

NEWS + UPDATES

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#### **Volunteers Moving Love INC Forward**

Since our doors opened in 2009, Love INC volunteers have helped thousands of people in DeKalb County. Not only have we helped our clients, but volunteers find it a blessing to serve in roles that are suited to their abilities. In the first three months this year, we have had many volunteers working the phones, organizing work teams, caring for clients, and meeting needs. What a privilege it is to hear how those who are blessing others are also being blessed. We recognize God working through and in our volunteers. Our volunteers serve weekly or monthly according to their own schedules and the needs of our clients. In doing so, they are following the great commandments to "love God and love your neighbors."

Through these efforts, the volunteers become an encouragement to our clients, whether it is praying on the phone, delivering furniture, working at one of the food pantries, delivering hygiene products, kitchen items, bed, or linens. Our volunteers often discover that helping our clients is also a source of encouragement for themselves, by seeing God work his promises in ways we had not imagined. Love INC volunteers are the key to making a difference in people's lives. If your heart is willing to serve, then whatever your abilities are, we can find a way to plug you in. Consider volunteering with us to see how you can make an impact in your community!

#### Give DeKalb County- May 1st

Give DeKalb County is DeKalb County's annual coordinated giving day. This year, the event is scheduled for May 1st. Since 2014, this program has helped raise \$10.7 million for nonprofit organizations in DeKalb County. One popular aspect of this program is the Bonus Pool which is funded by sponsors and used to boost every dollar you donate to an organization, creating a bigger impact. This effort has become an increasingly effective way to raise funds for Love INC. Consider joining us this year, and increase your donation's impact by giving to Love INC through Give DeKalb County.

#### There are three easy ways to participate in Give DeKalb County:

- 1) Give online on May 1st at **givedekalbcounty.org** (Search for Love INC).
- 2) Give in person between April 17-May 1 at 475 DeKalb Ave, Sycamore, IL.
- 3) Mail in a check along with the donation form from April 17-May 1.

#### Welcome Our New Board Members!

It is a time of revitalization at Love INC DeKalb County, and our board is leading the efforts to position Love INC for great things in the future. We are pleased to welcome two talented members to our board of directors, **Amy Alsup** of DeKalb and **Tom Scott** of Sycamore.

# EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS Join Us on May 1, 2025 Scan this QR Code for more information or to

2025 Love INC Board Members

donate to Love INC at

GiveDeKalbCounty.org

Nathan Scott, Executive Director Amy Alsup, Bethany Road Bible Church Robert Stewart, Bethany Road Bible Church Laurie Hillman, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Scott Sisler, Hillcrest Covenant Church Tom Scott, Bethany Road Bible Church

#### **Grateful Clients**

Have you ever wondered if people stay in touch with Love INC after we help them? We often do hear back from our clients. They sometimes call to thank us for helping them. Here are some messages we recently received.

"Thank you for helping someone in a hurry on a day that was raining real hard. I want you to know you are appreciated in all you do." "Thank you for coming to my home. I had nothing, but now I do. The people who came were real and that meant a lot. Thanks for the peace you gave."

"I just wanted to call and say thank you for all you have done for me. I'm continuously reminded of the worker's visit to my place."

#### Sheriff and Friend to Love INC

### **Remembering Roger Scott**

**Roger Scott**, the beloved former **DeKalb County Sheriff**, went to his heavenly reward on February 23, 2025. He left behind a legacy of service, including many years as a strong supporter of Love INC here in DeKalb County. He believed in the mission of Love INC, helping people out of difficult situations while sharing God's love with them. He gave generously, he volunteered, and he offered wise advice to his son, Nathan, who serves as Love INC's executive director.



While we certainly will miss Roger, he left behind one last gift by naming Love INC as his memorial charity. We were able to set up a Love INC information booth, and staff it with Love INC volunteers at Roger's visitation. You can still donate in Roger's memory by giving online at loveofdekalbcounty.org or mail a check to Love INC, PO Box 172, Sycamore, IL 60178.

If you are considering naming Love INC as your own memorial charity like Roger did, please reach out to us if you have any questions!

The Social Ministry Team of First Lutheran Church of DeKalb would like to announce an enjoyable way to support the following local charities: Hope Haven, Safe Passage, Salvation Army Food Pantry, and Love INC. To participate, all you must do is show up at Hy-Vee Grocery Store (2700 DeKalb Ave, Sycamore) on Thursday April 24 from 4:00-7:00 pm to pick up steak dinners, \$10 each. The meal will include one steak, mashed potatoes, and corn. There is no pre-sale, just show up and order to help all four charities.

# A Love INC Story Working Together

We received a call from a school social worker about a family she was assisting. After discussing the specific needs of the family, we encouraged the social worker to have the parent call into our connection center. The parent called, and we went to work lining up our ministries and connecting them together. The result: a home that had been empty for some time was now filled with furniture, kitchen items, beds, and dressers. A house that previously had little lighting now had lamps.

We are thankful that agencies in our community see us a viable resource that helps their clients. For this family, we used 11 of our Gap Ministry services, and a total of 23 caring people took part in helping this family with basic needs.

# A Love INC Story Helping the Sick

Roger Scott with current Love INC board member Robert Stewart at a

Love INC banquet years ago.

A lady in need of medication came to us, unable to afford her medication. She was covered by insurance, but had no money for the copay. Due to her illness, she had very limited income with no way to pay even a reasonable copay amount. We verified the details of the situation, and we determined this was definitely something that she needed and also something that we could manage. We met the client at Walgreens, covered the cost of the copay, and said a quick prayer with her. Love INC provided much more than a copay. She was surrounded with love, prayer, and support.

"When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." -Matthew 25:39-40

## A Love INC Story Love Your Neighbor

A client wrote to us saying, "Two different people suggested I call Love INC last month. I'm glad that I did. Being new here for a few months, and I'm trying to fit into the community. You were the first ones who helped me emotionally. The prayers of those that came to my house were calming, and I'm looking forward to going to their church." This individual received some furniture items, linen, and beds. Our volunteers took time to get to know her. As you can see from her response, our volunteers made an impact.

#### **Contact Us**

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