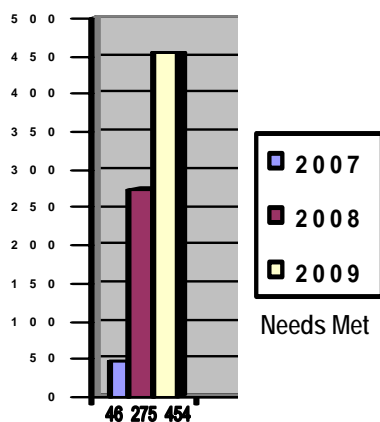


## Serving Our Neighbors

### First Quarter 2009 Stats



#### Needs met:

454 Family needs  
23 Unmet needs  
464 Volunteer Hours

#### Primary Requests

##### This Month:

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

#### Key Volunteer Needs:

- \* Warehouse sorters
- \* Store clerks: M-Th 10-6 and Wednesday 7-9 pm
- \* Office help M-Th 9-4
- \* 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade float worship band
- \* Golf Tournament helpers

#### 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

May 2009

**Welcome to *L'INCing Us***, a monthly news brief from Love INC-Heartland for affiliate pastors and priests, church staff and committee leaders, and key Love INC volunteers. It will highlight monthly statistics, ministry needs, upcoming events, celebrate successes, and suggest ways to get involved.

Love INC-Heartland is truly a partnership of churches, communities and volunteers. *L'INCing Us* together will strengthen the ministry we all own and foster.

### Consider the Lilies gala was spring highlight

Over 180 Love INC-Heartland supporters, volunteers, congregation representatives and prospective members attended the April 19 spring gala.



*Thank you* to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waverly for hosting the gala in their beautiful new Parish Center. We appreciate all the donated auction items and deserts that made the event so festive and fun!

#### Results from this annual fund raiser:

Ticket sales:	\$ 6,295.00
Auction items:	\$ 5,816.50
Cash donations:	\$ 1,770.00
Expenses (caterer):	\$ 2,875.00
<b>Net revenue:</b>	<b>\$11,006.50</b>

The annual gala is important because it brings members from all affiliate congregations together to celebrate another year of service and blessing. Its fund raising focus provides the means to continue serving our neighbors in need.

### Monthly Financial Report

April 2009

Monthly Budget for Expenses:  
\$10,000

**Actual April Expenses:**  
**\$11,285**

#### Income:

Individuals' donations	\$2,125.00
Affiliate Churches	\$2,904.56
Clothing Ministry	\$ 874.50
Organizations	\$ 511.69
Building-specific donations	\$ 297.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,712.75</b>

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

Thank you for prayerfully supporting Love INC with your financial gifts and personal involvement.

(Donate online: [www.loveinheartland.org](http://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: **One father's story**

The phone rings at the Love INC-Heartland office and the Clearinghouse Coordinator answers. A young, single father is calling for help. He isn't sure what Love INC is or what it can do for him, but he desperately needs help providing for two children, ages two and four. He really needs diapers; he also needs daycare; very soon he will need clothes for the children.

The Clearinghouse Coordinator compassionately listens, assesses his needs, and verifies the situation. She knows that Love INC-Heartland affiliate congregations are prepared to meet some of his needs. She also knows which county, state, federal

and private social services programs this neighbor qualifies for.

Before referring the caller to these resources, the coordinator offers to pray with the young father. He agrees and their shared time reassures him that he is precious in God's sight and his burden is now shared and supported through new friends at Love INC.



This call repeats itself thousands of times each year in the Love INC office. The clearinghouse (office) is the "hub" in a wheel that connects neighbors with 19 affiliate churches and their specialized ministries.

Calls to Love INC are: 1) assessed, 2) verified and, 3) referred so that neighbors in need throughout eleven communities receive appropriate services.

If Love INC-Heartland is the wheel hub, then its 20 affiliate churches are the "spokes" that welcome referrals and reach out to neighbors in need.

The Heartland office trains church ministry volunteers and supports efforts to create a relationship with each neighbor. Watch for upcoming 2009 programs that introduce mentoring and relationship building. You can be part of the program! Call the office at 763-972-6547.

## **Grand Opening celebration drew hundreds of visitors**

*"If you wonder about God and don't believe in miracles – You're standing in one!"*

Building project general contractor (and board member) Don Danford's quote sums up the amazing result of a building transformation that started and ended with a budget of zero dollars (\$0.00).

Hundreds of grand opening visitors marveled at the thousands of dollars' worth of construction material and manpower donated to the new Love INC facility at 318 Railroad Ave. in Delano. The beautiful facility now holds offices, the Thrift and Gift Store, and warehouse space for sorting and storing donated goods.

"Every day I am aware of the tremendous blessing this building represents, says Love INC Executive Director Terri Harris. "Office space ensures private phone conversations with neighbors in need, the store is spacious and inviting, and the warehouse helps us accept and track donations for all the specialty ministries. We will always be indebted to the many business and workers who made this facility possible."

## *Second Annual* **Love INC Invitational Golf Tournament**



**Thursday, September 17**

*Wild Marsh Golf Course  
Buffalo, MN*

*It's church-against-church for the coveted (oops!) team trophy.*

## **Small Appliance Ministry is newest gap ministry**

Many neighbors in need are truly in need...of everything. A toaster, iron, coffee brewer or electric mixer ease daily tasks, but only if they work well.

Montrose United Methodist Church selected this challenge for their gap ministry. They will test all small appliances donated to Love INC, confirming that each is in quality working order for a recipient. The church's ministry team will repair appliances as appropriate.

Love INC requests "the best of what we have" for our neighbors in need. This includes clothing, baby supplies, furniture, and...small appliances.

## **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

