



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ



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Love INC of N. Oakland

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www.loveincfnoc.org

LOVE INC SAYS "GOODBYE" TO A GREAT FRIEND

We are sad to have lost a great volunteer and friend in our Clearinghouse. Dick Sullivan passed away on Sept. 20th after a courageous battle with ocular melanoma. Dick was the first male volunteer in our office. He greatly enjoyed coming in every Wednesday for the past 5 years and was responsible for sending out the weekly email blasts, and maintaining our database among many other things. He also served as Treasurer on the Board of Directors.



We offer our condolences to his wonderful wife, Marj (also a longtime office volunteer), and his family as they journey through the healing process. His smile and wit will continue to live on in our daily lives.



BEDS FOR KIDS

Lake Orion Sunrise Rotary has partnered with Love INC of North Oakland County to bring *Beds for Kids*.

So far, they have delivered more than 80 beds to local families. Sheets and pillowcases were also included when the beds were delivered.

It's just one more way that partners in the community work together for a common goal.

THE LOVE INC MOVEMENT MAKES A MOVE.

Tricia Chapman, Board Chairperson

Our Love INC affiliate's Clearinghouse has a new home. We are so very grateful to God for His faithfulness in guiding us to our new location. And we will always be thank-filled to Dr. Mastromatteo for his generosity the last 5.5 years by providing building space for us to effectively launch the Love INC of North Oakland County.

The move took place during the last week of September. Many thanks to our faithful volunteers who worked tirelessly alongside the Love INC staff to pack and unpack the many boxes that 2 Men and a Truck moved for us. Our new office is located on Clarkston Road just west of M-24. We have been able to add more phone lines to meet the ever-growing number of calls for need and assistance.

October 1st was the first official "we are open" day. Before taking one call or responding to any of the 75 plus, voice mail messages, the Love INC staff, several volunteers, a couple Board members and 2 local pastors gathered together and prayed in every room inside and the entire building outside. We thanked God for His faithfulness, we asked for the release of His Holy Spirit and His guiding hand for every phone call, every conversation, and every decision to be made.

Our loving God has a unique way of weaving the tapestry of His church in a community. I don't think that the handful of churches from various denominations, nearly 7 years ago, imagined how God would use and grow and integrate Love In the Name of Christ into our community. He has and He will continue to do so because there is nothing more effective in

sharing the love of Jesus than by the body of Christ being His hands and feet to our hurting neighbors.

If you haven't already, get in on what God is doing through Love INC in our community. He is moving, we are following, people are responding and receiving His love. Yes, the Love INC Movement is *moving*.

"I have heard all about you, LORD. I am filled with awe by your amazing works... I see God moving across the deserts from Edom, the Holy One coming from Mount Paran. His brilliant splendor fills the heavens, and the earth is filled with His praise." Habakkuk 3:2-3 (NLT)



Thank you Dr. Mastromatteo for your generosity. You have truly been a blessing to Love INC.

Many thanks also to the wonderful Clearinghouse Volunteers who helped to make our move go so smoothly. Everything went as scheduled and we could not have done it without you! This is a prime example of the dedication and belief in the Core Values of Love in the Name of Christ!

Next Steps

It was a great blessing to be able to attend the 2012 Love INC Next Steps Conference in Gurnee, IL this past month. The details of best practices, "Good to Great" philosophies, and the prayerful discernment and practical work of the LOVE INC Movement were evident in all phases of the conference.

Love INC is growing, and each affiliate operates with Love on an individual level. I met people in affiliates who had been open 30 years, and people who offered showers to their neighbors who had 600 homeless families within the borders of their affiliate.

I met many soon-to-be affiliates who were there to eagerly learn how to best move forward. Movement as a word implies "going in a direction." The Spirit of Love is alive and well and moving throughout the United States, and now in Kenya, which has set a goal of 50 affiliates in the next 5 years. WOW!

Every day I continue to thank God for the work of Love INC, which is both for the physical and spiritual good of all involved.

Peggy Barry Bartz
Love INC of NOC
Board Member

A LOVE STORY

A neighbor in need called us for assistance. Both she and her husband had been out of work for the past year and had been struggling financially.

The couple had worked with their lender to avoid foreclosure, but they were falling behind once again. She had been unable to work due to a problem pregnancy. Her daughter was born with a brain defect, along with other significant defects, causing the baby to be placed in a Hospice situation immediately. Not only did they need help with the house payment, but also funds were needed for their car payment and electric shut-off notice.

Love INC was able to refer them to FISH for obtaining food on a regular basis. Three different churches helped with the car payment and the DTE bill. Hospice helped with the house payment. One of the Love INC churches delivered a Prayer Quilt. The husband has now obtained steady employment and with the continuing encouragement and prayers, it is hopeful that this family is back on the road to stability.

Love INC will continue to monitor the progress of this family and lend spiritual support.

WELCOME REV. WIK



Rev. Larry Wik is new to Lake Orion United Methodist Church after serving as pastor of the Manchester UMC for the past 7 years. He grew up in Farmington, Mi and received his Bachelors Degree in Music at Wayne State University. He then

attended seminary at Candler School of Theology in Atlanta. He has been serving in ministry since 1994.

We look forward to getting to know Rev. Wik, his wife Jennifer, and his three children. May God bless you.

Love INC Partner Churches

Auburn Hills
Christian Center

Christ the King Church

Christ the Redeemer
Catholic Church

Community of
Christ Church

Echo Christian
Fellowship

Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church

Howarth
United Methodist Church

Immanuel
Congregational
Church

Kensington
Community Church

King of Kings
Lutheran Church

Lake Orion
Church of Christ



**October 24, 2012, from 5-9 p.m.
In Centennial Park**

Grab the girls and head to downtown Oxford!

Along with the chance to walk, talk, shop, eat, and relax, donations of new or gently used, clean winter coats will be taken for children ages 4-18 years old. New mittens, gloves, hats and scarves will also be accepted.

Visit thegirlfriendswalk.com for more info.



Love INC
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DINNER & BENEFIT CONCERT

FEATURING ONE BY FAITH
AND BY THE CROSS

WHERE: Seymour Lake United Methodist Church
3050 Sashabaw Road
Oxford, MI

WHEN: Saturday, October 27
Starting at 6 PM

COST: Suggested donation is \$10 per adult,
\$5 kids ages 12 and under

Dinner includes mostaccioli, salad, breadsticks, and a hot fudge sundae with Cook's ice cream for dessert. **All proceeds will go to Love In the Name of Christ of North Oakland County.**

All are welcome! RSVP by October 19 at 248.628.4763

Love INC Partner Churches

Lake Orion
United Methodist Church

Lakeville
United Methodist Church

Living Word
Lutheran Church

Oxford
Free Methodist Church

Oxford
United Methodist Church

Paint Creek
United Methodist Church

Pathway on the Hill
Baptist Church

Seymour Lake
United Methodist Church

St. Joseph's
Catholic Church

St. Mary's in the Hills
Episcopal Church

Woodside Bible Church
Lake Orion Campus

WELCOME REV. MILES

Rev. Kevin Miles is the new pastor at the Oxford United Methodist Church. Pastor Kevin just moved to Oxford in mid-June and is really enjoying the community ministries that are so abundant in the area.



Pastor Kevin is married to Cathee, who is also an ordained United Methodist clergy serving on the staff at the Metropolitan UMC on Woodward Avenue in the heart of Detroit. They have three adult married children and 3¼ grandchildren — that new one is “growing” in Wisconsin, while the other 3 live in nearby Richmond, Michigan.

Pastor Kevin has been in pastoral ministry for 21 years, serving in Plymouth, Blissfield and most recently in Roseville for 10 years. Prior to receiving his education and training for pastoral ministry at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, he worked 13 years in the information services field...the last 11 years at Federal-Mogul Corporation in Southfield, Michigan.

6th Annual Schrauger Memorial 5K

Saturday November 17, 2012

Lake Orion High School – Cross Country Course

495 E. Scripps Rd.
Lake Orion, MI 48360



Organized by the Lake Orion Cross Country Team in memory of
Joshua and Timothy Schrauger.

All proceeds from the event benefit the charity **Love INC.**
Supporting needy families in the Orion-Oxford area.

Be sure to check us out on [facebook](#) at: **Annual Schrauger Memorial Run 2012**

Register online at www.active.com

Or mail entry and \$25.00
registration fee to:

Schrauger Memorial 5K
c/o Beth Sheridan
1239 Cottonwood St.
Lake Orion, MI 48360

Please make checks payable to:
Schrauger Memorial 5K

Questions: jsmemorial5k@yahoo.com

Race Day Registration/Check in:
8:30 a.m.

9:30a.m. - One Mile Fun Run
10:00a.m. - 5K Cross Country Race
ALSO OPEN TO WALKERS!

****The first 150 registered participants****
will receive a race day t-shirt!!!
So register soon!

Age Groups:

0-12 13-15 16-19 20-29
30-39 40-49 50-59 60 and over

- Yes I want to help with a monthly pledge of ___\$25 ___\$50 ___\$75 ___\$100 ___Other
- I would like to give a one time gift of \$_____ Please send me more information.



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