

**Love INC**  
Love In the Name of Christ

# Herald of the Heartland

Winter 2007

## Message from the Executive Director

### Jesus Commands us to Love...

When Jesus was near the end of his visit here, He told His disciples, He would not be here much longer. He told His dearest followers...

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34 & 35*

Jesus calls us, no actually commands us to love one another. Love INC., Love In the Name of Christ Heartland, makes it simple to do just that! All around us people are being Loved through the volunteers of Love INC.

This year 2608 volunteer hours went into serving 370 adult's and 477 children's needs through the ministries of Love INC. We have partnered with 23 churches and 35 agencies to help neighbors in need.

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### "Dressed" and Ready

A man and his wife came in referred to us by one of the churches. He had been out of work since around Thanksgiving and had just gotten a new job starting the next day. He needed "new" work clothes. All he had was 1 outfit for interviewing and he would have to wash his one outfit every day to wear to work. Through our ministry we were able to supply him with several outfits - pants, shirts, sweaters and even a coat. He was SO excited about everything. He was VERY grateful for how we were ministering to him and his family by having clothes for him and his new job. Not only did we supply them with clothes but we also supplied them with moral support. He shared with us that his dad was having surgery the next day.

We were able to pray for his family and his dad before the surgery. Before the couple left they asked if they could pray a blessing upon Love INC. Heartland and our clothing ministry. Needless to say, there were tears in their eyes and ours before they left.



*Executive Director, Terri Harris, helps someone find clothes from the clothing ministry.*

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

## Board of Directors

New Board Election 1/15/07

Jan Johnson - Delano United Methodist  
 Pastor Donna Anderson - Village Free  
 Rev. Jim Beard - Delano United Methodist  
 Pastor Liz Jensen - Riverwood Covenant  
 Marvin Johnson - Mayor Independence  
 Carolyn Knutson - Delano Evangelical Free  
 K. J. McDonald - Mayor Watertown  
 Barb Olson - Trinity Lutheran Church  
 Cecilia Torgenson - St. Mary's Catholic  
 Kirby Wahlstrom - Watertown Free

## Partner Churches

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

Our local mission is  
 to respond to our  
 neighbors in need  
 and empower and  
 transform our  
 communities through  
 the Love of Christ.

## Love Stories

### A Pair of Shoes with a Story

A young boy and his disabled dad stopped by Love, INC., Heartland, because his dad had not been able to afford new shoes for his son. The young boy did not want to take off his shoes. With lots of coaxing, and very reluctantly, he finally took off his shoes. He was so embarrassed that his socks were in such disrepair. We were able to outfit the young boy with shoes and socks. He left feeling like a whole new kid!

- Submitted by Carolyn Knudsen,  
 Clothing ministry

### THANKS YOU'S.....

"To Members of Love, INC.  
 It helped us so much to get that \$10 gas card. We really appreciate your generosity and support in our time of need. We will be sure to pass on the good graces to others when we are able." - A Family

"Thank you so much for the generous gift you guys provided for our family. This year has been so hard for my family and your donations made our Christmas special. Your kindness towards us will never be forgotten and once again Thank You."

- 16 year old girl

"Thank you all for your kind help and goodness, especially in connection me with the furniture ministry. Thank you so much! And may you all be blessed abundantly throughout the coming year."

- A neighbor

### Prayer for Heart to Heart Sunday, February 11

Gracious God,  
 We come before you with thankful hearts. You, O Lord, have allowed Love In the Name of Christ, Love INC. - Heartland and our network of churches to collectively and individually use our gifts of time, talents and resources to minister to our neighbors in need. Through Love INC. Heartland, you have helped us to show the love of Christ and bring hope to the neighbors in need in our communities. You, Lord bring people to us to love, to serve, to help, and those who need the hope that comes from you. Show us Lord how to love and serve like you, show us how to bring the Love of Christ to our neighbors. Show us Lord how you would have us reach out to others. Thank you for your many blessings which have come our way, we trust you and your people to meet the challenges and many needs we face each day in our communities. Bind us together as we continue this outpouring of Love to our neighbors. Guide us Lord. May all see the Love of Christ in action through us. We pray this together in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen

## Announcements

### Sleep Out News!!!

Thus far \$28,413 has been donated toward our 2nd annual Sleep Out! Thank you to every one who contributed and assisted. Special thank yous, deep appreciation and bravos to:

Deb and Clint Fall of Waverly

Steve and Patrick Johnson of Delano

for sleeping out from November 2 to December 23!!

Donations are still being collected toward our \$50,000 goal.



Pastors sleep out to raise awareness.

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Each person doing their part to bring Love, Prayers, and Hope to families in our communities. People in our communities are receiving more than just the 100's of beds, tennis shoes, coats and blankets. The care and concern of others is causing a transformation within all of us. The whole community is changing. The difference is the Love, just as Jesus commanded we need to continue to reach out. All of us together utilizing our talents, time and resources to meet the needs of people right in our neighborhoods. Thank you for all of your involvement in Love INC. - Heartland this year, it has been a year of great growth. As we continue to grow and expand we are reminded of the wealth of love and kindness from folks just like you.

Thank you for making a difference. Thank you for your help in transforming our communities into a more loving place to live. Thank you for heeding God's call to Love one another - it makes all the difference.

Terri Mills Harris

Executive Director

You can help make a difference in the lives of people in need.

- I want to help with a monthly pledge of \_\_\_\$25 \_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\$75 \_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_Other
- One time gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Please send me information about volunteering in the Love INC Heartland office.

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## SERVING

Delano  
Greenfield  
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Loretto  
Maple Plain

Mayor  
Montrose  
Rockford  
Watertown  
Waverly

Office Hours:

Monday, Tues. & Wed. - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Thurs. & Friday - 9:00 a.m. - noon

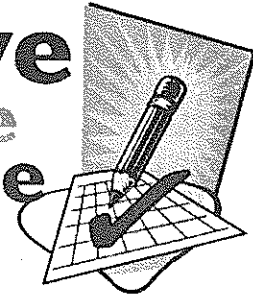
Clothing Ministry Hours:

1st Saturday of month 9:00 a.m. - Noon  
Wednesday evenings 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

If you have any items to donate, please call:

Clothing: Cindee Nelson - 612-683-5990  
Bedding: Laurie Hanson - 763-477-4834  
Furniture: Mike Kluetz - 955-952-2064

# Save the Date



## FEBRUARY is HEART TO HEART MONTH

\* Congregations are invited & encouraged to choose from the following activities to celebrate the ministry of Love INC. in their congregations:

- recognize Love INC. volunteers from your church
- get a foam core display from Love, INC.
- have a guest speaker from Love, INC. to do a temple talk or the sermon.
- collect a special offering for Love, INC.

Heart to Heart Sunday is February 11, 2007

We invite all congregations to include the prayer in this bulletin during their worship that day.

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