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Fostering a Passion for Building Life Changing Relationships

Love INC Welcomes Mr. Tom Scott as New Board Chairman

Tom Scott of Sycamore recently stepped into the role of Chairman of Love INC's Board of Directors, an important leadership position that has been vacant for a few years. Tom brings with him over four decades of experience in serving the citizens of DeKalb County. He has served in law enforcement, at churches, as a teacher, and as a leader of local non-profit organizations. **"I feel a calling to serve God,"** explains Tom, **"and I'm glad that it has led me to serve here through Love In the Name of Christ."**

Born and raised in DeKalb, Tom's introduction to ministry began as a Sunday School teacher and as a leader of a youth bus ministry in 1980. This ministry experience would impact Tom for life and lead him to seek more opportunities to serve those in need.

Tom entered into a law enforcement career with a job as a police dispatcher in Sandwich. In 1980, he joined the Somonauk Police Department. By 1981, Tom was hired by the Sycamore Police Department where he would go on to serve for 27 years, retiring in 2008. He also worked part-time with the Cortland Police Department for 10 years. His role in law enforcement led to opportunities to serve on the board of the **DeKalb County Youth Service Bureau** in the 1980's, and with **Safe Passage** in the 1990's.

After retiring from law enforcement, Tom remained active with Safe Passage,

eventually serving there as the board Chairman. Later, Tom took on a role with **Elder Care Services** of DeKalb County, working as an investigator and case worker to protect the vulnerable by investigating cases of neglect and abuse.

Throughout his career, **Tom never forgot the lessons he learned early** in life when he ministered to young kids from broken homes. Tom explains that leading the board at Love INC is a full-circle opportunity for him in that it is a ministry that is similar to where he started nearly 45 years ago. Perhaps it is fitting that three other current Love INC board members have connections to Tom's early ministry work.

Acknowledging that there is much work to be done at Love INC, Tom points out that **partner churches** have always been our strongest and most important supporters. He considers it a priority to build and further strengthen these relationships. **"Connecting our churches with clients who may not have any church home is the most important way that we can help our clients beyond their material needs,"** said Tom.

Current funding limitations at Love INC have resulted in reduced office hours, and certain ministry opportunities are not supported as well as they once were. As a result, Tom feels that it is important to explore new community and corporate relationships, ensuring that we have the

funding that is needed to support and grow our ministries. "When people provide funds for this work," explains Tom, **"they are giving directly to a local missions organization.** We often speak of missions around the world and places far

away, but there's also missionary work being done right here in our backyard, here in DeKalb County. **Love INC is the hub that can help pull churches and their resources together to reach the community."**

Reflecting on Love INC's mission, Tom says "I find it an honor, a calling, to be an instrument for furthering the gospel and reaching the citizens of DeKalb County to show them the love that Christ has through this organization of Love INC. We can open the door for people in need to seek a higher truth about eternity. I look forward to reconnecting with people I knew from long ago, and strengthening those bonds again. It reminds me of the Bible verse, **'And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28 KJV)'**



Tom Scott, Love INC
Board Chairman

Year to Date Stats

Individuals Helped: 1,323
Prayed with Clients: 751
Volunteer Hours Served: 3,095
Items Supplied to Clients: 825

Items in Need

- Beds
- Dressers

Give to Love INC

Donations can be mailed to:
Love INC DeKalb County
PO BOX 172, Sycamore, IL 60178



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scanning the QR
code, or by visiting
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2025 Love INC Board Members

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

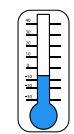
Gap Ministry Focus

The *Cast Thy Bread Caring Ministry* is an important **Love INC Gap Ministry** that supports mothers in need by providing diapers, wipes, clothing, and more. This ministry was established in 2022 due to the resource needs of single moms in DeKalb County. In the few short years since we began our service, our volunteers have had the privilege of ministering to many mothers through various events. We have hosted free clothing giveaways, Valentine Teas, Summer Family Fun Days, Back to School Fairs, and Adopt-a-Family Christmas Gift Giveaways. Additionally, we offer quarterly workshops where we teach the mothers a variety of skills such as parenting, nutrition, budgeting, and recently, a women's self-defense workshop. We also meet with many mothers weekly to address diaper needs, review their goals, and pray for them. We have distributed countless diapers, wipes, and baby items while praying for God to guide us as we encourage and uplift these mothers toward restoration and goal achievement in their lives. Please join us in prayer as we continue to meet the significant needs in DeKalb County. Since we go into their homes, we witness and hear about many crucial situations. Pray that our volunteers are filled with wisdom and guided by the Holy Spirit as we seek to fulfill His will. Additionally, we ask for prayers that **many more volunteers** will step up and become a part of this ministry.



Cast Thy Bread volunteers at a recent event

Love INC's 200 x \$30 - Fundraising Pledge Drive



Churches and volunteers are at the heart of Love INC's ministry model, but another very important stakeholder is the **individual donor**. We're asking for **your** help in getting us back to a healthy funding level that will allow us to expand our office hours and ministry footprint. With all the work we do, you may be surprised to learn we are only able to operate part time due to funding levels. To reach full funding, we need approximately 200 donors pledging to contribute at least \$30 a month. We only have 65 of these 200 slots filled. Would you consider helping us meet our funding needs? Your financial support is one way that you can partner with us to coordinate ministry work. Donations may be mailed to **PO Box 172, Sycamore, IL 60178** or online at loveofdekalbcounty.org/donate

What I Learned as a Bus Driver in the 1980's By Tom Scott, Love INC Chairman



While serving at Twin City Baptist Temple in DeKalb back in 1980, I led a local church bus ministry. I became something like a youth leader in the community. This ministry deeply impacted me, and it shaped me for the rest of my life. As part of this ministry, on Saturdays my fiancée (now wife) Debbie and I would go knocking on doors in the community and introducing ourselves to parents and their families. We would ask if they were part of a church, and if they weren't, then we would invite them to church. Frequently the parents would accept our offer to take the children to church even if the parents themselves could not or would not come. On Sundays, we would return to those homes and pick up riders, filling the church school bus with as many children as we could and bring them to Sunday School and church. We would sometimes pick up seniors and others with no means of transportation and bring them to church also.

Years later, in my job as a police officer, I would cross paths again with some of these children, especially those who came from broken homes. And because of that previous relationship where we had formed a mutual respect, I was sometimes able to help them in their situations. Years ago, I had prayed over each of these kids. I felt God opened the door for me to help them where other officers might not have been able. I believed some of these children's lives would have turned out differently had we not known each other from the bus ministry.

I didn't initially understand the significance of some of those early experiences that I had when trying to minister to these kids. But I found that when we allow Christ to guide our lives and trust in him, he will open doors for us, and he will work in people's hearts. We may not immediately realize the impact we have made. But someday you may encounter these people again, like I did. And only then may you realize that helping them with their material and physical needs opened the door to helping them with spiritual needs. That's why I feel that the work we do here at Love INC is so important. It is just like my children's bus ministry from so many years ago. It opens the door to building relationships with people that will transform both your life and theirs for God's glory.

THANK YOU!

We are grateful for **Bethany Road Bible Church** for its ongoing provision of office space, and for inviting us to set up our booth and share during an upcoming service. Thank you!

Thank you to both **Refuge Church** and **Westminister Presbyterian** for meeting with Love INC and discussing ministry opportunities.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our ministry with the congregation of **Rock Covenant Church** recently!

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