



Simply  
Blessed

**“Simply Blessed”**  
**Love INC’s Annual Banquet**  
**Thursday, September 2, 2021**  
**Zionsville Fellowship Church**



**Guest Speaker:**  
**Pastor Jim Strietelmeier**  
**Neighborhood Fellowship Church**  
**“Sharing the gospel with the poor”**

**Visit [www.loveincbc.org/banquet](http://www.loveincbc.org/banquet)**  
**or return the enclosed coupon**  
**to reserve your seat!**

**Doors open at 5:30pm**

**A meal served by Jug’s begins at 6:00pm.**



**\$15,000**

Potential benefit to Love INC

Love INC is excited to share an opportunity made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation of Boone County, to multiply the gifts of donors like you! From **now until October 29**, any gift you make that is marked **“match”** will be doubled, up to a total of \$7,500. That means a **potential benefit to Love INC of \$15,000!**

Mail your check to Love INC, PO Box 368, Lebanon, IN, 46052; donate online at [www.loveincbc.org](http://www.loveincbc.org); or bring your donation to the “Simply Blessed” banquet on September 2.

Thank you for partnering with us to do more for our neighbors in need!

# Happenings...



A new partnership provides approximately 45 families per month with food from a pantry located in the Advance Fire Department!



100+ families were served at Lebanon Nazarene's farmer's market in June. Love INC helped secure the food for the event.



September brings a return of TM classes! TM (Transformational Ministry) focuses on the spiritual needs of neighbors, with classes including "Affirming Potential," "Boundaries," and "Faith and Finances."

Volunteers are needed to provide meals and incentive bags for class members. To help in these or other ways, please contact Marcia at 765-482-6152. Join us in being a part of something transformational!

**Shalom Kids'**  
**FREE**  
**Sack Lunches**

**5:00 - 6:30**

Shalom House

Love INC served as a distribution point for Shalom's "What's For Lunch" program again this summer!

Thanks to some core volunteers, regularly scheduled pick ups and deliveries have resumed. Let us know



if you would like to help with this vital ministry—and bring your friends!



Love INC has recently moved to an online database for maintaining neighbor and volunteer files. We are excited at the prospect of more easily coordinating services with partnering churches and agencies, once the program is fully implemented!

## SERVE DAY '21 DONATIONS NEEDED

- New sneakers of all sizes
- School Supplies
- New backpacks
- Financial sponsorship (for haircuts, activities, facility rentals, food trucks, and giveaways)

Need more info? Email us [amberrust@freedom-church.org](mailto:amberrust@freedom-church.org)

Love INC served as a collection site for "Back to School Bash" donations.



Executive Director, Marcia Overfield, provided the Community Foundation with a report about the Capacity Building Grant that was awarded last year. The grant focused on expanding the board of directors and developing a marketing plan.



These volunteers found time between the rain showers to spruce up the flower beds at Love INC. We are grateful to them for taking on this monumental task! Thank you New Hope Christian Church for your servant hearts!

## A Love Story...

As Christians, we often jump in to help, thinking we have just what people need to solve the problem at hand. When we

do that, we deny the neighbors (and ourselves!) the joy of seeing God working. Patty called Love INC, needing assistance with her rent. Always one to pay her bills on time, she was upset that she couldn't make ends meet this month. An unexpected medical expense left her a bit short, and she was scrambling to find the resources to avoid potential eviction. After gathering the information, verifying the details of her need, and seeking direction through prayer, Love INC determined that, while the amount of her request was not unreasonable, it seemed appropriate to provide partial support, and allow her to contact other sources for the remainder. When we called

Patty to inform her of our decision, she was ecstatic! In that day's mail, she had received an unexpected unemployment check. That check, along with the amount Love INC provided, paid her rent and left her with an extra \$12! How wonderful it was to hear her acknowledge that God was working all along to bring what she needed at just the right time! It was a blessing enjoyed because we allowed God to do what only He can.



## Living Hope

Living Hope rotating church model has morphed into an apartment or housing model called Homes From the Heart. Presently, we are seeking landlords who might want to work with us on this program.

This would offer immediate housing for those neighbors who are willing to agree to the program guidelines. This would also enable participating churches to support families for 2-4 weeks with meals once per week and encouragement. Additionally, we have added an empowerment program that would provide neighbors who choose to follow guidelines, the opportunity to enroll in classes and receive a partner to walk beside them during the process. They could also earn incentives. We are presently searching for volunteers to be partners for our neighbors. Please contact Marcia for more information.

## 10 Years!

Love INC moved its offices to what is now 817 W. Pearl Street in early September, 2011. In his letter to donors announcing the move, then-Executive Director, Wayne Adams wrote,

*Over the past several weeks, we moved our offices into a building that was configured "just right" for our ministry. Every room in the building was designed perfectly to meet our needs.*



The Clearinghouse then and now!



Indeed, this building has provided many opportunities for service throughout the years. Currently, it holds the Clearinghouse, the heart of the ministry. It also has offices for staff, as well as additional offices that are leased to Habitat for Humanity. The conference room provides meeting space for the board of directors, a weekly men's Bible study, and partners who wish to hold seminars and other events. It even served as a church home to some churches who were transitioning to permanent spaces of their own! An emergency food pantry is housed at Love INC, as is a pantry for cleaning supplies provided by First Baptist Church, and an adult clothing closet operated by Zionsville United Methodist. The warehouse provides storage for the furniture and appliance ministry and is home to Shalom's pantry, from which they have distributed lunches for the What's For Lunch program for the past 10 summers.

God certainly blessed Love INC and this community in ways that we could not imagine when He led us to Pearl Street. We cannot wait to see what He does in the next 10 years!



Plan to join us in the northwest section of the county, as we give thanks for this year's bountiful harvest! Details of the celebration will soon be announced, so check the website and your email for updates. See you there!

## Get Involved:

- Prepare meals for TM classes
- Provide incentives for TM classes
- Sort food at the Postal Food Drive
- Help with furniture pick up/delivery
- Prepare and deliver a meal to a neighbor (Casseroles & Conversations)
- Provide rides to medical appointments
- Make calls in the Clearinghouse
- Be an Empowerment Program Partner
- Help a child make cards for neighbors

Love INC is happy to announce that Boni Hypes joined the staff as the part-time Administrative Assistant in June. Boni and her husband reside in Whitestown and are long-time members of Zionsville Presbyterian Church. She has volunteered as part of the Transformational Ministry program, helping to lead the Boundaries class, and has presented a workshop at Love INC about recognizing abuse. Please join us in welcoming Boni!



*"I like doing this. It makes you feel good when you share."*

Jubilee, age 7  
making cards for neighbors



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TO SEE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES UNITED IN PURPOSE AND FULLY ENGAGED IN ACTIVELY LIVING OUT THEIR FAITH BY LOVINGLY SERVING PEOPLE IN NEED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.  
-OUR VISION

PARTNER CHURCHES:  
3,932

## THE LOVE INC MOVEMENT

2020

UNIQUE VOLUNTEERS:

15,388

VOLUNTEER HOURS:

596,245

29  
COMMUNITIES  
IN DEVELOPMENT

UNIQUE CHILDREN SERVED:  
57,042

UNIQUE ADULTS SERVED:  
87,600

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:  
8,961

CLEARINGHOUSE REQUESTS:  
185,891

NEEDS MET:  
278,867

118  
LOVE INC  
LOCATIONS

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