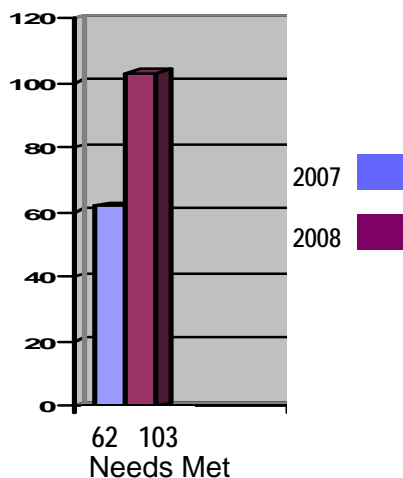


Serving Our Neighbors

May 2009 Stats



Needs met:

- 103 Family needs
- 12 Unmet needs
- 323 Volunteer Hours

Primary Requests

This Month:

- * diapers, sizes 4 & 5
- * baby wipes
- * gas cards
- * plates & silverware

Key Volunteer Needs:

- * Warehouse sorters.
Teens welcome!
- * Store clerks: daytime, evenings, Saturdays
- * Office help M-Th 9-4
- * Join the Love INC prayer chain
- * Donated housewares
- * Golf Tournament helpers

Can you help?

Call us at **763-972-6547!**



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

L'INCing Us

June 2009

Clearinghouse Coordinator position is now two specialties

Clearinghouse Coordinator Connie Orman left the Love INC staff on May 1 to live in Africa for a year helping at a new school. After prayerful consideration, Executive Director Terri Harris divided the job into two specialties and hired two part-time employees.

Sue Weiland will work directly with neighbors in need, clearinghouse functions, and key volunteers and ministry leaders from the churches. **Emily Penuto** will oversee business issues, administrative tasks, tracking, and statistics. She will also supervise volunteers.

"I feel blessed to work with such talented and committed staff," Harris said. "The program is growing so rapidly. Both Sue and Emily strengthen our ability to fulfill Love INC's mission: *To mobilize the Church to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.*" Please stop in the office and introduce yourself to Sue and Emily!

Affiliates vote to increase funding

Several affiliate congregations established higher annual giving levels in their budgets and approved these increases at recent annual meetings.

"These are examples of being intentional about giving," said Pastor Gale Reitan (Lyndale Lutheran), president of the Love INC-Heartland board of directors. "Congregations designating one percent or more of their annual budget to Love INC are answering God's call to build relationships with neighbors in need that transform lives. As we trust God more, God trusts us more to care for our neighbors."



Thursday, September 17

Wild Marsh Golf Course
Buffalo, MN

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

Monthly Financial Report

May 2009

Monthly Budget : \$10,000

Actual May Expenses: \$ 6,669

Income:

Individuals' donations \$ 325

Affiliate Churches \$1,003

Clothing Ministry \$ 847

Organizations \$ 530

Total Income \$4,075

Our neighbors' needs grow each month. Love INC's consistent supporters discover that they become part of the blessing when they provide financial gifts, prayers, donated items, and volunteer hours. *You can make that same discovery for yourself!*

Financial donations are needed now more than ever. To make a secure online donation, visit us at: **www.lovincheartland.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: **Joey the Dog**

We hear so many wonderful stories about how God answers the prayers of those in need. Seldom do we hear about angels behind the scenes. Here is one such miracle of God. —Sue Weiland

I came into work one day and found a note on my desk -- a beautiful young lady wanted to donate \$100 towards someone's veterinary bill. You see, she had lost her beloved pet; instead of getting another dog, she decided to give her designated money towards a veterinary bill should the need arise. I put that note to the side, wondering if we would ever have such a specific need. But God, who is wiser, knew.

I started making daily follow-up calls and was discussing a neighbor in need's upcoming move with her. (When moving, one has to come up with the first and last months' rent which is extremely hard when money is short to begin with.)

I asked her if the move was going to happen. She told me that her son was going to help her financially with the move, but her immediate concern was about her dog, Joey. Joey wasn't doing well and she didn't have the money to take her to the vet. I told her, "God saw your need earlier this morning."

To make a long story short, Joey was treated at the vet and is doing very well. The wonderful young lady who generously offered the

payment was able to meet Joey and her owner. They all became fast friends. The neighbor in need will always remember that wonderful angel who touched her heart. **GOD IS SO GOOD!**

Lunch Box Fever serves hungry kids this summer

"Lunch Box Fever" is a new summer meal program for students who are already eligible for free lunches during the school year. The program is serving local students at risk of going without noon meals this summer.

Lunch Box Fever provides nutritious meals to reduce hunger among our young neighbors. Through the summer months, Love INC requests donations of peanut butter, jelly, apples, bananas, carrots, canned meat (e.g., chicken, turkey, tuna), Kraft Miracle Whip (not mayonnaise), granola bars, bread, cookies and desserts. Non-perishable food is being collected at each of Love INC's 20 member churches. Please bring fresh foods to the Love INC office for immediate distribution. Love INC is at 318 Railroad Avenue in Delano, 763-972-6547.

Food for Friends semi truck load distributions will begin as soon as funding is achieved.

Cash gifts supporting either Lunch Box Fever or the Food for Friends semi truck loads are necessary to keep our food programs going. Please give generously. Many children are missing meals this summer due to the economy. You can make a difference. Make a secure online donation at **www.loveinheartland.org** or mail to Box 143, Delano, MN 55328.

Partner Churches

Delano Assembly of God
Delano Catholic Communities
Delano Evangelical Free Church
Delano United Methodist
Faith Community, Independence
First Presbyterian, Howard Lake
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



Volunteer Spotlight

Meet **John and Nancy Nelson** from

Riverwood Covenant Church in Rockford. We call them "God's Gatherers."

John and Nancy have frequently called us saying "We have 130 pounds of exquisite breads. We know you will know who needs them." They also bring truck loads of new products that are given free because packaging is damaged or a store's shelf stock needs to be rotated.

The Nelsons continue to surprise us with amazing donations they know our neighbors need.

Thanks to the Nelsons' gathering, Montrose United Methodist started a Housewares Ministry. New and used items will be tested, cleaned and ready for neighbors who sometimes need *everything* to re-establish their homes. Dishes and silverware are items the Housewares ministry needs right now.