

## Love INC – A New Partnership Forms

It is an exciting time for our congregation and school as we reach out to the community in a partnership with “Love in the Name of Christ”, or “Love INC.” Working together with over 20 churches now, the needs of people in the Tinley Park, Orland Hills, and Orland Park communities can be better addressed.



Love INC is a non-profit organization located in Tinley Park. Trinity along with seventeen other churches works with Love INC to provide resources for the needs of the community. This organization takes one’s application over the phone and begins the process of verification before assistance is offered. This in turn, will help Social Ministry, since Love INC will be handling the vetting process.

On Sept.4, 2012 Love INC of Tinley Park opened its clearinghouse, (the foundation of Love INC) Through this clearinghouse, Love INC of Tinley Park receives requests for help, screens requests for the need and legitimacy, and refers them to a local church ministry, church volunteer, or community agency. We also empower, equip and train our partner churches to have their own services to the community called “gap ministries”.

Gap ministries develop when local help agencies and ministries collaborate about needs that remain unmet in our communities. Love INC works with area churches and volunteers to meet those needs. Regardless of the method used, we follow up to ensure the needs were met and to offer spiritual support.

Requests such as assistance for the elderly, food, toiletry items, gasoline, assistance in budgeting, furniture, and helping the homeless come from our neighbors in need. These needs have inspired us to open up *Aslan’s Wardrobe* - a ministry that gives free coats to adults experiencing hardship, our *Personal Care Pantry* (toiletry items), and our *Beds & Blessings* ministry providing linens and bunk beds to families displaced by disaster or crisis. Church volunteers also deliver furniture and teach Transformational Life Classes (TLC) in order to empower those in need to break through their difficulties and experience the abundant life Christ promises.

Transformational Life Courses (TLC) is one of the ways Love INC gives a hand up rather than a hand out. By building relationships with our participants and offering them life skills in areas such as spiritual guidance, goal setting, resumes and job interviewing and budgeting, we attempt to empower our clients to live their best life and give honor to God. One example is **Jobs For Life - J4L**, a time-tested curriculum used to teach why we should work, how to gain employment, retain employment and advance on the job.

Members of our congregation can volunteer at Love INC’s clearing house and personal need supply center, a small group from Trinity could deliver a special package of goods to a community resident, and there are a number of other ways that we can serve the Lord by helping our neighbor.

Please save this information about what Love INC offers and perhaps you might even share their phone number with someone who could benefit in a special way!

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For more information, please contact our Social Ministry team here at Trinity. Donations to Love INC can be made directly on their website.