



Love INC of Boone County

April, 2019

Utilities Meeting

Neighbors gathered at Love INC on March 21, to learn money saving tips from representatives of local utility companies. Boone REMC and Lebanon Utilities shared information about how bills are figured, what to do if you have questions, what payment plans are available, what to look for if you notice a sharp increase in power usage, and how to conserve energy.

Lunch was graciously provided by the congregation of Advance Community Christian Church.



Congratulations to Russellen Wilcox, the door prize winner! She will receive \$50 off her next power bill!

A New Roof!



Love INC's new roof was installed in February! Thanks to Boone REMC, Zionsville United Methodist, and individual donors for helping to fund this project!

Key Dates

- April 21: Easter Sunday!**
- April 25: Banquet Brainstorming Meeting.** 5:00pm at Love INC. Everyone welcome!
- May 11: USPS Food Drive**
- May 15: Transformational Ministry Class Celebration**

Exciting News!

We are happy to announce that, as of January 1, Melissa Wilkinson has moved into the role of full-time Executive Assistant! Melissa now serves as the primary contact for the Clearinghouse and has assumed additional administrative and operational duties.



Love INC officially welcomed Bernie Terhune to the board of directors at its March meeting. Bernie and his wife, Joanna, both serve as volunteers at Love INC—he as a furniture volunteer and she in the clearinghouse. They attend Zionsville Fellowship Church and make their home in Brownsburg. Welcome to the board, Bernie!

Thoughts from the Board Chairman, Dean DeVries



My jonquils are blooming! Bursting through the cold earth, these hardy flowers withstood an elongated winter of freezing temperatures, snow, ice, rain, and strong winds. And now, they are victoriously standing with their yellow blooms! Indeed, hope springs eternal.

Easter is hope that springs eternal with the celebration of our Lord's rising from the dead. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15, "Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?" Jesus rose again from the dead and offers eternal life to all who believe.

At Love INC of Boone County, we seek to stir new hope in the hearts of our neighbors in need.

Last October, a young mom of 2 girls called the Love INC office. She had been in recovery and clean for 6 months when she reached out to us. She had been taking classes to earn her GED, so she could find a good job and regain custody of her 2 daughters. We assisted her with the cost to take the GED exam, and she passed with flying colors!

She has since been able to save enough money to move out of her mom's home and into her own place. Then, she was able to regain custody of her daughters, who now live with her.

She has given her testimony at 2 churches in recent weeks. She told about finding God and placing her faith in Him, which completely changed her life and allowed her to stay clean. She is hopeful that her story of transformation will inspire others to believe in God, who transforms lives.

She has recently found a great-paying, full-time, reliable job and is hoping to soon have enough money to start paying it forward to others in need, just as we helped her when she needed it. We speak to her regularly to check in and continue to pray for her.

This is the on-going resurrection story being lived out in many lives! We at Love INC of Boone County are privileged to be part of the story with our churches and our neighbors. He is risen! He is risen indeed!



Spring is here! That means the sixth season of Growing Hope is about to begin!

Keep an eye on social media, e-mails, and the Love INC website for details about location, planting, prayer events, and, of course, the harvest celebration!

Please join Love INC in praying for the safety of all Boone County farmers this year!

Transformational Ministry

Love INC is excited to announce the Class Celebration, scheduled for Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30pm. Neighbors who have completed a class during the past 9 months will be recognized, with additional recognition given to those who have completed multiple classes, including Affirming Potential, Boundaries, and Faith and Finances. Love INC would like to thank our partnering churches who have blessed the neighbors with a hot meal every week and a bag of items to honor the time that each person has dedicated to attending classes. Special thanks to Countryside Christian Church, who will be providing the celebration dinner and decorations and to Dean DeVries, Boni Hype, Mark King, Denise and Tom Schoeff, and Mike Holdmann, who led classes this year.



Watch future publications for ticket information, and plan to join us for a great evening of food and fun!

Volunteer opportunities are available! Contact Traci at traci@loveincbc.org or 765-482-6152 for more information!

Special People...



Love INC celebrated the heart and soul of the ministry this winter—our Clearinghouse volunteers! Many thanks to these dedicated, godly people for serving!

We were unable to get pictures of the following volunteers during Appreciation Week, but thank them heartily for all they do:

Pat Erp
Dianna Lowry
Amber Rust
Jean Long
Janie Bond
Betty Archer

...from 15 Churches!

We're thankful for partnering churches!



Harvest Community Church helped purchase beds!



The kids at Access Church made blankets to keep the neighbors warm this winter!

Otterbein United Methodist provided layettes to share with the families of newborns!



Youth from Zionsville United Methodist packed personal care kits and toured Love INC!



Thank you to the following congregations for allowing us to share the mission of Love INC with you on Sunday mornings:

- Advance Community Christian Church
- Sugar Plain Friends Church
- Milledgeville United Methodist Church
- Dover Christian Church
- Lebanon Rock Church

We're excited to visit additional churches in the weeks to come. If you'd like to schedule a visit, call Marcia at 765-482-6152.



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Need ideas for how to help? Visit Love INC's wish list on Amazon Smile to learn what items are currently needed by neighbors. Your purchases will be delivered directly to Love INC and Amazon will donate a portion to the ministry!



Don't forget to designate Love INC as your charity of choice at Kroger and a portion of your purchase will be donated to the ministry!



Take a kitchen trash-sized bag of textiles (clothes, curtains, towels, etc.) to Goodwill, have them scan this barcode or tell them it's for Love INC, and they'll donate vouchers for our neighbors to use!