

# Dreams & Visions

Dreams become reality when intentions become action.

– Zoe & Zara Paul, singers/songwriters

Invest in your dreams, as they are the gateway to your future.

– Carl Jung, psychologist

A possibility is a hint from God.

One must follow it.

– Søren Kirkegaard, philosopher

A vision is not just a picture of what could be; it is an appeal to better ourselves, a call to become something more.

– Rosabeth Moss Kanter, professor/author



Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

2014 Annual Report

*Love In the Name of Christ's vision is 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."*

*-The Love INC Movement*



*Doug Peterson  
Executive Director  
Love INC of Eastern  
Carver County*

## A Tribute to Dreamers

*Doug Peterson, Executive Director, Love INC of Eastern Carver County*

God has always used dreamers and visionaries to accomplish his will in our world. Every significant undertaking begins with a vision. God often provides promptings and visions, however, not everyone acts on the visions they are given. About 10 years ago God entrusted twelve individuals with a vision. That vision led to the creation of Love INC of Eastern Carver County here in our community. These men and women were faithful and turned their vision into action. Love INC was born with a group of eight churches. It has grown to 24 churches now

working together! These founding Love INC board members (Jeff Burzinski, Tamara Severtson, Jim Dauwalter, Sue Edwards, Bob Roepke, Jacqi Hellendrung, Joe Hoppe, Joel Johnson, Linda Kozicky, Dave Pokorney, Sarah Carlson, and Scott Knight) saw a possibility for what it really was—a hint from God; and they followed it.

Love INC of Eastern Carver County was established in 2006 through a God-given vision. This vision had begun taking shape even a couple years before that time.

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# A Tribute to Dreamers

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*Tamara Severtson*

Here are comments from a few of those founding members of the Love INC Board of Directors, when recently asked what they had hoped would become of their vision.

My hope from the start was that Love In the Name of Christ would become a unified Christian "voice" in the community and that it would help people of all ages from different denominations work together for good.

—Tamara Severtson,  
*Allina/St. Francis Regional Medical Center*



*Jeff Burzinski*

We have a very caring community. I felt that if the community worked together we could do so much. We wanted to come together and walk alongside those in need to help them break through poverty.

—Jeff Burzinski,  
*Formerly of Community Bank*



*Pastor Joel Johnson*

I believe that the Church is the greatest force of healing, hope, and good in the world today. I wanted to see that demonstrated and realized through Love INC.

—Pastor Joel Johnson,  
*Westwood Community Church*



*Jim Dauwalter*

My dream was that we would have an entity established in our community that brought together the churches to support a unified effort to reach out in meaningful ways to those in need.

—Jim Dauwalter,  
*Living Christ Lutheran Church*



*Sue Edwards*

My dream was that those receiving help would feel that they were an important part of our community and had something to contribute.

—Sue Edwards,  
*St. Huberts Catholic Church*



*Linda Kozicky*

My hope was that we would see all of our churches work together to bring the love of Christ to our community, touching and changing lives.

—Linda Kozicky,  
*Valley Evangelical Free Church*

These hopes and dreams for Love INC have become realized because these 12 people of faith followed their hearts and put their dreams into action. As the vision was shared with our churches, some church members responded immediately to the call for phone volunteers to reach out and show compassion to those calling for help. Three in particular have been actively involved in implementing this vision since they first heard of Love INC in 2007, and they have continued as regular weekly volunteers almost every week since—they are Dwight Crisman from Chaska Moravian Church, Norma Evans from Westwood Community Church (now from Westbrook Community Church), and Kitty Mortenson from West Union Lutheran Church. Currently hundreds of volunteers are active in the work of Love INC. But these three responded to God's call from the beginning and have faithfully continued to serve ever since. They have truly demonstrated "love in the name of Christ" countless times.



*Dwight Crisman*



*Norma Evans*



*Kitty Mortenson*

## The Vision Continues

One of the most significant things that happened at Love INC this past year is that our last two remaining members of the founding Board of Directors (Bob Roepke and Sue Edwards) rotated off the board. This was significant because it means the responsibility for carrying the vision forward has been entrusted to others who will need to continue to listen to God's "hints" and decide to follow his call and lead with boldness into this next season. They have the opportunity to build on those before them, enabling Love INC to serve the churches of our community, helping people to live out their faith, serving those in need, and bringing transformation through the love of Christ. In addition, I will be stepping down as the Executive Director in 2015. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve this community and our 24 partner churches for these past eight plus years. It will be exciting to watch and see how God raises up new leaders, and new servants who will respond to God's hints. I am humbled and thankful for the many who have contributed to the success of this Movement in our community. I'm hopeful and very optimistic that the ministry of Love INC of Eastern Carver County will continue to grow and deepen, increasing its focus on developmental compassion, which will lead to God's life-giving transformation. I know if we remain faithful to a God-given vision, God will be faithful as well. We will see people of all ages, adults, youth, and children, serve together to make a difference for Christ and His Kingdom here in Eastern Carver County.

# The Vision of Love INC In Action

## Food to Fight Hunger

At Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church West, West Union Lutheran Church, Westwood Community Church, and Valley Evangelical Free Church  
 Provided food baskets for the following holidays  
 - Easter: 45 volunteers delivered food to 37 families, a total value of \$2,500.  
 - Thanksgiving: 115 volunteers delivered food to 120 families, a total value of \$4,800.  
 - Christmas: 265 volunteers delivered food to 128 families, a total value of \$7,640.

*"Our family had a great experience delivering Thanksgiving meals. We know that delivery assignments are random, but God arranged that we got the same family as we had delivered to the year before. It was a reminder that even though time passes, God's call to keep loving others and praying for them never passes." - Food to Fight Hunger volunteer at Thanksgiving*



## Mobile Dental Clinic

With Operation Grace MN at Christ Victorious Lutheran Church  
 Provided basic dental care for 51 individuals with the help of dental professionals; The estimated value of resources provided in 2014 was \$9,290.

*"When I called to arrange delivery of dishes and cookware for a family, I got into a conversation with a man whose brother was missing and presumed dead. I had the opportunity to pray with him on the phone and offer the hope of Jesus in the midst of that pain."  
 - Volunteer from Kitchen Essentials ministry at The River Church*

## Kitchen Essentials

At the River Church  
 Gave essential dishes and cookware to 38 families; The value of products given was \$758 in 2014.



## Wheels of Hope

Coordinated by the Love INC Clearinghouse  
 Volunteers served families by providing about 27 rides each month to food shelves, doctor's visits, and other important appointments.

## Clean Sweep

At St. Victoria Catholic Church  
 Served 35 families each month by providing household cleaning supplies; The value of products given in 2014 was \$6,118.

## Baby Diaper Ministry

At Living Christ Lutheran Church  
 Provided diapers and baby wipes for an average of 17 families each month; The total value of products given in 2014 was \$2,540.



## C.A.R.E. (Community Auto Repair Effort)

Working with area shops: Atboretum Tire & Auto, Auto Pros, Discount Tire, Lehman's Garage, Thesis Repair, and Victory Auto Service & Glass Met 77 families' needs by providing help with critical car repairs; The total value of the amount donated to help with repairs in 2014 was \$38,994.

## Baby Sleep and Ride

At St. Hubert Catholic Church  
 Gave cribs and/or car seats to 54 families; The total value of these gifts was \$9,150.

## Love INC Clearinghouse

25 volunteers took 1,626 calls, made 2,851 referrals, and served 180 brand new families in 2014.



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## The Birthday Shelf

At St. Hubert Catholic Church  
 Celebrated an average of 50 birthdays each month by providing children with party favors and a small gift; The total value of these gifts was \$17,290 in 2014.

## Clean Hands (a new ministry in 2014!)

At Meadow Spring Church  
 Gave bath towels, wash cloths, and kitchen towels to 53 families; The value of items given was \$930.

## Saturday Connection

At Waybury Apartments  
 Served around 30 individuals each month by assisting with chores and building relationships.

## Loads of Love

At Westbrook Community Church  
 Provided laundry and dish detergents for around 33 families each month; The total value of gifts given in 2014 was \$6,490.

## Community Thanksgiving Dinner

At St. John's Lutheran Church  
 Served a delicious Thanksgiving meal to 120 families; The total estimated value of the meal was \$4,000.

## FurniShare

Coordinated by all Love INC Churches  
 Delivered furniture to a total of 223 families in 2014; The value of furniture given was \$49,556.

## Project Life-Cycle

With A Better Society at Church on the Hill  
 Provided 84 refurbished bikes for children and youth, along with new helmets and locks, with a total value of \$5,040.

## The School Locker

At Discovery United Methodist Church  
 Provided 806 children with backpacks filled with necessary school supplies, and provided winter clothing for 27 families; The total value of products given was \$26,135.

*"When we went to deliver the Christmas food and gifts our family wasn't entirely working in sync and there was grumpiness. When we got to the home it's as if God knew what WE needed while we were giving the family what we thought THEY needed. Their home was overflowing with gratitude, joy, and warmth. We gave them the gifts and prayed with them...and every member of our family left feeling different. We had been blessed." - Christmas Blessing volunteer*

## The Linen Closet

At Chaska Moravian Church  
 Provided blankets and sheet sets for 126 families; The total value of products given in 2014 was \$14,490.



## LAM Vac Valet

At Lake Auburn Moravian Church  
 Provided new or refurbished vacuum cleaners to 45 families; The value of vacuums given was \$1,720.



## Build-A-Bed

At Valley Evangelical Free Church  
 Served 21 families with children by building bunk beds; The total value of beds given was \$3,040.

# 2014 Consolidated statement of activities

## Revenue

Local Churches	\$49,179
Businesses/Service Organizations	\$47,738
Individual Contributions	\$98,962
Unrestricted Foundation Grants	\$9,023
FurniShare Sales	\$16,331
Misc. Sales	\$7,310
Rental Income	\$13,500
Interest Income	\$30
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$242,073</b>

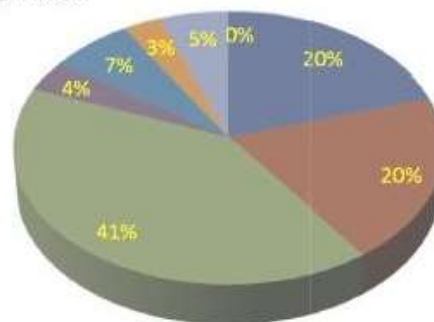
## Expenditures

Love INC Ministries and Services	\$195,415
Administration	\$33,173
Promotion and Fund-Raising	\$22,518
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$251,106</b>

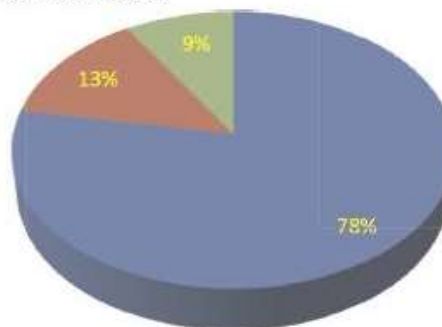
## Statement of Financial Position - Dec. 31, 2014

Total Current Assets	\$134,074
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## REVENUE



## EXPENDITURES



## Special Events Raise Funds and Awareness for Love INC

### Golf Event

90 individuals enjoyed golf, dinner, and a silent auction at the Drive for a Difference Golf Event. About \$7,500 was raised to help those in need in Eastern Carver County

### Hope Banquet

280 people attended the 2014 Hope Banquet, raising a total of over \$32,000. In addition to dinner and speakers, the silent auction featured a Give-A-Bed donation to provide beds for neighbors in need.

### FurniShare Sales

Monthly furniture sales helped bring in over \$16,000 to support the ministry of giving furniture to families in need.

## Achieving our Vision through Serving

### Reaching Out

• New families served:	180
• Adult needs met:	5,802
• Children's needs met:	5,387
• Families' needs met:	3,803

### Working Together

Referrals to Churches:	2,224
Referrals to Community agencies:	627
<b>TOTAL REFERRALS:</b>	<b>2,851</b>

### Mobilizing Churches

Total volunteer hours given:	11,500
Individual acts of service:	4,769
Total number of Clearinghouse calls taken:	1,626
Value of donated products and services	\$231,162

Thank You to Our

## Annual Sponsors

### \$5,000 - Gold

- Chaska Lions
- Community Bank
- Victory Auto (in-kind)
- Lehman's Garage (in-kind)

### \$10,000 - Platinum

- St. Francis Regional Medical Center

### \$2,500 - Silver

- Chaska Rotary Club
- Eden Trace Corporation
- Exlar Corporation
- Klein Bank
- Theis Repair (In-Kind)

### \$1,000 - Bronze

- Chanhassen Rotary Club
- St. Francis Sports Medicine
- Auto Pros of Chaska (In-Kind)
- Eden Prairie Discount Tire (in-kind)

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## 2014 Annual Report

### *When Dreams Become A Nightmare*

After experiencing a series of serious setbacks, including a personal bankruptcy, Lisa's dreams for her family had become a nightmare. A single mother of two children with special needs, she finally decided to reach out to Love INC for help. We recently caught up with Lisa and asked how it felt to receive support from the Love INC Help Line and volunteers from several Love INC ministries.

"I've never personally struggled as much as I have this past year. It's been really tough. But I am finally starting to turn the corner... maybe another year, and I'll be on my feet. Since Love INC has come alongside, I find I'm not as irritable, not as anxious, I'm more patient with my kids. I think I've become a better mom. I don't fear putting my boys in the car anymore, since you helped get my brakes fixed.

I've seen God's hand along my journey. I believe he brought me here to Minnesota to adopt my boys because He knew I had the special skills needed to care for them. He brought people from Love INC along to help me just when I needed them. I cannot thank you enough for the assistance. If Love INC hadn't been there, I don't know what I would have done."

### 2014 Board of Directors

Justine Bojan, Sue Edwards, Tim Ehart, Mike Fahey, Mike Fortner (Chair), Gloria Gness, Pete Isabell, Jeff Nordeen, Doug Peterson, Bob Roepke, Dave Ruegg, Mike Sindelar, Russ St. John

### Love INC Staff

Alicia Kaiser, Communications Coordinator  
Mary Morley, Clearinghouse Coordinator  
Doug Peterson, Executive Director

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## Partner Churches

### Carver

East Union Lutheran Church  
St. Nicholas Catholic Church  
West Union Lutheran Church

### Chanhassen

Bethel Fellowship Church  
Discovery United Methodist Church  
Living Christ Lutheran Church  
St. Hubert Catholic Church  
Westwood Community Church

### Chaska

Chaska Moravian Church  
Christ Victorious Lutheran Church  
Church on the Hill  
Crown of Glory Lutheran Church  
Guardian Angels Catholic Church  
Iglesia Cristiana Ebenezer  
Meadow Spring Church  
St. Johns Lutheran Church  
Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church  
The River Church  
Valley Evangelical Free Church  
Westbrook Community Church

### Cologne

West Union Lutheran Church

### Victoria

Lake Auburn Moravian Church  
Mount Olivet Lutheran Church  
St. Victoria Catholic Church  
Waterbrooke Fellowship Church