



Love INC of Eastern Carver County

Love In the Name of Christ



A Note From Our Board of Directors

The Board of Directors (BOD) of Love INC, Eastern Carver County, wants to inform you of a recent development relating to the Executive Director role at Love INC ECC.

Allison Alstrin, our Executive Director, and the BOD have agreed to end our employment relationship effective July 31, 2016. Although a difficult decision, we have agreed this action would be in the best interest of both parties.

It is important to recognize and understand that under Allison's leadership with the help of our two dedicated staff members, Alicia and Nora, Love INC operation capabilities were addressed and improved. Accomplishments have included: a new client database, renewed call center capabilities, improved marketing and communications materials, resolved issues with insurance liabilities and taxes, and increased efficiency through the use of technology and streamlined administrative expenses.

We owe a large debt of gratitude to Allison for her commitment and delivery and will be supporting her in the transition. We also will support Allison in her search for her next professional opportunity.

Please let us know, by response to this note, if you would like to discuss any of this in more detail. We will also be communicating to you the short term action and leadership plans for the organization.

We continue to be motivated and optimistic about the opportunity to carry out the mission of Love INC ECC to mobilize the Church to transform lives and our community in the name of Christ.

--With blessings to you,
Love INC ECC Board of Directors

A Note From Our Executive Director

I want to thank everyone for the exciting times as the Executive Director of Love INC. I have been profoundly moved by the amazing people I met during my time with the organization. God is alive in Eastern Carver County. I pray that Love INC can continue to build communication sharing and collaboration among the church partners so the churches can build ministries that complement each other and meet the needs of neighbors.

-Always, Allison

New Database Statistics for Love INC Call Center 2nd Quarter, 2016

- Households served to date: over 2,050
- Households served within the last year: 383
- Total Calls to Love INC: 332

- Households Calling: 165 (53 of these households are calling for the 1st time)
- Adults being served in these households: 204
- Children under 18 being served in these households: 224
- Referrals to church ministries: 261
- Referrals to other local service agencies: 108





PARTNER ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

Blessed Bee Thrift Store **The ultimate in recycling and reuse!**



Blessed Bee Thrift Store is a non-profit organization working in partnership with Love INC of Eastern Carver County, community social service agencies, churches and schools in the Chaska area. They are Love INC's first call when clients need gas cards to get to job interviews, to work, or medical appointments. We often send neighbors in need to them for clothing, home decor, seasonal decorating, etc. Please support Blessed Bee by shopping there, and donating your gently used items, so they can continue giving back to our neighbors in need.

Blessed Bee is always looking for reliable volunteers!
[Click here for more information](#)

All proceeds benefit our neighbors in need

COMMUNITY EVENTS & RESOURCES

Fare for All Express & Shoe Box

Stretch your grocery bills with 40% off quality nutritious fruits, vegetables and frozen meats; and get new and gently used shoes. A community supported program; the more people participating, the bigger the savings! Open to everyone!

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

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

Call 952-448-3239

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Summer Free Meal

St. John's Gathering Place, a place to gather, reach and serve others in our community, is open to anyone in the community who needs it for any reason. Each week 75-100 people are served dinner in an inviting, safe environment.

Location: St. John's Lutheran Church, 300 East 4th Street, Chaska

Monday evenings from 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Free meal for anyone who comes.

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, 417 Oak Street, Carver

Tuesdays, June -August 23, 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

For more information, [Contact](#)

DivorceCare

Help, Experience Healing and Discover Hope

Discovery United Methodist, 275 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen

summer, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

[Contact Discovery](#)

Find
Location:
Wednesdays, through the
For more information:

Discipline That Connects With Your Child's Heart

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

The target audience for this workshop is parents of kids ages 2 to 18 who want to discipline in a way that changes hearts, not just behavior. Workshop Format: Usually this workshop is delivered as a single session running from 60 to 90 minutes. However, it can be adapted to be delivered in two parts, given as a full-morning workshop, spread over a day-long or weekend-long retreat setting, and more.

Private or group classes welcome for parents and preschools. Bring these classes to your church or organization!

Sponsored by Connected Families

Contact [Stacy Steen](#) or call 612-562-6414

River City Days Breakfast

Breakfast served in City Square Park under the Big Tent
Proceeds from the breakfast, along with all tips, donated to Love INC!
Sunday, July 31, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: City Square Park, Chaska

Bountiful Baskets

The Bountiful Basket is the community food shelf of Eastern Carver County and 100% volunteer managed and operated. On a typical month they distribute over 25,000 lbs. of food serving over 1,200 individuals.
Location: 1600 Bavaria Road Chaska.
[Click for more information](#) or call 952-960-9700

Mount Olivet Rolling Acres Golf Scramble

Mount Olivet Rolling Acres serves people with developmental and other disabilities; operating 31 residential homes with their corporate office in Chanhassen.
Location: Minneapolis Golf Club, 2001 Flag Ave South, Minneapolis
Monday, August 29
For more information, [Click Here](#)

Scott-Carver Project Community Connect Expo

Bringing the Scott-Carver community together to find solutions and provide services to neighbors struggling to meet their basic needs.
Tuesday, September 13, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Location: Canterbury Park Expo Center, 1100 Canterbury Road, Shakopee [Click:](#)
[Scott-Carver Project Community](#)

SHIP Statewide Health Improvement Program

A grant-based program sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Health bringing awareness to healthy lifestyles. SHIP can help your faith community become healthier. SHIP strives to help Minnesotans lead longer, healthier lives by preventing the chronic disease risk factors of tobacco use and exposure, poor nutrition, and physical inactivity, through focusing on the areas of community, school, workplace, and health care.
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Stepping Ahead Ministry

- Christian Addiction Recovery programs, counseling, and support groups. Ongoing
- Life Recovery Bible group
Friday Evenings, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: 480 W. 78th St. St. 111 and 114, Chanhassen
For more information, contact [Stepping Ahead](#) or 612-567-8817

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 Eastern Carver County Churches to host
For more information, call Beacon at 612-529-2185

FMF Southwest Day Program Center

Support for families seeking affordable housing or job search assistance.
Location: 145 Engler Boulevard, Chaska
Sunday through Fridays, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Call the referral line on Mondays for openings
For more information, contact [Contact Sakinah](#) 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: [Click Beacon](#)

[Interfaith](#)

Blessed Bee Thrift Store

Blessed Bee Thrift Store is a non-profit organization working in partnership with Love INC of Eastern Carver County, community social service agencies, churches and schools in the Chaska area. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated.

Location: 2450 Chaska Blvd, Chaska

Open: Tuesday- Fridays; call for hours

952-448-7794

[Click here for more information](#)

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

Alzheimer's and Dementia Care for Seniors

An adult day center that specializes in Alzheimer's and Dementia by Prairie Adult Care. Providing licensed medical care and social recreation for persons living with functional disabilities. Licensed for 30 a day. Support groups are offered for caregivers. Respite care or whatever the need may be. VA funding, elderly and care waivers accepted, as well as long term care insurance and private pay. Discounted daily fees available for families who are struggling financially.

Hosted at Bethel Fellowship Church, 1252 Park Rd, Chanhassen

Mondays through Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[Click](#) for more information or call 952-949-3126

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

River City Days Breakfast *HELP NEEDED!*

Breakfast will be served in City Square Park under the Big Tent. Proceeds from the breakfast, along with all tips, will be donated to Love INC!

Sunday, July 31, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Location:

City Square Park, Chaska [Volunteer Here](#)

2016 Backpack Give-Back Project *DONATE*

Discovery United Methodist Church is hosting and coordinating the distribution of school supplies and backpacks in August for families in need. All donations are due at Discovery United Methodist by August 1.

DONATE SUPPLIES

By **August 1:** [Click Here](#)

ASSEMBLE BACKPACKS,

August 8, 12 & 13: [Click Here](#)

Families Moving Forward Day Center

Volunteers needed for this Sunday, June 26 at Shepherd of the Hill; individual (s) or a group to help provide coverage to the families in the program. This may be but not limited to opening and closing the center, activities with the children, etc.. If interested, please contact Sasoneia Atkins, 952-452-8682.

Hosting church in Carver County is still needed the week of September 4th and 11th .

To volunteer, or for more information: contact [Sakinah](#) or call 952-230-2930

Ryder Cup, 2016

A few spots are still available for volunteers on September 27 and 28th, 11:00 a.m. to sunset shift. Love INC will receive a portion of the profits from the event, and get to keep any tips received.

Location: Hazeltine National Golf Club, Chaska

[Register Here](#)

St. John's Gathering Place

Fare for All Express & Shoe Box Stretch
your grocery bills with 40% off quality nutritious
fruits, vegetables and frozen meats. Shoe Box provides
new and gently used shoes. Location: Crown
of Glory Lutheran, 1141 Cardinal Street, Chaska

Cart runners needed to assist shoppers
Thursday, July 28, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. To
volunteer, call Chayna Claeys at (612) 308 0214 [View
PDF](#)

Ministries Needing a Host Church

- Clean Hands ministry provides families with
kitchen towels, bath towels, and wash cloths.

If interested in volunteering, click [Love INC](#)

Opportunity to Serve District 112 Students

Love INC has partnered with the 112 School District to
help provide necessary items for kids in school. Please see
the list of current needs below

- [Click Here](#) to sign up to provide items from a
list of items needed
- Deliver the needed items to the school's front
desk

place to gather, reach and serve others in our
community. Each week 75-100 people are served
dinner in an inviting, safe environment.
Location: St. John's Lutheran Church, 300 East 4th
Street, Chaska. Monday evenings from 5:15 p.m. - 6:15
p.m.

Volunteers needed to help cook and plan meals. If
interested, please call Carol at 612-986-4446.

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Donate to Love INC of Eastern Carver County through Smile.Amazon.Com

- Go to Love INC's Amazon Smile
page smile.amazon.com and sign in using your
Amazon username and password.
- Make sure to shop on smile.amazon.com and at
check-out, you will be shown who you are
supporting under the shopping cart total (in fine
print)
- 0.5% of all purchases made will benefit our
affiliate

Thrivent Financials

With Thrivent Choice®, you can recommend where
some of Thrivent Financial's charitable outreach funds
go. Since 2010, members have used this program to
direct \$300 million to churches and nonprofits
nationwide. Consider Love INC, for a donation. For
more information, [Click Here](#)

TOUCH POINTS: A Volunteer's Story

Shared by Barb Brooks, Call Center Intake Volunteer

CLIENT as PRAYER PARTNER

Gwen(not her real name) who has an eight year old daughter who has experienced cancer (now doing well), frequently calls the Clearinghouse to request prayer. I feel so blessed when she calls if I'm the one who happens to answer the phone. While there may be personal concerns, there are always prayer requests for others. Sometimes it's for someone who is experiencing health issues but it can be a much bigger concern such as the racial divisions within the metro area and nationwide (that was her concern today). Gwen has such a big heart and such a burden for reaching folks for Christ. Recently, she and her daughter were baptized and she shared that celebration with us. Gwen teaches me about the importance of prayer. She is a great witness for the power of God in meeting life's challenges. She rarely asks for help from any of our ministries as she relies on the Lord to meet her needs. I am the one blessed when she calls.



Love INC Monthly Resource Guide: Submission Guidelines

The Resource Guide is delivered 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, Seasonal/holiday events, speakers, fundraisers, 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: [Love INC Resource Guide](#)



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A BIG THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!



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LOOKING AHEAD

July 28 Fare for All & Shoe Box
July 31 River City Days: Breakfast in the Park
August 12 -13 Backpack Give Away
September 27 - October 2 Ryder Cup



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