



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ
of Eastern Carter County

2015 Annual Report

A graphic illustration of four hands reaching towards the center. The hands are colored purple, teal, green, and yellow, arranged in a circle. The purple hands are at the top, teal at the sides, and green and yellow at the bottom.

*Making Connections
Between Neighbors
in Need and Churches*

A Word from the Board of Directors Love In the Name of Christ of Eastern Carver County



"...we give thanks to God for each of you, for your faith and for all of your good works, in the name of Christ"

In the spirit of St. Paul, who in many of his letters begins by giving thanks to God for the faith and good works being accomplished, we give thanks to God for each of you, for your faith and for all of your good works, in the name of Christ. You are the visible presence, the hands and feet, the eyes and ears of our Savior, who promised his followers that he would always be with them.

2015 has been a transition year for our organization. Staff leadership changed with the retirement of Doug Peterson, Executive Director, who had served Love In the Name of Christ of Eastern Carver County since its beginning 9 years ago. We also saw the departure of Mary Morley, Helpline Coordinator who served for many years. They both leave behind a solid foundation of 25 partner churches that collaborate to serve neighbors in need with a wide array of ministries and events. They are both incredible examples of servant leadership and will be remembered for their many sacrifices and love of God's people.

2016 marks the 10th Anniversary of Love In the Name of Christ of Eastern Carver County! We, the board members, ask for your continued prayers and help in supporting the vision of Love In the Name of Christ to identify the needs of God's people within our communities, and mobilizing churches and resources to respond to these needs. In this process, we seek to transform lives by experiencing the love of Jesus in one another.

We need your continuing financial support of the helpline, various church ministries and events, and FurniShare. We need your communication and collaboration to continue building and strengthening bridges between all of our member churches. We need your patience and wisdom in serving all in need not because they are Christians, not to make them Christians, but because we are Christian.

Blessings,

Board of Directors
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2015 Consolidated Statement of Activities

Revenue

Church Contributions	\$38,939.62
Business Contributions	\$47,671.22
Individual Contributions	\$77,091.83
Fundraising	\$36,864.00
Ministry Dedicated Income	\$8,967.73
FurniShare Sales and Rental Income	\$30,371.40
Other	\$23.46
Total	\$239,929.26

Expenditures

Love INC Ministries and Services	\$168,989.59
Administration	\$46,699.86
Fundraising	\$58,842.98
Total	\$274,532.43

Total Current Assets	\$104,167.00
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Thank you to our sponsors and large donors who enable Love In the Name of Christ to connect neighbors in need to resources in our community

\$10,000 - Platinum

- St. Francis Regional Medical Center
- Private Donor

\$5,000 - Gold

- 2 Private Donors

\$2,500 - Silver

- Charter Bank
(previously Community Bank)
- Chaska Lions Club
- Chaska Rotary Club
- Eden Trace Corporation
- Klein Bank
- My Pillow
- Riekor Corporation
- 3 Private Donors

\$1,000 - Bronze

- Aurora Investments, LLC
- By The Yard, Inc.
- Chanhassen Rotary Foundation
- First Light Asset Management
- Lions Club of Chanhassen
- Minger Construction
- Pentom Land Company
- Scott & Associates, Inc.
- Snap Fitness
- St. Francis Sports Medicine
- 14 Private Donors



Statistics

Helpline

- Open 15 hours a week to take calls from neighbors in need
- Over 100 calls a month
- 127 new families served
- 2300 connections made between neighbors in need and 25 partner churches/local service organizations

Ministries & Events

- 21 different ministries and events
- Over 9000 volunteer hours offered
- 3500 family needs met

Fundraising

2015 Golf Event

128 individuals enjoyed golf, dinner, and a silent auction at the Drive for a Difference Golf Event. Approximately \$13,000 was raised to help those in need in Eastern Carver County.

2015 Hope Banquet

About 270 people attended the 2015 Hope Banquet at St. Hubert Catholic Church in Chanhassen, raising a total of over \$24,000. In addition to dinner and speakers, guests enjoyed live music, lively games, and a "Desserts for a Difference" dessert steal.

2015 FurniShare Sales

Monthly furniture sales helped bring in about \$15,000 to support the ministry of providing furniture for families in need.

Ministries and Events



Partner churches meet the needs of neighbors referred from the Love In the Name of Christ help line through a variety of ministries and events

Ongoing Ministries

Baby Diaper Ministry	Living Christ Lutheran
Baby Sleep and Ride	St. Hubert Catholic
The Birthday Shelf	St. Hubert Catholic
Build-A-Bed	Valley Evangelical Free
Clean Hands	Meadow Spring
Clean Sweep	St. Victoria Catholic
FurniShare	Collaboration of church volunteers
Gas Cards	St. Hubert Catholic, Valley Evangelical Free, Chaska Moravian
LAM Vac Valet	Lake Auburn Moravian
The Linen Closet	Chaska Moravian
Loads of Love	Westbrook Community
Personal Care with Love	Mount Olivet Lutheran West
The School Locker	Discovery United Methodist
Smart Start Connection	Crown of Glory Lutheran

Events

- Back Pack Give-Back**, led by Discovery United Methodist and supported by many of the partner churches
- Bike Giveaway**, Project Life-Cycle: A Better Society, Church on the Hill
- Christmas Food Distribution**, hosted at Westwood Community, Mount Olivet Lutheran West, and Valley Evangelical Free
- Community Thanksgiving Dinner**: St. John's Lutheran
- Easter Angel Baskets**, Mount Olivet Lutheran West
- Thanksgiving Food Distribution**, West Union Lutheran
- Saturday Connection**, collaboration of church volunteers, serves Waybury Apartments

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