



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Love Letters

August / September 2008



A Message from
the Director

Gail Kraft

“RIGHTING THE WRONG”

I praise God there is a Love In the Name of Christ, (Love INC) in Muskegon. This past month about 25 families and several agencies were blessed with home assistance from 2 separate work camps that each stayed a week and provided services such as roofing, siding, bathroom and/or kitchen repair, painting, handicap ramp construction, new storm doors, new steps and much, much more. The first group from Christ United Methodist Church of Rockford Illinois is experienced in this type of service. This being their 6th year of work camp, they came with all the resources needed to complete 14 fairly extensive projects. When asked of the youth pastor why they chose Muskegon, she said they choose a place about 4-6 hour drive that has an agency that can help them locate families who need what they can provide. They saw that Muskegon had a Love INC and the rest is history. The following week, Project Serve stormed in to town, staying at Calvin Church and providing many of the same services. Youth from Canada, South Dakota and Nebraska built handicap ramps, painted most of the units at Community encompass, (previously known as Bethany Housing) held food drives for Love INC and did projects for the Rescue Mission and Muskegon Pregnancy Services. As I visited the work sites and met with the residents and work teams, I was often moved to tears. These work teams not only did physical labor, they also formed relationships with the residents they were serving. Many residents considered the work a miracle and some have said they would like to give back by volunteering. All of these youth and leaders gave up a week of their time and had to pay to come and work – many of the recipients had a hard time understanding that! What an example of servant hood and following Christ's example. What an example of “righting the wrong” in our community and bringing justice and mercy to those less fortunate than many of us. Maybe these groups would have come here and found the needs if Love INC wasn't here, but I'm just glad we are here and that we could facilitate this type of blessing in Muskegon. If you would like to know how to share in this ministry, contact me any time at 773-3448, Ext. 108.

Helping Hands

Project Serve

And

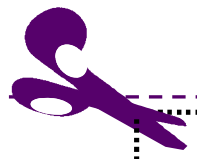
*Christ United Methodist Church
Rockford, Illinois*



Our mission is transforming lives In the Name of Christ through the church

Love INC News

"Righting the Wrong" in Muskegon County



DONATE ONLINE — www.LoveIncofMuskegon.com

YOU can make a difference in the lives of people in need.

Each need brought to Love INC represents an opportunity to connect with one of God's children, to bring a message of God's grace. **We urge everyone to give to their home church first.**



- I want to help with a monthly pledge of ____ \$50 ____ \$75 ____ \$100 ____ Other
- I want to become a Millennium Partner by donating \$1,000 or more annually
- Please send me information about volunteering with Love INC.



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Muskegon
2525 Hall Road
Muskegon, MI 49442

Phone Number:
231.773.3448

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Church Affiliation _____

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NEW LOVE INC WEBSITE

www.LoveIncofMuskegon.com

You can donate, stay abreast
of our latest news and soon,
sign up to volunteer!

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SPECIAL GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Mahle Clevite INC
- Mercy General Health Partners (Project Ramp)
- Muskegon Oceana CAP (cribs)

Love INC Welcomes Our Newest Volunteers

- Margaret Graham*, Client Services Follow-up — First Christian
- Gabriel Shyne*, Client Intake — Beacon Light
- Dena West*, Baker College Intern

Volunteers are the life-breath of Love INC; there are many opportunities and areas where you can help.

Just some ideas include: telephone intake, filing, yard work, warehouse help, food pantry sorting, quilting ministry and New Directions Mentors, attendance and follow-up.

If you have even one hour per month to volunteer, please call Yvonne Ramos at 231.773.3448, ext. 105.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Muskegon Area CROP Walk Against Hunger



Sunday, October 5, 2008

Last year, the 2007 Muskegon Area Walk raised over \$53,000 through 500 Walkers from 50 churches and organizations working together to help our neighbors in need; Love INC and seven other ministries benefit from this walk!

If you would like to walk for Love INC, call Gail Kraft, (231) 773-3448, ext. 108, for more information.

His Men in Concert

**Saturday, September 27, 2008
7:00 pm**

Forest Park Covenant Church
3815 Henry Street
Muskegon, MI

Featuring soloist Ollie Johnson

Come join us for a night of wonderful praise and fun as *His Men* and Ollie Johnson use their wonderful gifts!

A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the ministries of Love INC.

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