

29 DAYS OF LOVE

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Love In the Name of Christ

Welcome to our new partner church, Woodside Bible Church– Lake Orion Campus.

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Spread the Love

By Tricia Chapman, Board Chairperson

Love INC Month begins Wednesday, February 1st. As you know, February has 29 days this year. That gives us an extra day to share God's love. What a tremendous gift!

We have several ideas of how you can participate in making this Love INC month the best yet.

1. Take the "29 Days of Love" Challenge. Join the body of Christ across our community in walking out Love in the Name of Christ for each day in February. This is an opportunity for a wonderful daily individual and family activity that will have impact on you and those that are in need in our community.

Look for those God anointed moments during the 29 Days of Love. You can download the handout from our website at www.loveincfnoc.org.

2. Volunteer your time at one of our ministries. Call 248-693-HELP and say yes to volunteering. God will bless you for it.

3. Clean out a closet or a cabinet and donate your gently used items to our Clothing, Personal Needs, or Household Goods ministries Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-noon.

Don't miss out on what God has planned for you and for our community during Love INC Month.





Are we there yet?

By Tricia Chapman, Board Chairperson

Take a moment and imagine that you're getting ready for your vacation. You pack up the car, everyone piles in and the journey begins. An hour later you hear the infamous question from the back seat, "Are we there yet?" That is usually followed by two more questions: "How many more miles do we have to go?" and "How many hours 'til we get there?" There's even a television ad showing how universal that scene is around the world.

To entertain the kids, you start devising games to hold their interest and make it fun. After all, it's not just about reaching the destination; it's about the journey you take to get there.

The question "Are we there yet?" doesn't only apply to vacations. You can ask the same thing about a business and a non-profit. Each should establish both short and long-term goals. Each year, your Love INC affiliate sets goals for the upcoming year that are aligned with our long-term strategy for continued ministry effectiveness.

Take a look at our goals for 2012:

1. Train people in our partner churches on the Love INC defining difference
2. Equip all volunteers with the Love INC message
3. Recruit more businesses and individuals to partner with Love INC
4. Secure a building to meet a growing demand for more phone lines and alternative location for the Clothes Closet ministry
5. Recruit seven more partner churches
6. Develop a comprehensive funding plan
7. Add four people to the Board of Directors.

Yes, we are getting there.

March of 2012 marks another year that Love INC has partnered with area churches to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Our work continues as the needs are ever present. Goals are needed to walk out Love INC's mission to mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ. Goals are also needed to help keep us focused. Without focus we lose our way and wander around in endless circles. Most of us use maps to navigate towards our vacation destination. The maps we use in business and non-profit are the goals and action steps that move us closer to the vision. Most vacations are looked at as a journey because there are stops at places before we reach our vacation destination. We at Love INC are on a journey also that includes stops or milestones along the way. It's more than the Board members and Love INC staff that are on this journey. We need your help to get there.

We ask that you would continue to support your North Oakland County Love INC affiliate by:

- Praying for our affiliate
- Giving of your time and resources
- Serving as a Love INC ambassador in your church, with your neighbors and friends

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58

For His glory, Tricia

Love INC of North Oakland County Fast Facts:

- \$21,949.20 worth of free clothing was distributed through the Clothes Closet in 2011
- 772 families were helped through Love INC of NOC in 2011
- 200 meals were prepared and served through our Community Free Meals Program in 2011



Now a donation option through PayPal is available online. Visit us at www.loveincfnoc.org to learn more.

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Love story

By Rochelle Beckemeyer

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An odd request – that's how Kim presented this need to us this past November... as an "odd request for a Love INC client." This single mom only asked for two things: a minor car repair (which the Love INC office was able to handle), and a stockpot to use for making large batches of a special soup for her 8-year old daughter.

The email came on a Wednesday afternoon, and the request was made known that night at our CMC's Bible study. One of the ladies at the study had an almost-new pot in her basement and was so happy to pass it along!

The stockpot was delivered the next day, and according to Kim, the client "called and was in tears that someone brought her a pot. Not just someone.... a neighbor."

It's always the little things that get me around here. What might seem a little thing to us can mean so much to one of our neighbors... a few kind words, a small gift... there are so many ways we can love with Christ's love and let each other know we are not alone. I thank God for these opportunities for the Body to serve though Love INC.

Times and locations for Love INC ministry donation

Clothes Closet

St. Mary's in the Hills
Episcopal Church
2512 Joslyn Rd. – Lake Orion
Tuesday and Thursday, 9 am
until noon



Bed, Blessings & Beyond and Little Luxuries

Christ the King Church
1550 W. Drahner Rd. – Oxford
Tuesday and Thursday, 9 am until noon

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- Yes I want to help with a monthly pledge of ___\$25 ___\$50 ___\$75 ___\$100 ___Other
- I would like to give a one time gift of \$_____ Please send me more information.



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