

NEWSLETTER

FALL 2026



From the Executive Director

by Debbie Van'tHul

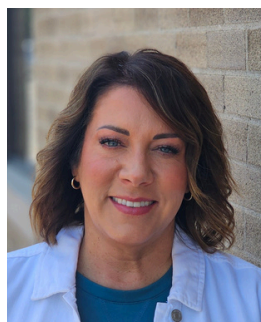
After a 2½-month sabbatical, I'm back at Love INC, reflecting on what God has taught me.

During my first week away, I took a walk and noticed a dead tree that stood out like a sore thumb. I stopped and took a picture because, at the time, I felt much like that tree—numb, exhausted, depleted, and questioning my calling.

But as I walked past it over the following weeks, I began noticing what surrounded it: green trees, blue skies, and wildflowers. My perspective shifted from what was lacking to the beauty of the bigger picture.

I began to see my sabbatical as a gift of rest and renewal. Instead of focusing on what I lacked, I began recounting God's faithfulness. He slowly restored my soul. A podcast about Elijah's calling in 1 Kings 19 especially resonated with me. Just as God provided for Elijah in his exhaustion, He provided for me through the generosity of our board and staff—giving me peace, provision, and time to reflect, remember, and reenergize. I had become so busy "doing", that I had forgotten to simply "be". God gently led me back to what truly feeds my soul: intentional time with Him and His Word. He breathed new life into my soul and renewed my passion for His Word.

I passed that same tree yesterday, and it made me smile. I hardly notice it anymore. My eyes are fixed on Jesus, and I'm walking in gratitude for the ways He has filled my cup, helped me see the bigger picture, and reminded me to rest in His unfailing love.



Dorothy E. McCormack Charitable Trust Grant

We are super excited to announce that Love INC Sioux County has received a \$5000 grant from the Dorothy E. McCormack Charitable Trust to start a laundry soap making project that will support our Home Essentials Resource Ministry. The Dorothy E. McCormack Charitable Trust was established by Dorothy McCormack in order to continue her legacy of helping various charities in her community and around the world.

We are honored and grateful to have been selected for this grant.

Job Opening



Church and Community Relations Coordinator

(part-time 20 hrs/week)

Job Responsibilities:

- Develop and strengthen church and community partnerships in Sioux County
- Plan and coordinate ministry events
- Maintain documentation processes, reports, and database.
- Participate in annual GAP ministries alongside Staff and Board

Requirements:

- A personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a heart for Christian service.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, comfortable giving presentations and praying in groups.
- Computer skills: knowledge of Word, Excel or Google Docs required.
- Willingness to work with various Christian church denominations.
- Motivated, self-starter that works well independently and collaboratively within a team setting.



Send your resume to:

Email: director@loveincsiouxcounty.org

For a full job description and more information contact us at:
712-476-5990
P.O. Box 85, Rock Valley, IA 51247
www.loveincsiouxcounty.org

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

REALITY CHECK

On October 27 we are inviting seniors from the Rock Valley Community School and the Netherlands Reformed School to participate in "Reality Check," an interactive budget simulation. Students learn firsthand the importance of making sound financial decisions that will impact their future. In this interactive experience each student chooses a career and receives a checkbook with their entry-level salary. They are then released into a mock community with approximately 20 tables staffed by local business leaders, who teach them how to budget their money wisely and effectively.

FAITH AND FINANCES -KIDS EDITION-

Childcare is an important part of our Love & Learn classes, and this session, our young learners had the opportunity to participate in a curriculum called Managing Our Money for God's Glory. Throughout the seven-week session, the children learned valuable lessons about needs versus wants, saving money, stewardship, and tithing. They even had the opportunity to earn money each week while learning how to manage it wisely! After earning their money, they practiced setting aside 2% for tithing, paying their bills, and saving for something special.



Kids learning about the importance of managing money wisely.

At the end of seven weeks of hard work, learning, and saving, the children were excited to use their earnings to purchase toys they had been looking forward to! What a wonderful way to teach children the value of hard work, wise money management, and honoring God with what we've been given!

Volunteer highlight

My name is Nataly Raudales from Rock Valley, Iowa, and my journey with Love INC truly began four years ago. It all started through a connection made while working at People's Bank through career simulation event, which eventually led me to step into the world of volunteering. Over the years, I've been so blessed to be part of events like Heart of Christmas, Redemptive Compassion, and Faith and Finances, which have truly touched my heart.



For me, this has never been just about showing up; it's a calling. I chose to serve because I wanted to give back to my community, but more importantly, I wanted to use my time to serve God and live out my faith through helping.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 27

Reality Check with RV Community School and Netherlands Reformed School

Month of November

Holiday Meal Kit sales at Sunshine Foods in Rock Valley
Giving Trees at select area businesses.

December 5

Heart of Christmas Event

Board of Directors

Josh Vermeer – Board Chair (New Life Church, Sioux Center, IA)
Missy Dokter – Vice-Chair (Trinity Reformed, Orange City, IA)
Chanda Bakker – Secretary (Hope CRC, Hull, IA)
Becky Statema – Treasurer (Calvin CRC, Rock Valley, IA)
Taylor Harberts (Faith Church, Rock Valley, IA)
Todd McDonald (Trinity Reformed, Orange City, IA)
Glenda VanWyhe, (Hawarden CRC, Hawarden, IA)