

Loving God and Loving People

It's More Than Volunteering...

A famous quote about volunteering says, "The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others." -DeAnn Hollis

This captures the very essence of volunteering. Volunteers take the opportunity to help others which makes a difference in their lives, however, it doesn't take long to discover that volunteering has made an even bigger difference in the life of the volunteer.

Here is a list of the top 10 benefits of volunteering from an article written by Stacey Buttel:

1. Provides you with a sense of purpose
2. Provides a sense of community
3. Helps you meet new friends
4. Increases your social skills
5. Improve self esteem
6. Teaches you valuable skills
7. Provides job prospects
8. Brings fun into your life
9. Can help you be happier and combat depression
10. Gets you out of your comfort zone



Mary Brunette, Margaret Vandenberg, and Mary Gort are a few of our volunteers that help sort through clothes.

There are even more benefits to volunteering. We notice a subtle shift in ourselves when we volunteer. We feel more connected to others, and we become less absorbed in the normal stresses of daily life. We share our experiences with others and want to help one another.

Pictured above are three volunteers at Love INC and here is what they have to say about volunteering:

Margaret VanDenBerg told us, "I started to volunteer because I had lost my husband and needed something to do. I was talking to a friend at church and she suggested Love INC. I so enjoy being with such nice people once a week and also having met so many wonderful people. My children say they can see such a positive change in my attitude. Before volunteering, I didn't have the desire to go out and do anything. Now my daughter-in-law and I go see a lady in a nursing home and have lunch each week as well as doing my day at Love INC."

Mary Brunette said she volunteers because, "It gives me the opportunity to show kindness to people in the community. I enjoy meeting new people, both customers and other Love INC volunteers. While volunteering twice a week, I have met many new people and have had the opportunity to train new people coming into Love INC either to volunteer or do community service work."

When chatting with Mary Gort, a Love INC volunteer, she commented, "I got to know another volunteer at Love INC from Randy's House. Getting to know her, hearing her story, and seeing how volunteering at Love INC changed and impacted her is something I will never forget."

Love INC offers opportunity for individuals to use the gifts and talents God has given them to help people in need see and experience Christ's love. It is our belief that when we invest in the lives of our neighbors, not only do they gain a renewed hope and stability, but together, we gain new friendships and a stronger community. These quotes from our volunteers solidify that belief. Consider becoming a volunteer, it helps both your community and yourself! Love INC could not function without the help of our volunteers. They truly are an incredible asset to the ministry.

"The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed."
Proverbs 11:25

Volunteer opportunities are available in our Resale Store, Food Pantry, and Help Center, Gap Ministries and Transformational Ministry. We have an excellent opportunity for you if you are interested in becoming a volunteer in the Resale Store. Love INC will be hosting their annual Christmas Blast. It will be held on October 22nd from 8 am - 2:30 pm. Stop in and enjoy breakfast with others and take the chance to step into volunteering and help the store get ready for the upcoming Christmas season. There is no need to sign up if you want to help on this day. If you'd like to start sooner or are interested in serving in a different area with your willing hands and hearts, please contact Kit, our Volunteer Coordinator at kit-kat@loveincnewaygo.com or 231-652-4099 ext. 127.

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16

OPERATING HOURS UPDATE:

- **Help Office:** M/T/TH/F: 9 am - 3 pm
Wednesday: 10 am - 3 pm
- **Food Pantry:** Tuesday - Thursday: 10 am - 2 pm
Tuesday Evenings: 5 pm - 7 pm
- **Resale Store:** Monday - Saturday 9 am - 4 pm
Tuesdays ONLY: Open until 7 pm

OUR VISION

is to see all people living out, in words and actions, the life transforming love of Jesus Christ.

Visions Become Reality Through Missions

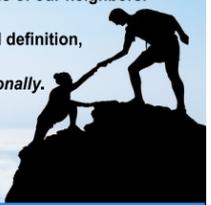
OUR MISSION

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

LOVE In the Name of Christ, in its most basic form, is a partnership of local Christian churches working in a coordinated way to address and respond to the needs of our neighbors.

The Church is ideally suited, by design and definition, to address human needs... spiritually, physically, relationally and emotionally.

Love INC brings churches together into one working unit to share the love of God with our neighbors in need.



UPCOMING Events

- **SEPTEMBER 5: LOVE INC CLOSED**
In observance of Labor Day
- **SEPTEMBER 11: POVERTY SIMULATION**
Held at Bailey Christian Church at 6pm.
- **OCTOBER 13: HARVEST DINNER**
- **OCTOBER 22: CHRISTMAS BLAST**
Volunteer work day to help put Christmas items in the Love Store.
- **NOVEMBER 1: LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST**
- **NOVEMBER 5: FALL BLING**
Annual fundraiser with hundreds of pieces of high quality jewelry, watches, handbags, and accessories!

SIMPLY give

together, we can help end hunger in our community.

• FREMONT LOCATION ONLY! •
Double Match Day
September 10th

Purchase \$10 cards now through 10/1 to provide food to the Love INC Food Pantry for families in need.

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IF YOU'RE NOT ABLE TO GO TO THE FREMONT MEIJER ON THE DOUBLE MATCH DAY, PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATION INTO LOVE INC & WE WILL GET IT MATCHED FOR YOU!

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in the name of Christ
Resale Store Coupon
NEWAYGO COUNTY LOCATION ONLY

Purchase 1 item of CLOTHING and get 1 FREE of equal or lesser value.

One coupon per customer
Cannot be combined with other coupons or promotions.

Expires: 9/30/2022

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