



Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ

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## *In the Name of Christ*

### *of Huntington County*

Spring 2012

## Beyond Generous

My modern sensibilities often find themselves scathed when I interact with persons who are in need. Some people come to Love INC in survival mode, ready to fight, push, yell or offend to get what they want. I have to remind myself often that it is unfair to be surprised when people act desperate in desperate situations. I was recently reading through some of the gospels and had my eyes opened to the generosity of Jesus, which goes above and beyond when I would prefer that people conform to my standards before receiving my help.

Jesus was teaching in Capernaum and people were flocking to hear. The power of the Lord was moving through him and he was healing folks left and right (Matthew 9, Mark 2, Luke 5). One group of men, in particular, was trying to get to Jesus. Their friend was hurt and they were ready to go to great lengths to see him healed. One might say they were desperate. I was surprised to see that these men did some pretty radical, even pushy, things to get what they wanted. They went so far as to destroy somebody else's property in an attempt to see Jesus. They tore through someone's roof and lowered their paralytic friend down to Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus had compassion on this man and forgave his sins (Jewish leaders would have considered this man's paralysis a penalty for sin).

"How dare he?" asked the religious folks. "He can't just forgive sins. Why, that is blasphemy!" They quipped. "This man is obviously deserving of his ailment." These are common thoughts when confronted with people in need. They must have done something wrong to deserve their lot in life. They must have made the wrong choices and that is why they are in need. Jesus, however, seems to view people differently. He knows that people think this man is paralyzed because of sin, so he forgives his sin. When challenged about his decision, and authority, to forgive Jesus goes a step further – he heals him. And instead of being offended, people praised God's name because they saw a God who goes above and beyond for people when most of us would hesitate to help at all.

Responsible Christians know that it is important to steward well what God places at our feet. Poor management of these resources can lead to sin – over indulgence or a stingy heart. But we also look to Jesus for guidance in how to best use these resources. We see how Jesus used what the Father gave him and, time and time again, he pushes the boundaries of generosity. I'm coming to believe that following Jesus means that stewarding my resources well looks a lot more like generosity than thrift (which pains me to say!). May we all learn to be more generous as we follow King Jesus ever more closely.

Joey Spiegel  
Executive Director

***Mobilizing the Church to Transform Lives!***

## Meet Kyle Miller

Ministry Coordinator

We'd like to welcome Kyle Miller to our team as the new Ministry Coordinator. Kyle is a 2011 graduate of Huntington University with degrees in Business Management and



Entrepreneurship. Most recently he was the coordinator of Pathfinders free tax program (VITA). In his free time he volunteers at the New Life Meal Ministry and is also a part of the 509 Community.

"I'm excited to have the opportunity to invest directly into the lives of people in Huntington."

-Kyle Miller-

## Operation Backyard

Seeing the Church serve the community is a passion of ours at Love INC. It's why we exist! Operation Backyard is an event that does just that.

July 13-15 youth groups from all over Huntington come together for a weekend of service. Nearly 200 students from between 10-13 churches join in for two days of serving, worshipping, and learning together.

Operation Backyard is currently looking for projects to do. Ideal projects include helping the elderly, non-profit organizations, or others who may be in need.

To sign up your teenager, or to inquire about projects, or to find out how your church can get involved please contact Roger Vezeau at [rvezeau@fwayfc.org](mailto:rvezeau@fwayfc.org).

## ~Help Wanted~

Love INC is in need of volunteers to help in the areas of the Clearing House and the new shop, *Covered With Love*.

### Back-to-School

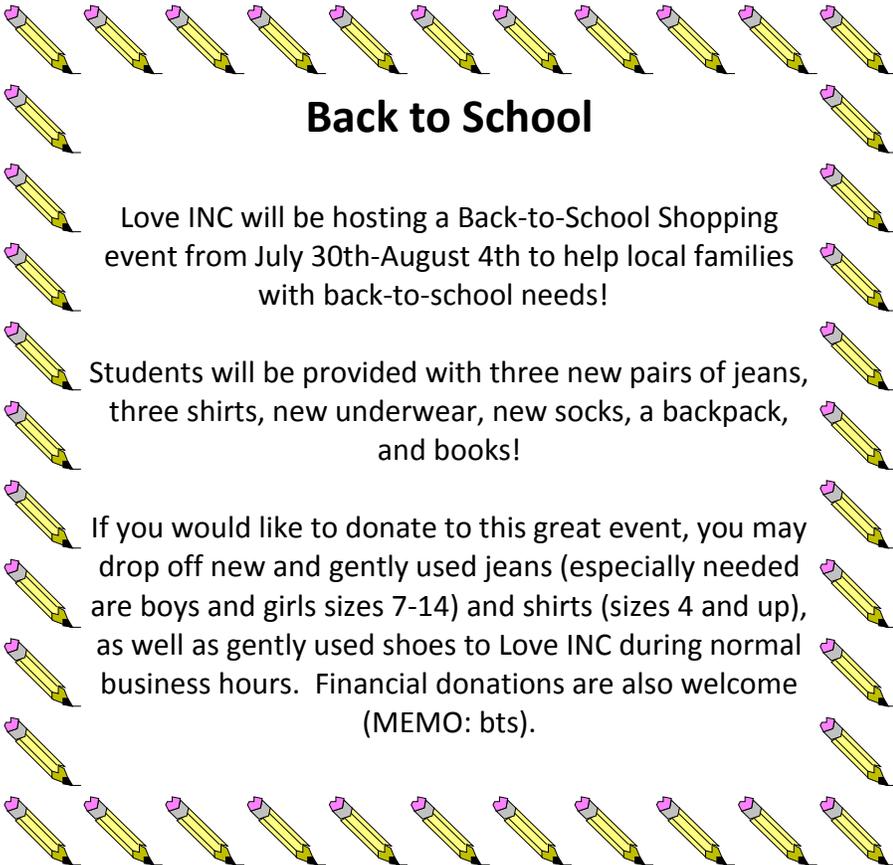
~This summer Love INC will be in need of lots of volunteers to help us with our Back-to-School Shopping program! We'll need folks who can help us register families and sort clothes. Please call us at 260-356-0933 and let us know if you want to be called to help!

### Covered With Love:

~Covered With Love is in need of volunteers to help us sort clothing and other donations as well as people to help our customers shop!

### Interested in Volunteering?

Let us know! You can find a volunteer application on our website at [www.LoveINChometown.org/Volunteer](http://www.LoveINChometown.org/Volunteer) - Fill that out and turn it in to our office at 715 Byron St.



## Back to School

Love INC will be hosting a Back-to-School Shopping event from July 30th-August 4th to help local families with back-to-school needs!

Students will be provided with three new pairs of jeans, three shirts, new underwear, new socks, a backpack, and books!

If you would like to donate to this great event, you may drop off new and gently used jeans (especially needed are boys and girls sizes 7-14) and shirts (sizes 4 and up), as well as gently used shoes to Love INC during normal business hours. Financial donations are also welcome (MEMO: bts).

LOVE Stats Jan-March '12	
Total Households Assisted:	630 households with a total of 1888 members
Children (0 - 17)	725
Adults (18 - 59)	1017
Seniors (60+)	92
Other (unknown)	54
New households Assisted:	138

## Community Food Pantry

In the first quarter of 2012 the Community Food Pantry fed 1,556 people. It takes a lot of volunteers, a lot of donations, and a lot of time to feed that many people. We are so thankful for our many volunteers and donors who keep this ministry running!

Right now we are in a bit of transition. We could use 2-3 volunteers who can give a significant amount of time to helping keep our doors open. Specific duties are coordinating volunteers and ordering food and supplies.

If you have been looking for a way to invest in the Community of Huntington and are interested in learning more about the Community Food Pantry give us a call at 260-356-0933 or visit our website and download a volunteer application today!

## New Website Featuring Online

## Giving

[www.LoveINChtown.org](http://www.LoveINChtown.org)

We're finally on the internet! We're excited to announce the launch of our new website and would like to highlight some important features! Donors, clients, churches, and partners can find an agency calendar, volunteer information (and a downloadable volunteer application), can learn about the services we provide, and access Online Giving!

Online Giving makes it easier than ever to support our ministry! Donors can sign up for once-a-month withdraws or make one-time gifts. It's simple, safe, and best of all easy! We are thankful for all of our donors and want to do our best at making giving to Love INC a great experience.

If you prefer quicker updates "like" us on Facebook or follow us on twitter: @LoveINChtown



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Empowering local churches to transform lives and communities **In the Name of Christ!**



*You can help make a difference in the lives of folks in need!*

I want to help with a monthly pledge of \_\_\_\$25 \_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\$75 \_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_Other

I want to make a one time gift of \_\_\_\_\_. All gifts are tax-deductible.

I would like to volunteer to help with the Clearing House.

I would like to volunteer to help with *Covered With Love*.

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