



# Love INC of Boone County

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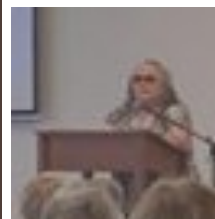
## A Night to Imagine...



A capacity crowd of 300 people joined us at Zionsville Fellowship on September 5, for "Imagine," Love INC's annual fundraising banquet. Guests enjoyed a fried chicken dinner, catered by Jug's, and some friendly competition while bidding on silent auction items.



Randy Ollis, WISH TV-8 Meteorologist, shared his story of faith. Guests also heard from Lynne Elery and Russellen Wilcox, who spoke about what Love INC has meant to them, as a volunteer and a neighbor/class participant.



A highlight of the evening was the presentation of information about "Living Hope," a new program, currently in development, that will help move women, couples, and families into stable housing, and assist neighbors as they struggle to remain in their homes.

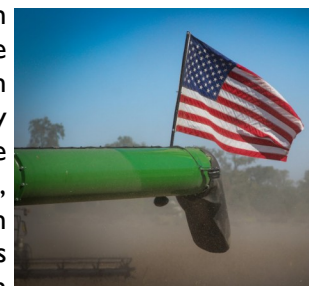
The board and staff of Love INC would like to thank everyone who attended, and all the volunteers that helped make this year's banquet a success! Special appreciation goes to the girls from Indiana Teen Challenge, who provided excellent service to the guests again this year, as well as Doug Everett, who served as emcee, and the congregation of Lebanon Christian Church for providing desserts.



## Bountiful Blessings...



Community members gathered at the Growing Hope field on October 14, to celebrate the program's sixth annual harvest as it was being gathered. It took just half an hour for the six combines to bring in the 31 acres of soybeans from the ground at the corner of 50 South and 500 West. This crop was far from a certainty, as the wet spring pushed back planting, and there was concern about the quality of the beans. In the end, after much prayer and trust in God's faithfulness, Boone County farmers, in collaboration with the Boone County Farm Bureau, presented a gift of more than \$19,000 to Love INC, to help this ministry serve local neighbors in need.



Many thanks to all who attended, and to the program committee for organizing the planting and harvesting of the crop, as well as providing the meal at the celebration. By using your God-given skills and talents, you are truly making an eternal difference in this community!





# Living Hope... “Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house?” Isaiah 58:7

The Living Hope Planning Committee is busy! Since sharing information about this exciting new ministry opportunity at the banquet, much work is being done to make the dream a reality.

**Meetings with church leaders are taking place**, as Love INC provides them with information about the program and the vital part they could play in solving the problem of homelessness in Boone County. **Dover Christian Church is the first church to officially come on board!!**

**Connections with community agencies are being made**, with an agency proposing a potential partnership to provide housing for participants in the Living Hope program.

**The committee has contracted with Schott Design** to develop plans for the renovation of the warehouse at Love INC into a Day Center. The plans will soon be finalized, and the next phase of obtaining bids will begin.

**Applications for the position of Program Manager are being accepted.** Please visit [www.loveincbc.org](http://www.loveincbc.org) for a full job description and application information.

**A bus has been secured**, that will be used to transport program participants between the host churches and the Day Center.



## Ways you can help:

- **PRAY!** That God will be glorified in all aspects of the planning and implementation of this ministry.
- **ENCOURAGE!** Your church to partner with Love INC by acting as a host church or by sharing the responsibility with another congregation.
- **VOLUNTEER!** In one or more of the many ways needed. Contact Love INC for specifics.
- **APPLY!** Review the Program Manager job description at [www.loveincbc.org](http://www.loveincbc.org) and apply for this important ministry leadership role.

## Happenings...



Volunteers collaborated over 2 weekends this summer to replace a long-time neighbor's roof. Bill McPherson led the project, with 10 volunteers from 3 area churches pitching in. The elderly couple who benefitted are so thankful to these servants for all of their hard work!



Otterbein United Methodist Church hosted Dinner and a Movie for some Love INC neighbors in August. A group of ladies enjoyed a night out at El Jariego restaurant, followed by the movie “The Lion King.” A fun time was had by all!



Staff enjoyed a few days in Chaska, Minnesota at the Love INC National Gathering.



It was a great time on Garfield Street, as Love INC participated in Lebanon First Church of the Nazarene's Community Extravaganza!

A new GAP (God Always Provides) Ministry! The Dairy Ministry, created through a partnership with Otterbein United Methodist Church, allows neighbors to get vouchers for milk, eggs, cheese, yogurt, and butter from Lebanon IGA!

## Transformational Ministry Classes

Affirming Potential, the first class offered through our Loving Hope (Transformation Ministry) program, just wrapped up recently. This class encourages those attending to recognize that each individual is created with a God-given purpose and capacity. Attendees are encouraged to dream about their future and to develop those dreams into goals with action steps. Peppered with Scripture, the course emphasizes looking at the life through the lens of God's hope. At each of the seven sessions, 8-13 individuals were in attendance. Churches that blessed the group with delicious meals were: Advance Christian Church, Dover Christian Church,, Freedom Church, Jamestown United Methodist Church, Lebanon Christian Church, Pleasant View Church, and Zionsville United Methodist Church. Additionally, incentive items were provided by Western Boone FCA, Mechanicsburg Christian Church, and New Hope Christian Church. Teachers Dean DeVries, Mark King, and Boni Hype encouraged those attending. A big thanks goes out to amazing church hosts: Lebanon Christian Church and Jamestown United Methodist Church.



The second class offering of Loving Hope is in partnership with Purdue Extension. The class, taught by Lisa Canagy of Purdue Extension, is entitled, Where Does Your Money Go? This is a two-session class that utilizes some engaging activities that encourage those attending to really analyze their spending habits. Each session is followed with a faith-based, financial devotional.

January will begin with Money Management—God's Plan for Making "Cents" of Finances. This class will feature topics like checking and savings accounts, budgeting, and shopping wisely. Mike Holdmann and Tom and Denise Schoeff will be teaching this course, which is slated to begin on January 15 and run for 8 weeks.

March 11, a class based on the book, "Boundaries," by Cloud and Townsend will begin. This class will be taught by Boni Hype. This class gives great insight on how to set healthy boundaries for relationships and responsibilities of life. This class will run 4-5 weeks.

In order to honor the time that each of our neighbors commits to these classes, Love INC arranges for churches to provide a meal before each class and incentive items for the neighbors to take home each week. The items that are given are items that cannot be purchased with SNAP food cards, but are needed by all families. Examples of these items are trash bags, toilet paper, shampoo, and detergent. If you, your small group, or church would be interest in contributing a meal of bags of incentive items, please contact Marcia at 7650482-6152 at Love INC.

## Happenings...



Love INC received an unexpected blessing when Dover Christian Church donated its mini-bus to the ministry! The bus will be used in Living Hope, but will also allow Love INC to expand other areas of the ministry to better serve neighbors. What an answer to prayer!

**FALL  
FESTIVAL  
2019**

Countryside Christian Fellowship donated funds raised at its Fall Festival to support Living Hope. Thank you to that congregation for the generous gift!

## Clearinghouse News...

As winter sets in, the Clearinghouse has additional needs. Maybe you can help!

- Coats - Warm, gently-used or new coats are needed in all adult and children's sizes
- Socks - Adult-sized socks are needed to re-stock the Adult Clothing Closet
- Volunteers - Some Love INC volunteers are snowbirds! That leaves open slots in the volunteer schedule for receptionists, as well as phone volunteers. If you have some time — as little as an hour a week — please consider serving!
- Furniture Movers - To help with occasional pick ups and deliveries.

If you can help, please contact Love INC at 765-482-6152.

## Love INC Holiday Hours

The Love INC Office will close at 12:00 (noon) on Monday, December 23, and reopen at 7:30 on Monday, January 6.

The Helpline will be available at 765-482-6144, if you would like to leave a message during this time. Staff will reply upon their return.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!





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Thanks to these churches for allowing us to share the mission of Love INC during your worship services:

- Countryside Christian Fellowship
- Pleasant View
- Mechanicsburg Christian
- Old Union
- New Brunswick Church of Christ
- Jamestown United Methodist
- Lebanon Christian
- Mt. Tabor Baptist

Ways you can help:

As you are purchasing food for holiday meals and looking for Christmas gifts, don't forget that you can help Love INC while you shop!



**...serve one another in love.** James 5:13



Two Love INC board members completed their terms of service recently. Many thanks to Patti Williams (Pleasant View Church) and Ryan Vinson (Freedom Church) for their dedication to the ministry! We know that you will continue to work in other

ways at

Love INC and in your churches, and that God will bless Boone County through your efforts.



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