

SUMMER NEWSLETTER



2026

From the Board President

by Josh Vermeer

God has blessed us in many ways at Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC). He has blessed us with an outstanding staff, a dedicated board, strong partnerships with churches in our communities, and the opportunity to connect those churches with people who have needs. He has also provided guidance as we look toward the future.

We are currently in the midst of a capital campaign to purchase the building we have been renting. At the end of July, we will officially purchase the property. Many generous individuals have already contributed to the campaign, and because of their support, we are able to make a substantial down payment on our new home. We will continue working diligently to pay off the remaining balance in a timely manner, and we invite others to partner with us in this effort.

Our location is a tremendous blessing. Situated just off Main Street, it provides an accessible place where walk-ins can meet with us and share their needs. Each staff member has an office or welcome desk, allowing us to effectively serve both our clients and our team. We also have a large meeting area that has been used to host events for pastors and church leaders, as well as a boardroom that serves the needs of our board members and the prayer team that faithfully prays over the ministry of Love INC.

Our building is a blessing, and we are excited about what the future holds for this space. We look forward to using it in even greater ways to serve our communities, support local churches, and care for those in need.

New Love INC Board Member



Glenda Van Wyhe grew up in the Hawarden/ Ireton area and worked as a lab tech at Hawarden Regional Healthcare for nearly 44 years. She is married to Randy and they have 2 sons. Glenda and her husband continue to live in Ireton on the family farm and attend Hawarden Christian Reformed Church

"My mom had a very servant heart and instilled in us to serve others. Jesus tells many places in the Bible to feed and clothe those without, to show mercy, to do good unto others, and to love your neighbors. I will do my best to serve on the board of Love INC of Sioux County with much prayer and guidance from the Spirit."

NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO
DO IMMEASURABLY MORE
THAN ALL WE ASK OR
IMAGINE, ACCORDING TO HIS
POWER THAT IS AT WORK
WITHIN US, TO HIM BE THE
GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND
IN CHRIST JESUS
THROUGHOUT ALL
GENERATIONS, FOREVER AND
EVER. AMEN
EPHESIANS 3:20-21

How it works:

Families that bring their child(ren) entering grades K-5 are able to choose and try on a brand new pair of shoes/socks for \$5.

*Cash payments only.
Limit one pair per child.*

Children must be present!



Shoe Store Information:

August 3: **Rock Valley** @ Love INC, 1317 Main St.

August 4: **Hawarden** @ Centerpoint Church
400 10th St.

August 5: **Sioux Center** @ First Christian Reformed Church
321 2nd St. SE

Each location is open from 4:00pm - 6:00pm
No registration required.



SHOE DONATIONS

The Heart and Soles ministry is a collaboration of churches, individuals and Love INC. Churches that choose to participate in this ministry receive a set of shoe and sock cut-outs to display. Church members can pick up one or more of the cut-outs, shop for the items listed on them and bring the shoes and socks back to church. Love INC organizes the shoe store in each community and builds a relationship with families by blessing them not just with a pair of shoes but also with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



HEART AND SOLES SHOE STORE

Every year, Love INC stands in the gap for families in Sioux County who struggle with back-to-school expenses. Through the Heart and Soles ministry, we provide brand-new shoes for children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade. With the support of area churches, we collect new, high-quality athletic shoes and socks to distribute to families during our annual Shoe Store events.

This year's events will be:

August 3 in Rock Valley at Love INC

August 4 in Hawarden at Centerpoint Church

August 5 in Sioux Center at First CRC.

As its name suggests, Heart and Soles is about more than just shoes and socks. Both giving and receiving have the power to transform hearts. Receiving a new pair of shoes can give a child confidence and excitement as they prepare to start a new school year. It can also bring encouragement and relief to parents who are carrying the burden of financial hardship.

One pair of shoes at a time, we are helping transform lives and strengthen our communities in the name of Christ.

Upcoming Classes

LOVE & LEARN CLASSES



Faith & Finances

Learn financial skills such as budgeting, saving, and paying off debt. A mentor will help you apply what you learn in class to your personal finances.



Boundaries

Cultivate habits of setting and maintaining boundaries at home, work, and even social media.



Affirming Potential

Evaluate the physical, emotional, relational and spiritual areas of your life and discover the unique potential God created you with.



Redemptive Compassion

A Biblical exploration of how God has called the Church to love and serve our neighbors.



Grief Share

Receive encouragement and support after the death of a loved one through your journey of grief. Learn more at www.griefshare.org

How to Register

Call: 712-476-5990

Email: ministries@loveincsiouxcounty.org

Web: www.loveincsiouxcounty.org



Classes begin August 25



Tuesday evenings
6:45-8:00pm



Trinity Christian Reformed
Church, Rock Valley

Board of Directors

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