



# Love INC of Eastern Carver County

*Love In the Name of Christ*



## *A Note From Our Executive Director*

Love In the Name of Christ's mission: Mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ.

The mission statement of Love INC is to "mobilize local churches." While everyone might have a slightly different interpretation, at Love INC, we believe our mission is to support our local churches in a value added way to serve the people of Eastern Carver County and ultimately transform lives and our community. This is accomplished through:

- Supporting and empowering churches to do more ministry
- Facilitating church collaboration to achieve more together
- Creating training and connection opportunities for volunteers

The Love INC process:

Love INC hosts a call center from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to answer the calls of neighbors in need and refer them to the church ministries and other service organizations in our area. What makes the call center special is that each call has a loving volunteer who brings love, faith, and hope to the caller.

Love INC is here to serve the partnership of 25 local churches working collaboratively to identify and grow

We hope you will find this resource guide to be a valuable tool. Please consider asking us to share information you believe should be shared with others in our area on your behalf, or use this guide to share the information with those in your circles, so we can do more together in His Name.

God's Blessings to you all and thank you for your desire to come alongside the Love In the Name of Christ partnership of local churches to be the church.

-Allison

## Love INC and Church Updates

Love INC's FurniShare warehouse has moved to a new location at 103 Peavey Road in Chaska. We are excited to be able to continue this ministry to ensure neighbors in need have furniture. Please consider sharing with others the opportunity to shop gently used furniture monthly, donate gently used furniture, or join the volunteer team in ministry.

Love INC will be blessing pastors on the National Day of Prayer at Hazeltine National Golf Club. Local pastors will come together for prayer and fellowship in the morning. Please pray for them as they lead our communities in transformation.

We are excited to share that Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church will be the next home of Beacon Families Moving Forward Day Center program. Previously, the Day Center was in Shakopee and we are excited to be able to come along side this fantastic organization, and our partner church, to help make a difference for homeless families in our area.

ministries to respond to those needs. The most important key to making this all happen is the active engagement of community members like you who want to serve and make a difference. You are the body of the church in action.... you get to be the church.

*Ephesians 4:12 "Equip God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."*

Love INC wants to better help you to know how you can engage and serve to make a difference in the community as a representative of the body of Christ. The goal is to engage and encourage others to be engaged too.

To help you to engage fully, we will be providing a monthly resource guide to inform you of opportunities in our community that seek to transform lives and our community in the name of Christ.

In these monthly resource guides you will find information on

- community events, fundraisers, speakers, forums, service and volunteer opportunities (time, talent, treasure)
- Updates of exciting new things happening with church ministries

As always, volunteer information will be available on our website at any time.

Beacon is also seeking Churches to provide overnight housing for temporarily homeless families in Eastern Carver County. In addition to a safe place to sleep and a warm meal, volunteers share kindness and compassion with families experiencing homelessness. Completing the circle of support, Beacon's professional staff work closely with each family during the day at the Day Center to address their unique barriers to stability so they may move on from the shelter program to permanent housing. In the name of Christ, we seek to honor God's unconditional love for all people. If your church is interested in learning more about hosting overnight, please [Contact Beacon](#).



## WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

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

Individuals are needed to answer phones, helping neighbors in need and connecting them to resources. Shifts are available on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; M-F data entry, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Volunteers commit to one 2 1/2 hour shift a week with flexibility.

### **Families Moving Forward at Shepherd of the Hill**

Two adult volunteers to provide and cook a meal for the homeless families (approximately 20), Tuesday, March 29 or Wednesday, March 30, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Please contact Mary Holtmeier at 952-657-1105 or [Email](#).

### **City of Chaska-Christmas in May**

Location: Chaska area. 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.

Saturday, May 7, all day

To volunteer call 952-361-5350

### **Applicants for Christmas in May**

If you, or someone you know has a home in need of repairs please direct them to Christmas in May -

Chaska at PO Box 141, Chaska, MN

55318. Applications must be received by March 31.

## **CHURCH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **Allina Health Community Health Dialogue**

Discuss and gather input on community health needs. Information may benefit church members by determining healthier life choices.

Location: St. Francis Regional Medical Center, Shakopee

Tuesday, April 5, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

[Click for more information](#)

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

Various speakers and health screenings for senior citizens

Location: Chaska Event Center

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

[Contact](#)

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

Oak Ridge Conference Center in Chaska

Saturday, May 7, 6 p.m.

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For more information call 952-361-5350

*"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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## **LOOKING AHEAD**



March 27 Easter Sunday

April 5 Allina Health - Community Health Dialogue

April 28 Chaska Police Department Senior Expo

May 5 National Day of Prayer

May 7 Chanhassen Rotary's 11th Annual Gala "Above  
and Beyond Super Heroes"

May 7 City of Chaska- Christmas in May

### **Love INC**

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