

Love INC Of Boone County



National Executive Director Visits Boone County!



It was an honor to host Kirk VanderMolen, Love INC National Executive Director, for a short visit in February. Kirk met with several board and staff members to learn about the affiliate and to discuss plans for growth as we seek to address the needs of this community. His words of encouragement, thoughts about the direction of the ministry, and prayers for Boone County were much-appreciated.

Kirk hails from the Grand Rapids, Michigan area. He served with Love INC as an Executive Director of a local affiliate and as the National Director of Missional Integrity before assuming his current role as National Executive Director.

This was Kirk's first visit to Love INC of Boone County, one of more than 135 Love INC affiliates that he serves.

Coming Soon...



Garage Sale to Benefit Love INC
817 W. Pearl St., Lebanon
Date/Time to be determined.



Plans are coming together for year 5 of Growing Hope! This year's crop will be planted in the Northeast corner of the county. Watch future publications or visit loveincbc.org/growinghope frequently for details about planting, prayer meetings, harvest, and other events!



Annual Banquet!
Thursday, September 6, 2018
Zionsville Fellowship Church
Watch for updates!

Our God is Amazing! Thoughts from the Board Chair



All who have gone before me have said, "It's a feeling you can't describe". I have been eager to experience this feeling for a long time, and on April 1, I did! My wife Elaine and I became grandparents! My daughter gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. When I first looked upon my granddaughter, I about fell apart, overwhelmed and amazed at her beauty. She is a new life that God created, and I could not describe the feeling adequately.

Our God is amazing! In this Easter season we are reminded that our God is all about new life! Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and then he conquered the grave and rose to life as our Lord and Savior. Jesus offers eternal life to all who believe. Amazingly, it is God's greatest desire to have an eternal relationship with us. His love for us is deep, it's dear and eternal.

Our God is amazing! At Love INC of Boone County, God continues to bring new life and hope to our neighbors; those in need. Here are a few examples. A man who needed funeral clothes is provided black shoes that are his size from our adult clothing ministry run by one of our churches. A mother of two teenagers is provided two twin beds for them from our furniture ministry. A woman with plumbing issues was helped by a Love INC volunteer. She was so grateful for God's blessing, that she gave back to Love INC! And soon, we will celebrate our neighbors who are finishing classes in our Transformational Ministry.

Our God is amazing! At Love INC we are blessed to see God working in and through our churches, our volunteers and our staff. God's love is touching many neighbors in need. Church Partners, thank you for your on-going support through your GAP Ministries, your volunteers, your financial giving, and your prayers.

Our goal remains the same—for God to work though his church to transform lives *In the Name of Christ*.

For the glory of God,
Dean DeVries

Clearinghouse

Marcia Overfield, Coordinator



The Love INC Clearinghouse has a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers. The service of these volunteers allows us to meet needs everyday. These people humbly sacrifice their time and energy to assist our neighbors in need and to listen to their stories with compassionate hearts. We are so very grateful for their willingness to serve in various capacities.

Looking toward spring and summer, there are a few items that would be helpful to have available for the neighbors. Love INC will send out an email to let you know when we have collected all the items that we need.

Needed:

- 3 bike locks
- 3 tents (2 person)
- \$5 food cards to local fast food restaurants (about 25)
- 5 adult size, dark colored backpacks
- 5 rain ponchos
- 3 sleeping bags
- 5 blankets

Volunteer Opportunities

If you're looking for opportunities to serve, here are a few that we'd like you to prayerfully consider:

- Clearinghouse volunteers — clerical tasks, receptionist duties, or making client calls
- R & D team — helping to plan fundraisers, primarily the annual banquet
- Furniture team — working with a team to pick up and deliver furniture items
- Newsletter publisher — work with staff to format the printed newsletter!

Call 765-482-6152 and let us know when you're available!

Join Love INC Partnering Churches in
praying for Boone County!

February 19—March 30, 2018



Pray for the Heart Crisis
www.loveinc.org



Thanks for joining us in prayer during the 2nd Annual Prayer Campaign! Please continue praying for Boone County!



More than \$357 was raised at the Love INC Support Night. Thank you!

Transformational Ministry

Jennifer Wheat, Coordinator



Ten participants representing six churches finished *the Toxic Charity* book study on Feb. 28th. The group was challenged to dig into questions about how best to help our neighbors and to look at things differently. Could the things we are doing to “help”, actually be hurting people? How can we make changes to truly help long-term and avoid stripping our neighbors of their dignity in the process? What is our true motivation behind some of the things we do? If you are interested in learning more about the concepts in *Toxic Charity*, by Robert Lupton, the book is available online and at our local library. Please let us know if you would like to receive a notice for future studies!

As a direct result of the study, Countryside Christian Fellowship committed to providing an **Easter Basket Store** for our neighbors. People who were already registered with Love INC and who had called for help in the last two quarters were invited. Children were directed to one room where they made crafts with the true



Easter story theme, watched a video about Easter and enjoyed snacks. Parents visited another room where they could pick out an Easter basket for each of their children, fill it with items they chose, and wrap it up. Neighbors were charged \$2 per child, capped at \$6 per family. While the cost was minimal, it was good for the children to see their parents pay for their items, rather than just getting it for free, which conveys that they are unable or incompetent to provide. This also takes away the animosity between those who have and those who don't. The first annual **Easter Basket Store** was a success—29 children received Easter baskets filled

with goodies and items reflecting the true Easter story on Easter morning. Thanks to Countryside Christian Fellowship for their hard work putting this event together and providing supplies and volunteers. Everyone seemed to have a lot of fun. Stay tuned for this same event on a larger scale next year!

Furniture

We are currently accepting the following items and would be very grateful for your donations of items in very good condition:

NO mattresses unless new or “like new” (**No King size**)

Sofas/Loveseats

Casual chairs/Reclining Chairs

End Tables/Coffee Tables

Dressers/Chests of drawers

Metal adjustable bed frames - no headboards, footboards

Kitchen tables/chairs (not big Dining Room tables)

Lamps

Appliances (electric only)

Vacuum Cleaners

Microwaves

Window A/C units

Fans

Stoves

Washers/Dryers

Furniture must be **structurally sound** and **stain free**, with **no tears** in the fabric. We cannot accept upholstered items that have been exposed to allergens (smoke or animal hair). Stoves, washers and dryers must be in working order and should be cleaned and washed with a sanitizing solution **before** we pick them up.

If you have questions about your donation, or would like to volunteer with the furniture ministry, please contact Jenny at 765-482-6152.

We love our Community Partners!



The Student Council at Stokes Elementary spear-headed a campaign to gather personal care items for Love INC neighbors.



480 pairs of socks were collected for Love INC neighbors at Zionsville High School Music Department's Holiday concert!

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Comings & Goings...

2018 First Quarter Stats

	<p>Steve Vitaniemi joined the board of directors in January. Steve is pastor at Advance Community Christian Church, where he has served since October, 2014. He and his wife, Lisa make their home in Thorntown. We are happy to welcome Steve to Love INC!!</p>	<p>Mike Holdmann has been a dedicated Love INC volunteer for many years, working in the furniture ministry, serving as a budget counselor, and leading Transformational Ministry classes. In April, Mike joined the board of directors. It's great to have him on the team!</p>	
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Sally McMath has been the creative talent behind Love INC's printed newsletters for many years. It is with great regret that we bid her farewell, as she has decided to step away from that role. Many thanks to Sally for her dedication to this ministry and for using her talents to serve in this way. We will miss her!



We're on the Web!
www.loveincbc.org