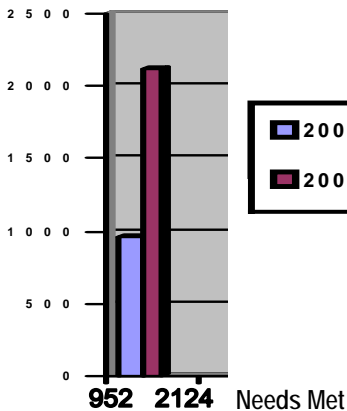


# Serving Our Neighbors

Third Quarter 2009



## October Needs Met:

728 Family needs met  
52 Unmet needs  
387 Volunteer Hours

## Primary Requests

### This Month:

- \* Diapers, size 5
- \* Gas cards
- \* Twin beds and cribs
- \* Nearly new pots & pans
- \* Silverware

## Key Volunteer Needs:

- \* SleepOut donors.  
*Please give generously to our annual fundraiser: Oct. 23-Nov. 25*
- \* Adopt-a-Family donors.  
*There is a great need!*
- \* Water softener for Love INC's building

## Can you help?

Call us at **763-972-6547!**  
[www.loveinheartland.org](http://www.loveinheartland.org)



Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ

# L'INCing Us

November 2009

## SleepOut participants struggle to meet goal

Love INC's annual SleepOut is its biggest fund raiser of the year. Heading into the final week, it's clear that economic pain and flu-related caution are greatly impacting sleepers' participation and donors' financial sponsorship.

In this last week of the annual campaign, **Love INC is reaching out directly to donors like you in a heartfelt appeal.**

Needs in our 11 service communities are so great. Love INC-Heartland makes the most practical and resourceful use of every financial gift, applying \$0.84 of every dollar directly to serving neighbors in need. *Please prayerfully support Love INC with a generous contribution. Thank you!*



## Adopt-a-Family applications exceed all previous records

Opening your heart to an extended family has never been easier. Applications for the greatly successful Adopt-a-Family program exceed past years.

Call Love INC with your offer to adopt a family size of your choosing. Every family is interviewed and validated. Adoptees' wishes meet legitimate needs, improving both the comfort and quality of the family's situation.

When you offer to adopt a family:

- You will receive a list of family members' ages and gift requests.
- The recommended budget is at least \$25 per family member.
- Bring wrapped, identified items to Delano Ev. Free Church in Delano between 4-7 p.m. on December 11.

The free Toy Store is another opportunity to provide children with gifts their parents cannot afford.

- Bring unwrapped toys to Delano Assembly of God Church, 3-5 p.m. on December 10 and 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. on December 11.
- Call Love INC if you can help with the Toy Store setup Dec. 10 afternoon or during the pick-up from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12.

## Monthly Financial Report

October 2009

Monthly Budget for Expenses:  
\$10,000

**Actual October Expenses:**  
**\$12,287.85**

Income:

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Individuals' donations | \$3,254.50 |
| Affiliate Churches     | \$ 903.72  |
| Clothing Ministry      | \$1,648.99 |
| Pancake Breakfast      | \$ 511.00  |
| SleepOut               | \$ 200.00  |
| Organizations          | \$ 80.50   |

**Total Income**      **\$6,798.71**

Love INC provides the greatest amount of service during the fourth quarter of each year. We anticipate meeting 20,000 needs by year end.

While we rely on our 20 affiliate congregations to provide foundational financing, this is a crucial time when we **boldly ask** each of you to give generously to Love INC-Heartland.

Thank you for prayerfully supporting Love INC with a secure online donation at [www.loveinheartland.org](http://www.loveinheartland.org)

**Our mission is to mobilize the Church to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.**

Love INC-Heartland \* PO Box 143 \* 318 Railroad Ave., Delano, MN 55328

*Love INC made a difference: Two stories of God meeting neighbors' immediate needs*

**REPAIRS**

We never know where God will take us and who He will place in front of us. A neighbor we will call Christina came to us needing car repairs. Her car was old and falling apart but she couldn't afford a new one. I called a gentleman who had offered to help with automotive repair for those in need. Christina's car needing major front end repair that would have cost her over \$3,000 at a repair shop. Living on a fixed income, that bill might as well have been a million dollars. But our God is amazing. You see, Christina designs web pages and

this gentleman knew he needed a web page to expand his business. They worked out the cost between them. God not only repairs cars, He also repairs lives.

**THE NEVER-ENDING BEDS**

As the clearinghouse coordinator at Love INC-Heartland, I hear our neighbors' needs. I get at least two or three calls per week for mattresses. We all know how much a good night's sleep means — how bad sleep can wreck the next day. Now try sleeping on the hard floor night after night, with only a blanket

to keep you warm. You don't have crisp sheets to crawl between or a fluffy pillow to rest your head on. When I consider at all the beds we've given away, I know that it must be God's intervention because we never run out. Oh, there may be times that we don't have exactly what a neighbor needs, but God always provides. Who would have thought that a bed is an important ministry. God must know how important a good night's rest is.

—Clearinghouse Coordinator  
Sue Weiland



**Give & Grow**  
**Holiday Fundraiser**

10% of every pre-tax dollar you spend at The Flower Farm or Otten Bros from Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> until Christmas will go to

**Love INC**

You may participate multiple times throughout the month.  
(Must have coupon present)  
Does not include Landscape Division sales.  
Discount customer's purchases not eligible for Give & Grow Program.

**OTTEN BROS.**  
2350 West Wayzata Blvd.  
Long Lake, MN 55366  
952.473.6425  
Fax 952.473.7282

**Flower Farm**  
3436 Hwy 12 SE  
Delano, MN 56828  
763.972.2911  
Fax 763.972.6674

**Community partners' Christmas events benefit Love INC-Heartland**

**Delano Catholic Communities** and local musicians perform "Amahl and the Night Visitors" on December 3-4-5 at St. Peter's Catholic Church. A donor has underwritten production costs so that all proceeds can be given to Love INC-Heartland. Admission is free with a free-will offering taken at each performance.

**"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"** is an engaging performance for the entire family. Plan to attend on Saturday, November 28 at 1 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Watertown. Local residents Suzi Larkin and Sabrina Gustafson direct this readers' theater production based on the book by Barbara Robinson. Kids of all ages will be enthralled during this one-hour event. Admission is free with a free-will offering designated for Love INC.

**Otten Bros. in Long Lake & Delano** encourage you to clip the attached coupon and use it for every purchase between November 21 and Christmas. Ten percent of your order price will be donated to Love INC.

**Partner Churches**

- Delano Assembly of God
- Delano Catholic Communities
- Delano Evangelical Free Church
- Delano United Methodist
- Faith Community, Independence
- Light of Christ Lutheran, Delano
- Lyndale Lutheran Church, Independence
- Immaculate Conception, Watertown
- Maple Plain Community Church
- Montrose United Methodist
- Our Father's Lutheran, Rockford
- Riverwood Covenant, Rockford
- St. John's Lutheran, Howard Lake
- St. Mary's Catholic, Waverly
- St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Delano
- Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic, Loretto
- Trinity Lutheran, Watertown
- Village Ev. Free, Independence
- Watertown Ev. Free

