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The Mission of Love Inc. is to mobilize the local churches to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ



*Let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions.
1 John 3:18 (TLB)*

His Star Shines Brightly

The Birth of Christ was a special event in history, heralding a time when the Love of God would pour forth on the earth. Love Inc. is an effective way for the churches to share God's Love with those in need. Here are some examples of His Stars shining brightly.

- ★ We often take the simple things of life for granted. Kleenex, is something that we take for granted and don't realize it could be a real blessing to someone. *William has a tracheostomy and needs to wipe it often with Kleenex to keep it clean and open. Living on a limited income and not having extra money to purchase them, a local church provides Kleenex for William.
- ★ **Redeemer Lutheran Church** volunteers, Steve & Mike, have provided numerous families with donated household furnishings, especially beds and living room furniture. Lana, and her 3 children just found permanent housing and was sitting and sleeping on the floor. Rhonda, her 4 children left a shelter and was in desperate need of furniture. Due to her size, Francine needed a queen size bed and she finally received it.

- ★ **Annunciation Greek Orthodox** church secured assistance for Susan, who had surgery and unable to work or pay her gas bill which was shut off. Susan came seeking financial assistance and was given cleaning supplies, soap, deodorant and other items as well.
- ★ St. Pauls Catholic Church, worked with Love Inc. to assist a mom and daughter with rent assistance
- ★ Dad had is on unpaid sick leave after surgery, and mom is attending school. They needed diapers for 2 children and the "Diaper Ministry was able assist this family.
- ★ A disabled women was referred to Love Inc. because there was a problem with her social security payment and she was unable to pay her rent for the month.
- ★ Mrs. Herring is entering into her 17th year of volunteering in the Love Inc. Clearing House, answering the phones....plus much, much more.

Names changed



WANTED

Love for Children's ministry volunteer/or a church group to Coordinate and collect items for children ages newborn to 12 yrs.

For more information:
Contact: Celina Flunoy
(330) 762-1221

This position is ideal for Women's Ministry.

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 can not continue to abandon. The

church has an essential role in helping to overcome poverty.

Through the churches "partnering" in ministry opportunities in helping the poor, we can work toward 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."

Special points of interest:

- Praying to ask God to focus our attention on the crisis of the poor.
- Joining your church with the partnership of Love Inc.
- Teach, to inform the churches about what is happening to the poor people
- Sharing to host a simple meal with the poor .
- Neighborhood Prayer walks....

ATTENTION CHURCHES: CAN YOU OFFER HELP???

We are relying on individuals and entire churches to enable us to reach out to others with the love of Jesus Christ.

Churches: We know that the needs of people can be overwhelming and often beyond the capabilities of a single church or ministry. That is why we will gladly partner with members, partnerships to leverage finite resources, increase our outreach and reduce redundancies, waste and fraud.

Pastors/Ministry Outreach—When resources are not connected, many needs go unmet. The average family earning minimum wage spends 141% of their income struggling to meet basic needs...like food, shelter and clothing.

FACES OF LOVE!!



Christmas Hope

Christmas is a time of family, good cheer and anticipation of good times. Times where dreams are fulfilled and everyone lives happily ever after. That is the view of Christmas that bombards us from T.V. ads, newspapers and every store in the mall. What is often lost is that it is really a celebration of Christ's birth and the tremendous gift of redemption. He has provided for us. A celebration of Christ's promise that by accepting Him and His death our sins are forgiven and we are promised eternal life.

This gift does offer us the hope and faith that Christ will be with us here on earth and will help us survive the many trials of this earth. As we accept Christ's gift and lean to love Him, we

Love Inc. is faced with the opportunity to share His love every day. Through the doors of *Love Inc.* passes the neediest individuals in our community. Each individual has a name, a face and a history... More volunteers are needed as the number of calls are increasing. Her what another long time volunteer has to say!

"My church joined Love Inc 24 years ago. I enjoy coordinating donations for First Baptist Church"
...Jo Clair Knott FBC
Favorite verse:

Give a Gift That Keeps on Giving



PLEASE GIVE A GIFT TO LOVE INC. THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. YOUR GIFT WILL GO ON GIVING ALL YEAR



LONG THROUGH THE LOVE INC. CHURCH NETWORK. WE ARE SUPPORTED ENTIRELY BY THE CHURCHES AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS.



BOARD MEMBERS RECRUITMENT

If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the Love Inc. Board for the next 1-3 years, please contact me at (330) 762-1221.

Celina Flunoy, Director

REACHING OUT IN LOVE

Love Inc. is more than numbers. Numbers can not truly show the amount of love and outreach provided by our church network. But numbers are important and do give a picture of how much can be done through a coordinated effort. Some highlights recently are:

- ◆ **Total Intakes—550 (Oct. & Nov)**
- ◆ Last Two Months over 85% of the requests were for gas, water, electric and rent assistance.. Many of which were un-met.
- ◆ 70% of households had children 13-18 yrs.
- ◆ Beds, couches, tables, mattress (Furniture Ministry requests) were met by volunteer deliverymen from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cuyahoga Falls.

CALL TODAY IF YOU HAVE 3 HOURS A WEEK TO DEVOTE TO HELPING FAMILIES.



Rev. Kenneth McGraw, Sr. Abundant Faith Ministries, sharing a "Harvest Party".

Welcome new Love Inc. participating church!!



Love Inc. and the Churches Working Together For A Better Tomorrow



"In Summit County, there are many agencies that provide opportunities for individuals, organizations and churches to reach those most in need in our community. Love INC. is a special agency that is willing to go the extra mile, not only providing assistance but education and encouragement to help lift those who are struggling. Our church has had a special relationship with Love INC. as we utilize the Love INC. network to provide us a way to find the right person for the assistance we have to offer".

**Fr. Jerry Hall, Sr. Pastor
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church**

SHARE YOUR JOY THIS CHRISTMAS
Adopt a Family For Christmas

Love Inc. needs churches and families to adopt families for Christmas. You have a number of options....provide food and toys for a family...provide toys to be given to families that are not adopted....provide gift cards for families with children ages 13-18 yrs of age. You can deliver the gifts to a needy family or have Love Inc. do it for you.

If you can help in anyway, call (330) 762-1221



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Thanks for your Love and
Support.**



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Happy New Year !**

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Thank you. Praise God for your generosity!

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