



Newaygo County

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Seeing Christ-centered churches united in purpose and fully engaged in actively living out their faith by lovingly serving people in need in their communities. Mobilizing local churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.

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

October 28th
Christmas Blast
Love INC Resale Store

November 2nd
Community Prayer Rally
Trinity Fellowship Church - Newaygo
6:30pm - 7:30pm

November 7th
Leadership Breakfast
Dogwood Center

WHAT IS ROOMS OF REFUGE?



According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, Newaygo County has the 5th highest rate of homelessness in the state of Michigan, with 18.8% of children experiencing homelessness by the 5th grade. Love INC has seen the faces of these statistics walk through our doors and we hear the stories from many other community pastors and leaders who want to help but have very limited ways of stepping in. While we know some efforts are being taken in the county to address housing insecurities, safe and effective emergency sheltering remains nonexistent.

Love INC is proposing a rotating emergency shelter, Rooms of Refuge, which will utilize local church partners and their facilities. The rotating shelter model is not new or unique. In fact, the model has been around for almost 40 years and is currently being used in over 200 communities with well over 3,000 churches involved around the nation! (Please search Family Promise and Interfaith Hospitality Network online to read more about the extensive history and success of the rotating shelter model.)

With confidence in the effectiveness of this model, Love INC is launching Rooms of Refuge as a local response to the housing insecurities we are now facing on a frequent basis. Rooms of Refuge will serve families, as well as adult individuals.

We believe Rooms of Refuge is a viable and appropriate strategy for two primary reasons:

1. Newaygo County does not currently have any other emergency shelters available. Individuals are being referred to neighboring counties or motels, or they are forced to seek alternatives that might not be safe or beneficial.
2. Statistically, we know that individuals are more likely to stay in shelters longer when it is a "brick and mortar" shelter—they are more likely to settle in without a sense of urgency to make the arrangements for permanent housing. Whereas research and decades of experience show that people are more likely to have a shorter stay when participating in a rotating shelter model. The experience, while safe and welcoming, is still a bit uncomfortable and inconvenient. It involves packing up his or her belongings night after night and staying at a different church each week.

Like the rotating emergency shelters in other communities, the purpose of implementing Rooms of Refuge is to to end homelessness by providing a safe and welcoming environment for individuals or families with housing insecurities.

Love INC will facilitate a temporary place for families or individuals to stay through its network of local churches. Host congregations will provide an evening meal and optional activities, as well as a private space to sleep at night. On average, churches will host Rooms of Refuge guests four times a year for one week at a time.

In the mornings, Love INC will provide transportation to another site where Love INC's Day Center will be stationed. Guests will have access to showers, laundry facilities, computers, and a kitchen to prepare meals. They will have a space to "do life" while they are searching for housing or employment. In addition, every guest will meet with a case manager regularly to develop and execute an individualized action plan to guide them in taking the next necessary steps for success.

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

This project is truly one that involves an extensive network of many hands and feet coming together to make a difference in the community. More than a dozen churches, as well as other agency partners, are committed and united in their efforts to address the issue of homelessness in Newaygo County. BUT we still need more partner churches and supporters to fully launch Rooms of Refuge in 2024!

Please contact Love INC Director Traci Slager at tracis@loveincnewaygo.com if you have questions or would like to be added in the rotation of Rooms of Refuge volunteers who provide meals or transportation, stay overnight with guests, or provide foster homes to the pets of guests.

Upcoming Hours Events



LOVE INC OF NEWAYGO COUNTY'S

FALL BLING

Love INC Jewelry & Accessory Sale

NOVEMBER 11TH
9 AM - 2 PM

LOVE INC RESALE STORE
11 W. 96TH ST., GRANT

Jewelry • Watches • Handbags • Accessories
High quality • Hundreds of pieces
Large selection of 14K Gold & Sterling Silver!

PERFECT TIME TO SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS!

FOOD PANTRY IN NEED OF VENISON DONATIONS

FREE
processing for
all donations!
*Limit one deer
per hunter.

A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY HUNTING & HELP OTHER FAMILIES AT THE SAME TIME...

Cushman's Meat Processing, will process, free of charge,
any deer that is being donated to our food pantry.
*Limit one deer per hunter.

For more information, call Love INC: 231.652.4099

Cushman's Meat Processing

• Location: 11575 Brickyard Rd, Holton
• Phone Number: 231-924-6151



Christmas Blast 2023

We are having a volunteer workday to help put
Christmas items in the Love Store.

Saturday, October 28th | 8 am - 2:30 pm

BRING A FRIEND! The more the merrier!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer,
this is a great opportunity for you to check us out.

No sign up needed- just stop in!

Breakfast will be served from 8 am to 9 am!

Questions, please contact Peg: 231-652-4099 x113 or
email at: pegb@loveincnewaygo.com

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County
RESALE STORE COUPON

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.

Valid until October 31st, 2023