

# His Light



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## Love In the Name of Christ of Southern Chautauqua County

### Our Mission

To mobilize the local churches to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ

### Our Vision

To see Christian Churches united in purpose and fully engaged in actively living out their faith by lovingly serving people in need

## Helping Churches Help People



Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ  
of Southern Chautauqua County

## Give Big Chautauqua 2019

On June 13<sup>th</sup> Love In the Name of Christ of Southern Chautauqua County participated for the first time in the Community Foundation's Give Big Chautauqua 24-hour fundraising campaign. Our goal was to raise \$5000 for our Care Fund to assist with needs like beds and repairs. We were seeking to primarily raise funds to decrease our bed waiting list. At the time of the campaign, we had 23 men, women and children on the waiting list for a bed. We raised \$583 and were able to purchase 3 beds plus assist with other needs.

We had to re-write the campaign the day after the website was made public, which was a good problem to have. Our original campaign was for a new multi-line phone system. Our current system was having some issues. We sought out estimates and focused our campaign on raising the funds to purchase a new one. In talking with one of our Clearinghouse Call Center volunteers, we became aware that they had a multi-line phone system they were willing to donate. We tested the new system and refocused our campaign on our Care Fund and the need for beds.

Unfortunately, our campaign fell short of our goal. We still need 20 beds and the list continues to grow each day. I recently spoke with a donor, who had donated 2 twin beds. He shared how he liked that the items he donated were being distributed the very same day they were picked up as a donation.

If you have a bed that is not in use, please consider donating it to a neighbor in need. We are seeking beds with no rips or stains. If you only have part of a bed, please consider donating what you have. We often have a mattress without a box spring or a bed without a frame. We try to be good stewards and put together as many complete beds as possible. Again, out of respect for our neighbors in need, we ask that there be no rips or stains. Please contact us at 338-9705 to donate a bed and arrange for the pick-up of your donation.



**Did you know you can donate your used household items to Love INC?** We will take used items in good condition with no rips, stains or broken pieces. Call 338-9705 for more information on how you can invest in the lives of your neighbors in need by donating your used household items.

## A 5-Alarm Commitment to Love Others

A recent fire in our neighborhood brought to light how much neighborhoods have changed from when we were kids. The days of playing a game of kickball in the neighbor's yard seem to have all but disappeared. The care and concern for one another seems limited to those few close relationships we each have. As I watched the firefighters battle a blaze on a piece of property that did not belong to any of the many members of the multiple fire companies present, Mathew 22 came to mind. We are told in verse 37 *the greatest commandment is to love God with all of our heart, soul and mind* and then in verse 39 we are to *love our neighbor as we are to love ourselves*. As my neighbors spent the last month renovating their new home I watched for opportunities to introduce myself. Not wanting to bother them during their work, the opportunity never seemed to come along until a fire made an opportunity. How awkward to meet your new neighbor as they are watching their home be consumed by fire. The chances of them remembering your name are slim but remembering your care and concern for them will speak volumes to their hearts.

At Love In the Name of Christ, it's all about loving our neighbors whether they live on our block or not. Our ministry is about connecting those in need with those willing to help. Most of the neighbors we serve are living life as if, everything is on fire. They are living in anxiety and depression regarding food, housing and other basic needs, mostly because it is all they know or circumstances encourage it. If living your life as you are, is all you know and no one is willing to come alongside to help seek something different, nothing will change. Everything will remain as if life is on fire.

Taking a lesson from those many first responders and a 2 AM alarm, I find myself wanting to try harder to make the most of the opportunity God gives me to reach out to serve a neighbor in need. I am unable to rebuild their home or contact the insurance company, but I can listen, encourage and lend a hand when it is needed. We have many neighbors in need in our community, some live on your street, some live across town in a struggling neighborhood and some live in the next community over, but they are all *our* neighbors. They could use a listening ear as many are lonely and they could use a word of encouragement as many feel hopeless. A helping hand to come alongside them is met with great appreciation.

A firefighter makes a commitment to help, but a believer in God is called to love their neighbors. It all comes down to a choice. I am working hard at trying to assist a neighbor in need and loving them as God does. What about you? Are you making the most of every opportunity? We recently started a ##### Challenge Campaign to learn how others are loving their neighbors. Join in the fun by sharing a picture or comment on our LoveINCSCC Facebook page. Be sure to include the #ILOVEMYNEIGHBORBY in your post.

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:37-39



### From the Neighbors We Serve:

"Thank you for the toiletries that you so generously gave to my daughter and I. We appreciate them so much. Thank you for the prayers. He meets our needs. All is okay." -toiletries are provided through the Love INC Cleaned & Polished Pantry- a ministry of Bethel Baptist Church

**Needed:** Individuals or groups willing to be the **Hands and Feet of Jesus** by serving our neighbors in need through your gifts and talents. Do you **drive**? Would you be willing to assist individuals by driving to appointments? Are you skilled in **minor home repairs**? Would you be willing to assist a neighbor in need with a home repair? Are you a **leader**? Would you be willing to help organize an outreach ministry for your church to neighbors in need? Do you like **working in the yard**? Would you be interested in helping others with their yard work? If you have a gift or a talent that you would like to share, please call 338-9705 for more information.

## It's Coming! The 10th Annual Purses & More Auction

### What is a Purses and More Auction?

It is a fundraising event where designer purses, new purses filled with gift certificates and specialty items from local businesses are auctioned off through either a live auction or Chinese auction, along with a used purse sale with all proceeds going to support the ministry of Love In the Name of Christ of Southern Chautauqua County

### How does the Purses & More Auction work?

Attendees to the Purses & More Auction donate \$5 (or more) at the door to support the ministry of Love INC. They are given a bidder number and the opportunity to purchase Chinese Auction tickets for the many Chinese Auction items available. Each of the donated items are modeled or displayed, including donor and sponsorship information. An auctioneer conducts a live auction

throughout the event and refreshments are available. Credit cards, check and cash payments for purchases are accepted with the funds raised supporting the ministry of Love INC

### How can you help?

**-Donate** new purses, totes or bags, gift certificates for goods or services or specialty items to be auctioned off through the live or Chinese Auction

**-Donate** gently used purses, bags & totes

**-Put together** a gift basket or fill a purse to be auctioned off

**-Get a group together** to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Purses & More fundraising event to have fun and help raise funds for Love INC

Please call the office for more information 716-338-9828

## The 10th Annual Purses and More Auction

Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

35 W. Fairmount Ave. Lakewood, New York



### Give Electronically!

Go to our [Facebook](#) page **Love INC of Southern Chautauqua County** or [website](#) **LoveINCSCC.org** and Click on the **Donate link**

## Join the Monthly Kingdom Club

Become a monthly supporter of Love INC with a gift of *any* amount and help the Kingdom of God grow as the love of God is shared with those in need

By giving on a monthly basis you will receive :

- ◇ A monthly thank you letter which includes an update on the kingdom work and a love story regarding how we are seeing God at work through the volunteers from area churches at Love INC
- ◇ A quarterly Newsletter with acknowledgment as a Kingdom Club member
- ◇ A reminder call or email regarding your monthly gift
- ◇ And knowing you are making a difference in the lives touched by Love INC

How do I become a Kingdom Club Member ? Write *"Kingdom Club"* on the General Fund other line on the enclosed envelope and enclose your first months support.

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*Do you have a passion for those in need?*

*Do you have gifts and talents in administration?*

*Do you enjoy living out your faith in God?*

Board Members needed. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 7pm. Please contact Lory Hatfield by email –

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### Office Needs:

Volunteers: serve minimum 2 hrs. per week

Board Members

Postage stamps

Copy paper

### Client Needs:

**Appliances:** Refrigerators, stoves, washer & dryers in good working condition, *clean* & less than 10 years old

**Beds:** full or twin with no rips, stains & bug-free

**Household furnishings** in good condition with no rips, stains or broken pieces are always needed

**Small Household Appliances** in good working condition

## Shine His Spotlight

Our spotlight church is Bethel Baptist Church. Pastor Derrick Hicks has been serving Bethel since September of 2017. He started as Associate Pastor of Family Ministries and currently is serving as their Lead Pastor. Bethel has been a partner church with Love INC since 2011, supporting those in need through their financial support of the ministry of Love INC and providing a Gap Ministry called Cleaned and Polished Pantry, led by Fizzy Jones, which provides toiletries and cleaning products to our neighbors in need. Bethel also supports the ministry by allowing Love INC to utilize their Annex for storage of donated household goods and furnishings until they are moved to their new home with a neighbor in need. Dave Guiffre, Joe Wenger and Darla Loucks have served as Clearinghouse Call Center Volunteers from Bethel, by serving with a listening ear and encouraging words to neighbors in need working through the intake process. Dave and Joe have also provided rides for neighbors in need to doctor's appointments.

Thank you, Bethel Baptist Church, for allowing Love INC to serve as a bridge between you, the church and our neighbors in need.

### Mark your Calendars : Purses & More Auction

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