



# Love INC of Eastern Carver County

*Love In the Name of Christ*



*A Note From Our*  
**Executive Director**

I hope you enjoyed last month's newsletter. We are really excited about steps being made to gather and share information with you!

I am excited to announce that, as of April 1st, we have designed and implemented a new database system to track our neighbors in need. This system will allow us to share exciting statistics about the needs and demographics of our neighbors.

News you may not have heard yet is that our move to the former Southwest Christian High School space for our FurniShare ministry was short. While we are excited that SWCHS has sold their building, we are sad to be losing that partnership and are on the lookout for new space to ensure that the FurniShare ministry can continue. If you have ideas or connections to someone who can help us identify low cost space please let us know as soon as possible.

We will not be holding a golf event fundraiser this year; our only fundraiser will be our fall gala to be held at Hazeltine National Golf Course on October 29th. Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for exciting news about the event in the coming months.

National Day of Prayer, is May 5. Please contact your church for local Day of Prayer Activities. The pastors will be gathering that morning for prayer and fellowship. In honor of this day, our partner churches with bells, will be ringing them at 10:00 a.m. As Christian, faith-based communities in Eastern Carver County, it will also be a sign of our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Blessings, Allison

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS & RESOURCES**

### **Caregiver Resource Series: Auburn Homes & Services**

Explore the challenges of care giving and how we can improve ourselves to thrive

Free Series on Alzheimers and Dementia, Understanding the End-of Life-Process, and Anticipating Grief

Location: Auburn Homes and Services 501 N. Oak Street, Chaska

April 21: Alzheimer's/Dementia, Part 1 Understanding the physical, emotional, and spiritual aspects and the specific types of Alzheimer's/Dementia can aid a caregiver in their supporting role.

April 28, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.: Alzheimer's Dementia, Part 2. Recap Part 1

May 5, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.: Understanding the End-of-Life process. Embracing your walk through the dying process is an emotional, spiritual and physical journey.

May 12, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.: Anticipating Grief and Grieving with Gratitude. An overview about bereavement before and after the loss with an open discussion.

Contact Carol at 952.361.0316

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### **Act on Alzheimers, Chanhassen**

A conversation about the ACT on Alzheimers initiative and learn how you can support the effort in Chanhassen

Location: Chanhassen Library, Wilder Room, 7711 Kerber Blvd Chanhassen

Saturday, April 23, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

[janderson@co.carver.mn.us](mailto:janderson@co.carver.mn.us) or call 952-361-1317

### **Chaska Police Department Senior Expo**

Various speakers and health screenings for senior citizens

Location: Chaska Event Center

Thursday, April 28, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

[jjanke@chaskamn.com](mailto:jjanke@chaskamn.com)

### **Fare for All Express And Shoe Box**

Stretch your grocery bills with 40% off fruits, vegetables and frozen meats. A community supported program; the more people participating, the bigger the savings! All are welcome. In particular, low income people will reap the benefits of these savings.

Location: Crown of GLory Lutheran, 1141 Cardinal Street, Chaska

Thursday, April 28, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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### **Southern Valley Alliance For Batter Women presents "Jeans and Gems" 17th Annual Silent Auction And Dinner Fundraiser**

Location: The Grand Ballroom, Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, 2400 Mystic Lake Boulevard, Prior Lake

Friday, April 29, 6:00 p.m. Social Hour/7:30 p.m. Dinner

### **"Beginning Now" Seminar by Glenn Pickering**

A 2 part seminar: The morning session will focus on learning about **TAG**, examining our personal fables, God's truth, prayerful healing and powerful exercises. The afternoon session will help focus on taking the concepts learned in the morning session and applying them directly to your life. This seminar will be highly interactive, very personal, hands on allowing you to discern and practice specific skills that will transform your relationships.

Location: 12100 Singletree Lane, Eden Prairie

Saturday, April 30, Morning session, 9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.; Afternoon session, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$79 for the day;\$29 for the morning session; \$59 for the afternoon session. At this cost, you can also bring a friend for free! Space is limited.

For more information or to register: [glennp@tds.net](mailto:glennp@tds.net) or call 952-903-9205

### **National Day of Prayer: Pastor's Appreciation Breakfast**

Celebrating the good work of our partner churches through prayer and fellowship

Location: Hazeltine National Golf Club, Ballroom

Thursday, May 5, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

**National Day of Prayer: Bells Ringing**

As part of the National Day of Prayer, we are asking all churches with bells to ring them at 10:00 a.m.

for approximately 30 seconds.

Location: Partner Churches with bells

Tuesday, May 5, 10 a.m. for 30 seconds

**Chanhassen Rotary's 11th Annual Chanhassen Gala "Above and Beyond Super Heroes"**

Oak Ridge Conference Center in Chaska

Saturday, May 7, 6:00 p.m.

**Acting on Faith: "Investing in Potential"**

The annual gathering of Beacon congregations where elected officials and others who make decisions about policies and public funding are asked to work together to end homelessness.

Locations: St. Mary's University Center, 2500 Park Ave, Minneapolis

Thursday, May 12, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

To register: [mohama@beaconinterfaith.org](mailto:mohama@beaconinterfaith.org)

**Southwest Christian High School 15th Annual Golf Tournament**

Location: Chaska Town Course

Monday, June 20

<http://swchs.org>

Contact: [I\\_robertson@swchs.org](mailto:I_robertson@swchs.org) or call 952-479-6235

**SayHey 5 K & Mascot Run, Chaska**

Raise awareness, engagement and funds for the vitality of the local community. Sponsorships Available

Location: Downtown Chaska

Saturday, June 25

Contact: [info@swmetrochamber.com](mailto:info@swmetrochamber.com)

**Discipline That Connects With Your Child's Heart**

Learn practical tools, recognize God's presence, identify strengths for successful parenting

Private or group classes welcome for parents and preschools

Online Summer Course, June 2016

Sponsored by Connected Families

Contact Stacy Steen at [ssteen@connectedfamilies.org](mailto:ssteen@connectedfamilies.org) or call 612-562-6414

**SHIP** Statewide Health Improvement Program

A grant-based program sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Health bringing awareness to healthy lifestyles.

An opportunity to better our health and provide healthy church campuses.

Contact: [info@loveincecc.org](mailto:info@loveincecc.org)

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**SPOTLIGHT: Service Partner Organizations**

**Beacon Interfaith Housing and Families Moving Forward (FMF) Program Beacon**

An interfaith collaborative of congregations ending homelessness through housing, shelter and advocacy.

All guests are screened to meet the program criteria. Families must be homeless and must be traveling with and have legal custody of at least one child under 18. Families stay together

Current Eastern Carver County host churches: St. Hubert, Shepherd of the Hill, and St. John's

Seeking other Eastern Carver County Churches to host

For more information, contact [Sakinah Mujahid](#) or call 952-230-2930

FMF Southwest Day Program Center

Support for families seeking affordable housing or job search assistance.

Location: 145 Engler Boulevard, Chaska

Sunday through Fridays, 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Call the referral line on Mondays for openings at 952-767-0708

For more information, contact [Sakinah Mujahid](#) or call 952-230-2930

Become a Beacon Citizen

Beacon Citizens' actions will show legislators that we each do different work to end homelessness, and indicate that they, too have a role - namely, to prioritize policies and funding that create homes and support for Minnesotans without homes.

Contact: <https://beaconinterfaith.wufoo.com/forms/r1sq9bta0i0qa9t/>

### **LAUNCH Ministry**

Free stuff (food, blankets, clothing, hygiene products), things to do (pool, ping-pong, computers, etc), great people to help individuals in need figure out what to do next (jobs, places to live, etc.)

Location: 115 E. 4th Street, Chaska, Walnut St. Door

Open: Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m., free hot meal at 6:30 p.m., support group following

Thursday, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Celebrate Recovery group at 6:30 p.m.

### **Safe Families for Children**

A safe place in a certified local host's home for children. Allows for parents to have time without children to manage life issues and reunite.

Call Safefamilies office for placements details; Safefamilies will manage the intake process and make placement.

For more information, call 952-518-5986

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## WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

### **Love INC Clearinghouse Volunteers Needed**

Individuals are needed to answer phones and do data entry. Shifts are available on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; M-F data entry, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Volunteers commit to one 2 1/2 hour shift a week with flexibility.

### **Volunteer Summer Internship Available**

Love INC is looking for a creative individual to intern at our office this summer who enjoys working on

### **Families Moving Forward Day Center** Volunteers

needed to stay overnight with guests, and others to provide meals to our guests the week of May 29- June 5

Location: Shepherd on the Hill in Chaska To

Volunteer contact: [Shepherd of the Hill](#)

[Presbyterian](#) or [Julie Schlueter](#)

Day Program Center

Volunteers

needed for the Day Center, times and days vary

computers, designing websites, and social media.

Location:

Perfect for resume' building? Help us with our website design and using the latest in social media to improve the reach and impact of our organization. Hours are flexible. If interested, contact Allison Alstrin, Executive Director at 952-448-2508 or [aalstrin@loveincecc.org](mailto:aalstrin@loveincecc.org)

Shepherd of the Hill, Chaska  
Training Workshop, Friday, April 22, 11:00 a.m.  
- 12 Noon For more information, contact [Sakinah Mujahid](mailto:Sakinah.Mujahid) or call 952-230-2930

**Fare for All Express & Shoe Box**

A community supported program offering 40% off fresh food. The Shoe Box offers new and gently used shoes. Every purchase helps to provide food for the Feeding Programs of Good in the 'Hood. Volunteers needed as cart runners to assist customers.

Donation Opportunities  
Gift cards, household items, personal care items, movie tickets, small toys. underwear, outdoor games...  
Contact Families Moving Forward to arrange a drop off time at 952-230-2930.

Location: Crown of Glory Lutheran, Chaska Thursday, April 28, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. To

Volunteer call: 612-308-0214 For more information: [www.fareforall.com](http://www.fareforall.com) [View](#)

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**The Sower Art Gallery**

Shepherd of the Hill Church of Chaska is looking for an attorney who needs to do a little pro bono billing of hours. We have a new art gallery, showing mostly local artists from Carver County We have the opportunity to take over a 510 (c) (3) that is becoming inactive, and we would like someone who would love to contribute to the growing arts scene in Chaska to give us some help. Minor supervision of transaction, with possibly a relationship. Please send inquiries to Pastor Dean at [seal13dean@gmail.com](mailto:seal13dean@gmail.com)

**Chaska-Christmas in May**

Repair and spruce up the homes of low-income disabled and elderly neighbors in our community. Skilled and unskilled volunteers to to painting, plumbing, carpentry, electrical work, hauling, cleaning, landscaping, and energy audits.

**Opportunity to Serve District 112 Students**

Coming soon! Watch our website: [Love INC](#)

Location: Chaska area

Saturday, May 7, all day

To volunteer call 952-361-5350



**TOUCH POINTS: A Volunteers' Story**

"The good Lord gave me a second chance at life," Leon states when sharing his story of how he came to be a valuable volunteer in the Love INC Clearinghouse in December 2015. After suffering a stroke, Leon was unable to work but he says "I have the capacity to volunteer." After attending the 2015 Hope Banquet, Leon felt moved to partner with Love INC because "the need is out there both for resources, but more importantly, for Christ." Leon is no stranger to volunteer work; he volunteered with the Carver Fire Department for 22 years and made 3 mission trips with Smile Network to Mexico and Peru.

Leon is moved by the stories, the needs, the results he sees every week talking with clients in the Clearinghouse. The ability to help a woman get a ride to a medical appointment, discerning if it renders a call to 911 or simply an ear to listen to gives Leon a sense of fulfillment. He has found a ministry that allows him to share his love for Christ with those around him while making a difference in others' lives. The most fulfilling part of his volunteer work is the ability to pray with clients. Truly, Leon is man of faith whose answer to put his faith into action is a witness to all he touches.

Your TouchPoint: Please consider sharing your Love INC personal story of outreach and ministry.

*"Our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love that shows itself in action." 1*

John 3:18

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## ***Love INC Monthly Resource Guide: Submission Guidelines***

We will be delivering the Resource Guide monthly to your inbox. We invite you to share your faith community events and information with the greater Love INC partnership community. The deadline to submit information is the *2nd Monday* of each month. Submissions should be brief and concise.

Submission Ideas: Volunteer opportunities, Lenten/Christmas/Easter events, speakers, fundraisers (fish fries), family fun events, outreach opportunities, etc. The sky's the limit! Please insure all submissions include:

- **Who** is invited to participate
- **What** you want others to know
- **Where** the event is taking place
- **When** the event is occurring
- **Contact person** for more information

Email Submissions to: [nmurray@loveincecc.org](mailto:nmurray@loveincecc.org)



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### **LOOKING AHEAD**

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