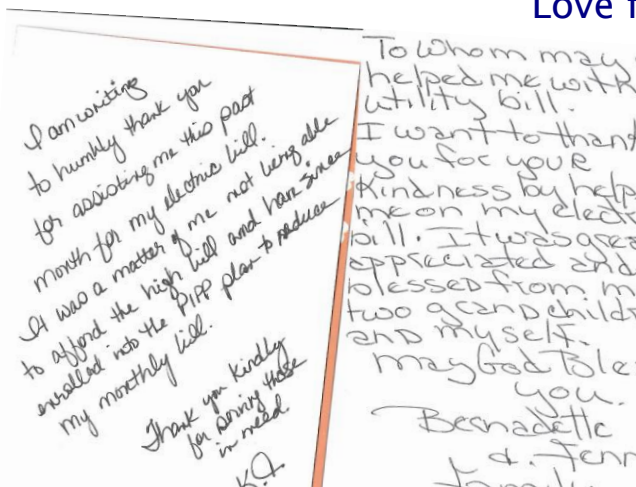
Pastor John Eiwien,  
Pastor Emeritus of Zion  
Lutheran Church.

As a minister who spent over thirty-nine years of my ministry as one of the pastors of Zion Lutheran Church in the heart of Akron, ministry to the poor and needy of downtown Akron was a regular part of everyday life. I continue to see that as extremely important. ***Our Lord called us to care for the poor and needy among us.*** That is why, although I was extremely busy at the time, God laid it on my heart to become one of the founders of Love INC of Greater Akron some twenty-nine years ago. There are so many hurting people in this world. Many in our society think that these needs should be cared for by the government. But that is not the impression that I receive from reading the Bible. God does not let us simply dump this concern on somebody else. He calls for each of us to see these needs as our responsibility, as we work together as Christian individuals and churches. One of the ways that God has given us to work together in Akron and Summit County is Love INC of Greater Akron, as it serves as a conduit to connect the needs of the poor with the abilities and resources of Christian individuals and churches. I pray that more people will become involved in this ministry, which has the potential of meeting many needs. As we do that, in many cases we may find opportunities to offer witness to our Lord Jesus Christ through our words and our actions.

December, 2017 ended a 10 year electric assistance program with First Energy/Ohio Edison. Just this past October, 2016, over \$25,000.00 was credited to accounts for over 186 families (558 children under the age of 6) and 372 children ages 7-18 were assisted with their electric. Volunteers from ten (10) local churches provides this mission outreach.

*"186 families consisting of 558 children under age 6..."*

### Love for Children Ministry...



## Loves Clearinghouse

...The Love Inc. Clearinghouse has been very busy these last few months. The local churches and friends were there to meet the need. Individuals and families were able to receive gas cards and bus passes to help them get back and forth to work. Beds, couches, bedding and diapers were donated by local church members.

The "**Furnish Your home with Love**" Ministry has been very busy. We are looking for *volunteers* to assist, 2-3 hrs a week, picking up/delivering furniture.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.....Call today

Dorothy...was robbed, she could not pay her rent...two churches partnered to assist

Linda, has no family and needed assistance picking up furniture...Volunteers from **Redeemer Lutheran Church** assisted.

Local agency needed diapers for some of the clients

Karla had her electricity shut off, unemployment ran out. Ohio Fuel Fund in partnership with Love Inc was there to assist.



### **DONATIONS MADE TO LOVE INC:**

**From**

Shannon & Jeff Casey  
 Celina Flunoy  
 Dave & Lynn Williams  
 Shirley Koehler  
 Janice Norman

**In Memory of:**

Louise & Paul Baker  
 Louise & Paul Baker  
 James Culp  
 Donna Henkel  
 Sarah Pearl

Anonymous donation in **honor** of our volunteers!

## Upcoming...

Ephesians 4:3 Unity



### **Calling all churches,**

pastors and –faith-based ministries. Lets get an early start to encourage everyone to be praying for our country and Summit county. Help raise the awareness. Sam Pillow, states, "prayer is not just a day but a daily discipline". Meetings and committees are already being formed to celebrate the 2018 day of prayer, Thursday, May 3. Contact the Prayer Task Force at (330) 996-0602 or Love Inc at (330) 762-1221.

*"Prayer is not just a day but a daily discipline..."*  
 Sam Pillow,  
 Summit County  
 Chairman.

***Thank you Ms. Coble and your department for the "Adopt-A-Family" for the holidays.***

children outreach

Celina,

I greatly appreciate all your long hours and time that you put in for me on my electric bill. may God bless you you are in my prayers I will never forget what you have done for my family and myself.

Thank you,

*Thank you for your support...*

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As the economy changes, more needs are arising!  
Please consider your contribution at this time.

YES, I/we would like to help with a **monthly** pledge of:  
Ⓣ \$25 Ⓣ \$35 Ⓣ \$50 Ⓣ \$100 Ⓣ \$500 Ⓣ Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to give a one-time gift of \$\_\_\_\_

YES, I will *pray* for Love Inc.

I am interested in volunteering  
I would like to get my church involved.

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