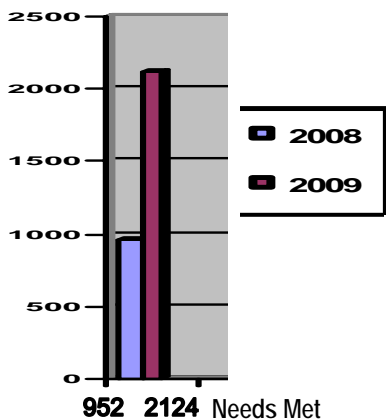


Serving Our Neighbors

Third Quarter 2009



Needs met:

- 2,124 Family needs met
- 20 Unmet needs
- 1,877 Volunteer Hours

Primary Requests

This Month:

- * Diapers, size 5
- * Gas cards
- * Twin beds
- * Cribs

Key Volunteer Needs:

- * SleepOut "sleepers" & sponsors: Oct. 24-Nov. 25
- * Applebee's Breakfast servers: October 17
- * Warehouse sorters: weekdays 9-4
- * Store clerks: M-T-W-Th-Sat 9-noon. Expanding afternoon hours, too!
- * Office help M-Th 9-4

Can you help?



Tournament doubles in size

Beautiful weather, a challenging course and nearly 40 golfers combined for a memorable Love INC Invitational. Light of Christ Lutheran (Delano) took home the traveling trophy. The Pastor's Putt is an annual highlight.

Thanks to all who represented our affiliate congregations at the tournament and dinner! Proceeds will help sustain our neighbors in need as they face heating bills, unemployment, transportation needs, and holiday costs. Love INC is gearing up for a surge in requests during in the fourth quarter.

Back-to-School Bash earns an A+ from families

Sharp crayons. Clean backpacks. New calculators. These are the staples of a new school year — and the required supplies that tax a family's tight budget.

On August 24, over 150 local students received free school supplies at Love INC's Back-to-School Bash hosted by Delano Assembly of God Church. The school supplies were donated by affiliate congregations' members and area businesses.

Students and parents were invited to the event by school staff, county social workers, food shelf staff and Love INC.



And to prove that one is never too old to enjoy new school supplies...

Love INC-Heartland participated in a **ministry fair at Crown College**. Students interested in volunteering at Love INC genuinely appreciated the free highlighters! We look forward to placing these young adults in Love INC volunteer positions that enhance their college experience and serve our neighbors in need.

Monthly Financial Report

September 2009

Monthly Budget for Expenses:
\$10,000

Actual September Expenses:
\$ 9,509.09

Income:

Individuals' donations	\$1,136.95
Affiliate Churches	\$1,825.00
Golf Tournament	\$6,650.00
Clothing Ministry	\$ 869.60
Businesses	\$ 750.00
Other	\$ 134.10

Total Income **\$9,540.65**

Love INC's statistical tracking shows that we are serving a wider circle of neighbors in need and that their needs are growing. This ministry is shared and owned by 20 affiliate congregations who represent the *spokes in the wheel*. Our funding depends on generous contributions from our congregations, individuals and businesses.

Thank you for prayerfully supporting Love INC with a secure online donation at www.loveinheartland.org

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

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Love INC made a difference: *Receiving Just What is Needed*

A distraught mother arrived in our office early one morning. She introduced us to her adolescent son.

She was not the custodial parent, but unexpectedly the night before, he had been dropped at her house by the relatives who were taking care of him. He came with his most valued possession, a mountain bike, and little else. That very first night, his bike disappeared. The young teen had nothing of his own in this abrupt, new setting.

The mother requested the basic necessities that she could not afford because she was also supporting other children. Her list included deodorant, toothbrush, towels and

clothing for her son.

We told her we would do our best, prayed with them, and they left.

As that very day progressed, God reminded us of His goodness and ample provision. A donation from a retail store arrived. Inside was everything she had asked for.

Proving how He loves us — down to the *details* — a second generous donation that day included a new mountain bike!

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Paul writes in Philippians 4:19

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Through Love INC's ministry, your gifts make a tremendous difference for people in need. Sometimes the smallest gift is the most needed. Please consider partnering with Love INC and sharing your abundance. When you partner with us by devoting time, items, finances or prayer, you become a part of the ministry and God uses you to help meet needs of others.

Hebrews 13:16

*And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices **God is pleased.***

—Executive Director Terri Harris

Mark Your Calendar!



Sign up to sleep outdoors and raise money to serve our neighbors in need.

News Notes

Reeva Lodermeier is the new part-time office administrator at Love INC. The position opened up when Emily Pennuto took a leave of absence. Reeva has strong office skills and extensive Love INC volunteer experience. *Welcome, Reeva!*

All books needed. In an effort to make books available to neighbors in need, our Thrift & Gift store gives away children's and Christian books. Books not needed in the store are sold by independent vendors with the profits returned to Love INC. This money helps purchase much needed items for our neighbors. Your book donation can make a big difference.

Delano Applebee's hosts a pancake breakfast benefiting Love INC on Saturday, October 17 from 8-10 a.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Join us for a great meal!

SleepOut kickoff festivities are on Saturday, October 24 at Delano United Methodist Church. Watch for info about other events in many of our communities as youth groups, families and individuals sleep out to raise money for Love INC. Sign up to sleep out or to support a "sleeper"! All Love INC affiliates (listed at right) are coordinating teams that will sleep out for one or more nights.

United Way lists Love INC-Heartland among its designated recipients. This is an easy way to contribute to Love INC in one gift or in regular installments.

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

