# From The Executive Director

### Dear Love INC Family + Friends,

At the heart of our ministry is one simple but powerful truth: transformation happens through relationships.

Every story in this "Journey Together" Impact Report is a reflection of that truth. When neighbors are walking through seasons of struggle and growth, they have church volunteers walking faithfully beside them. Whether it is through the Connection Center, the Donation Center, our Thrift Stores, or the Change Your Life (CYL) classes, God is working through His people to bring hope, dignity, and restoration.

This year, we have seen churches come alive in service, stepping out of the pews and into the lives of those longing to be seen and loved. We have watched neighbors take bold steps, toward healing, toward Christ, toward purpose. And in every story, you'll hear a word, a single word chosen by each person to describe their journey. Words like resilient, inspired, love, blessed, hospitality, and amazing; just to name a few.

These words are more than descriptions. They are declarations of what is possible when the Body of Christ connects together.

Transformation happens through relationships!

I want to invite you to invest in this journey. Right now, thanks to some generous supporters, your gift will be doubled up to \$18,000, so your impact can go twice as far in transforming lives and strengthening church to neighbor relationships.

We are not a ministry of transactions. We are a ministry of transformation. And your support helps connect local churches and neighbors.

Thank you for being a part of this journey!

With Gratitude, Debbie Ramsey

**Executive Director** 



- 1. MAIL a check using the enclosed preaddressed envelope
- 2.TEXT "GIVE" to 540-299-2828
- 3.FOLLOW the link or SCAN the QR code: www.loveincsaw.org/donate
- 4. Volunteer your time and talents





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# 2024 Ministry Impact



### **Change Your Life Classes**

3 Sessions + 22 classes 42 Neighbors 4,569 Volunteer Hours



#### Churches

70 Mobilized Churches 16,353 Volunteer Hours \$366,479 Value of Hours



### **Redemptive Compassion Class**

2 Classes 24 Students 13 Churches Represented



### **Change Your Life Classes**

2,296 Vouchers Earned \$31,326 Value



### **Donation Center**

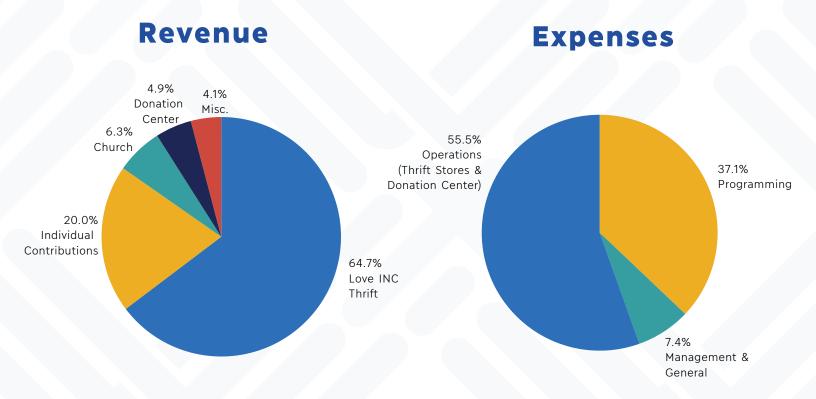
317 Donation Pickups 224 Neighbor Deliveries



### **Connection Center**

217 Neighbor Intakes 1,580 Volunteer Hours

# 2024 Financial Information



# Journey Together

If you could describe the impact of your journey—between Neighbor and Church—in one word, what would it be?

# Inspired

I am inspired every day by the Neighbors and Volunteers, and I'm not just talking about their attitude. The Neighbors, because of where they have been and their journey in changing their lives, are inspiring, especially Jon. Also, I admire the caring and servant attitude of the Volunteers in helping this ministry.

David



It was my faith in God that kept me on my journey and kept me where I am, got me my daughter back, got me a house, got me the people in my life that were there to help me through my many problems that I stumbled upon and help me get back on my feet.

# Can you share a moment, person or experience that made you feel that way?

A couple years ago, I lost my daughter and a bunch of people at Love INC helped me get the lawyer, get people on my side, get evidence and show proof, and help get funding for me to get the long journey through getting my daughter back. Cause it took two and a half years to get her back.



# **Amazing**

- Because that's how it made me feel when I went to the church (Lynside Mennonite) for the first time, I was accepted for who I was for my past.

Chrissy





# Rewarding

Part of my job in the Connection Center is talking to people, and I enjoy that. I love getting to know neighbors and hearing their stories, sharing the love of Christ with them and seeing them grow in their own journeys.

Sallie



# Blessed

Because when I first came to the Change Your Life Classes back in 2022, I had just lost my husband, and my oldest son. We didn't know anyone, and I was so sad and lonely. Then I called Love INC and talked to Gloria. She invited me and my boys to come to the classes, and it was the biggest blessing in my life. It got me through the sad times and all the people here have blessed me in so many ways with love and peace and made me feel like family. Thank you for everything!

- Norma





## Intentional

Why we do what we do is what Jesus focused on in his conversations with others. The mission and work of Love INC is consistently intentional about connecting neighbors to the local church. The intention is that each neighbor would continue to love Jesus with all their heart, soul, mind and strength and grow in love for others within a church community.

### Can you share a moment or experience that made you feel that way?

During my first experience at a Love INC dinner I encountered several volunteers and neighbors who were passionate about me meeting Norma and her son. For months their desire had been to get Norma connected to a church community. They knew she was graduating soon from Love INC and would need the Church to help her in her continued journey with Jesus. They introduced us and in the subsequent weeks were faithful in following up with her and me. She soon arrived on a Sunday morning. Norma shared with me how important this church has been and how much she loves our community. Love INC, through the power of the Holy Spirit, was instrumental in this.

### Resilient

I chose resilient because the families that come to me at the thrift store have been through some rough times...but the day they come to me for clothing needs, most of the time they show up with a smile on their face and hope in their heart. You can see the impact Love INC has had on their lives. They are on their way to a fresh start....they are truly resilient.

# Can you share a moment or experience that made you feel that way?

I had a lady come in that had been living in her car for five years. She was so excited to be able to shop for clothes. She only had 1 pair of worn out boots and 3 outfits she had been wearing. Love INC had just helped her into an apartment - a fresh start for her. I have never seen someone so grateful for the clothing items she received. Even though she had experienced a rough five years... she was on her way to doing well... resilient.

- Bev



### Hospitality

Each interaction, each encounter, each conversation with a neighbor is filled with welcoming goodwill, love and compassion. In 1 Peter 4:8-10, we are called to love each other deeply, offer hospitality to one another and use whatever gift we have to serve others.

- Glenn

### Love

It is what God asks of all of us and it is what has helped me get through life.

Can you share a moment or experience that made you feel that way?

Knowing that someone else cares about you, that they have your back, that they will listen to you if needed. It is the hug you get

back, the smile. It's just that, what God asks of everyone one of us. Love.

Jacqueline



Scan the QR code to hear directly from our participants in **Journey Together** Playlist on Youtube.





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