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Many of you joined us on September 10 at "Rooted In Love," the annual fundraising banquet to benefit Love INC. We enjoyed a smoked pork chop dinner from Shoup's, had fun bidding in the dessert auction, and heard from 3 churches who recently started GAP ministries. We hope their stories and the words from our neighbors that were shared in the program inspired you to consider how your church may partner with Love INC to serve our community. Through your generosity, $18,000+ was raised that evening!

THANK YOU!



Provided gift bags for teachers at Freedom Church's Serve Day and Thorntown's Back-to-School Bash



Celebrated America's birthday with Centenary UMC



Attended the Faith Roundtable with IN Lt Governor Micah Beckwith at Life's Journey Church



Nonprofit Showcase at the Boone County Fairgrounds



Sister Check Resource Fair



GXO International Fair

EVENTS



...to New Hope Christian Church for sending volunteers to spruce up inside and to help at our Community Blessing Day!



...to Mike Nilles and Marvin Short from Zionsville Fellowship for painting an office for us!



...to Lilly for sending volunteers to clean up inside, to move furniture, and to put rock in our flower beds!







...to the Hall family for sorting baby clothes and for painting the kitchen!



...to Arby's and the AES Foundation for their generous financial and food pantry gifts!



THANKS...

in loving memory



It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to Jeannie Thompson. Jeannie served in the Connection Center from November 2022 until June of this year. Sadly, Jeannie passed away on October 27, just a few short months after her diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. Jeannie had a wonderful love for Jesus that she poured into each neighbor and volunteer that she worked with. We will miss her laughter, her compassion, and her friendship. Please join us in praying for her family, especially her two boys, their wives and children, as they grieve her loss.

THANK YOU PASTORS!

October was Pastor Appreciation Month--did you remember to thank your pastor(s)? We were glad to partner with the Shalom House for the third year, to provide breakfast, a small gift, and a time of fellowship for Boone County pastors. Eleven pastors joined us on October 29 at this open house-style event. We are grateful to each one of them for all they do to serve their congregations and our community. October may now be over, but it's never too late to offer them your thanks and an encouraging word!





We appreciate all that you do

SAVE THE DATE

18 JUN

Hope Community Church is sponsoring an evening of music featuring two southern gospel families: The Mylon Hayes Family and The Kramers. The concert is free! A free-will offering will be taken, with 100% of the proceeds benefitting Love INC. Details will be shared in a few months, but we hope you'll get the date on the calendar and plan to join us!

Our building got a much-needed facelift recently! Thanks to Ben Wilkinson and a team of volunteers from Lilly, the flower bed in front was cleaned out and filled with stone. A fresh coat of paint brightened up the building itself. These projects were long overdue, and they have made such a difference!









KENYA

July 11-20, 2026



Love INC Kenya National Gathering at Lukenya Getaway

Greetings from our brothers and sisters at Love INC Kenya! In July, I had the privilege of being part of the first U.S. Love INC delegation to visit Love INC Kenya. Those eleven days were eye-opening and life-changing. We went to Africa, hoping to learn how the Love INC model can be applied in different cultures and thinking we would teach them something, too. These hospitable people welcomed us wholeheartedly. They were so excited to show us their offices and their partnering churches. They fed us (one day we counted 9 meals that were shared!), they teased us (who knew Americans can't dance as well as Kenyans?!), and they prayed with us and for us. We truly felt welcomed by family everywhere we went.

The faith they have amazed us. Our hearts broke to see Africa's largest slum--they looked at the same thing with thanksgiving for what God has done to improve it and trust in what He will continue to do.

Two days of our trip were spent at the Love INC Kenya National Gathering, where people from all eleven zones (affiliates) across Nairobi and the surrounding area came together to worship, celebrate and plan the future of Love INC in Kenya. I joined the breakout session with pastors from more than 50 partnering churches, as they considered what they needed to do to make sure the goals set by the National Board were met by the 2030 deadline. I was inspired by the way these pastors took ownership of the ministry. They didn't see Love INC as an outside entity, seeking to bring the churches together. They saw themselves and their churches as Love INC, living out their calling, by joining together with a unifying vision and mission. They took responsibility for the success of the ministry!









At the end of our trip, we witnessed the beauty of Kenya on safari in Maasai Mara. We saw Africa's "Big 5" in our first afternoon--something our guide said had not happened in his 30 years of leading tours!



We were all blessed by this experience. I am especially grateful to the board and staff at Love INC Boone County for giving me this opportunity. I came home encouraged, full of ideas and bursting with an appreciation for the people God has placed in this ministry - in both, the US and Kenya. Here are my takeaways from this amazing trip:

- Love INC works because it is centered on Christ. No matter where you go in the world, hurting people need Jesus. While programs may differ, the model succeeds because the foundation is the same.
- Our greatest impact doesn't come from what we have, but from being willing to use what God has given us to serve others.
- Our perspective matters. We can choose to feel badly about a situaton, or we can focus on the goodness of God and trust that He is working.





I would enjoy talking with you if you'd like to hear more about the trip or Love INC, in general. Thanks for supporting our affiliate and making this trip possible for me. Asante sana!

Traci







U.S. Delegation

Traci Hoffman — Love INC of Boone County
Dana Parker — Love INC of Heart of Florida
Lisa Green — Love INC of Heartland
Jessica Hurley Fawley — Love INC of Hillsdale County
Joshua Alviar — Love INC of Muskegon County
Linda Burton — Love INC of Lake County
Chrissy Cosner — Love INC of Southwest Florida
Veronica McDaniels — Love INC of Gallatin County, Montana
Rick Ebeling – Love INC National
Kirk Vander Molen – Love INC National
Lora Petitt – Love INC National



NEW

We have adjusted our hours to accommodate staff shortages. The doors will be open for walk-ins Monday-Thursday from 10am-noon. Staff and volunteers will be working at the office 8am-4pm and will be available to speak to you on the phone or by appointment.

Holiday Hours

The Love INC office will be closed November 26 & 27 for Thanksgiving. It will also close December 24 and reopen January 4, for Christmas and New Year's. We pray you have a blessed holiday season!

COMING SOON

We will soon be accepting applications for an Executive Assistant position at Love INC to begin working early in the new year. Watch Facebook and check our website often to learn more about this opportunity to join our team!

3rd Quarter STATS

Requests for Assistance	440
Needs Met	1,298
Value of Goods/Services Coordinated	$27,148
Volunteer Hours Served	259

With winter approaching, we wanted to remind you of our policy for closing due to weather. Since staff members all live outside of town, we follow Western Boone schools - if they are delayed or closed, so are we! We will also post closings on our facebook page, when able.



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