



Mid-Hudson Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

HELPING CHURCHES HELP PEOPLE IN NEED

April 2017

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

MINISTRY OUTCOMES

New Clients	76
New Clients Prayed With	66
Calls for Help	1,210
Personal Care Deliveries.....	667
Furniture Deliveries	78
Clients Receiving New Beds	25
Linens Deliveries	86
Christmas Gifts	26 families
Building Hope Workshop...20 participants	
Enrichment Classes.....	5 participants

Our Core Values

- ❖ We are Christian. Everything we think, say and do is in the name of Christ
- ❖ Prayer is an integral part of who we are
- ❖ We follow Christ's example of valuing those in need
- ❖ We value unity of the Body of Christ
- ❖ We value transformation in the lives of people and communities
- ❖ We value churches living out the two great commandments to love God and love their neighbors
- ❖ We value building Christ-like relationships
- ❖ We value the connectedness of the Love INC movement
- ❖ We model excellence
- ❖ We value continually maturing in our capacity to meet people's needs.

A Time of Reflection, Refocus & Reboot

The Board of Mid-Hudson Love INC began 2016 with a commitment to reflect, refocus and reboot. We knew our organization had both fabulous strengths and troubling weaknesses. Refocusing on our mission, and re-energizing the local church community was paramount. A 'Reboot Leadership Team' was established to lead the way.

Since our mission is mobilizing churches and transforming lives, the Reboot Leadership Team focused first on engaging our local Body of Christ, building a stronger network. We invited pastors and lay-leaders to join the work of building hope; training people in the pews for transformational ministry in one-on-one relationships and life-skills classes.

Fifteen months later, how thankful we are that we took the plunge into reboot mode; four sets of Building Hope workshops, a home visitation ministry, clients committed to and serving at churches, LINC's and clients developing healthy relationships, and so much more. The Lord heard our cry for deeper transformation and, looking back, we see the evidence of His hand directing us to this place.

While some things have changed at Mid-Hudson Love in the Name of Christ, our overall mission remains and we are more dedicated to fulfilling it than ever before. We exist to mobilize the churches of this community, to assist them in coming together so that we can see life transformation in Christ's name and for His glory!

- Rev. Marlow Dunham & Carley Andrews for the Reboot Leadership Team

Reflections From The Clearinghouse

In a year full of change at Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ, one of the things that remained the same was the loving care our neighbors received when they called the Clearinghouse.



The Love INC Clearinghouse volunteer staff consists of 20 women with deep faith and a heart for people in need. They are led by Clearinghouse Coordinator Charissa Danielson, who prayerfully and faithfully guided and encouraged these volunteers to understand the changes, enabling them to explain policies to our neighbors with compassion and understanding. One of our clients commented, *"I wasn't so interested in classes, but you guys have been so good to me, that I thought I'd give it a try."*

The Clearinghouse remains the foundation for Love INC, a foundation of prayer, discernment, unity, and ministry to the whole person, setting the tone for future ministry and transformed lives In the Name of Christ.

RELATIONAL MINISTRY

Helping Churches Help People in Need

In 2016 Love INC invited local Hudson Valley churches to join the effort of developing a Relational Ministry Outreach. We met together eight times and made some great new connections with local pastors and volunteers. In September, we saw the kick-off of the **BUILDING HOPE WORKSHOP** series followed by several Enrichment Classes addressing *Grief and Loss*, *Spiritual Exploration* and *Creating Gift-Making for the Holidays*. The following are just a few comments from participants:

"I loved the laughter and building relationships."

"Learned that shopping at local corner stores was more expensive than going to a larger store."

"I loved the Auction – it encouraged me to dream."

"Enjoyed just talking to people."

"I found the goal segment helpful – writing down a goal and making a date to accomplish it."

"I loved talking about and trying new recipes, and all the budgeting information."

"It was good to listen to ways to manage finances and compare the game to God's path for us."



Transforming Lives

"The seeds of change were planted in Annette's life in the Fall Building Hope workshops," says Clearinghouse Coordinator Charissa Danielson. Several weeks after the end of the workshops Annette began calling the Clearinghouse seeking guidance. She felt God tugging at her heart but wasn't sure where to turn. Love INC prayed with her often and helped connect Annette with a partner church that could provide transportation to services.



Annette began attending Beulah Baptist Church and she says, "My life was changed from the inside out. I have a new circle of friends and I ask for God's guidance daily. I have stopped using and am six months clean. I am trying to live by God's way and God's will. My health is better and I am doing well."

Love INC was delighted to share in Annette's baptism at Beulah on March 26, 2017. She was beaming! "I am so grateful that Love INC has been there for me and I am so appreciative of all the help."

***Our Mission is to Mobilize local churches to transform lives & communities
In the Name of Christ***

Rob moved to Hyde Park in 2016. He heard about St. Timothy Lutheran Church (a Love INC Partner) from a Love INC volunteer and started attending. Rob says, "I found it to be a comfortable setting. The people are very welcoming and caring."

Rob also requested a LINC. "I believe that having a person to meet with once a week is important. Interaction with other people is always important and being able to have intelligent conversation and humor while developing a friendship is essential to a healthy mind, body, and spirit."

He and his LINC plan to go hiking soon. "I am a strong advocate for exercise and physical fitness. I believe it is important to go to outdoor events and do outdoor things like hiking."



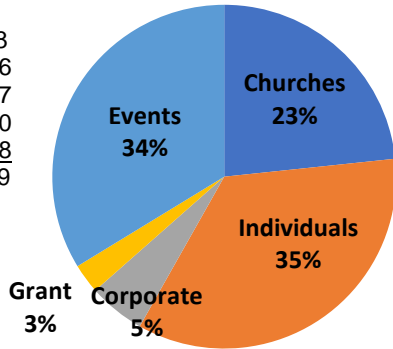
"Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13:8a

Sharon had received Personal Care Items and some much-needed furniture from Love INC, all of which she really appreciated. Then she attended the workshops, followed by the Spiritual Exploration Class. Sharon said, "The class has helped me connect with God and get to know Him. And each time I go to class I make new friends! The classes have helped me grow and see new possibilities for my life. Even my therapist noticed that I seem more vibrant!"

2016 FINANCIALS

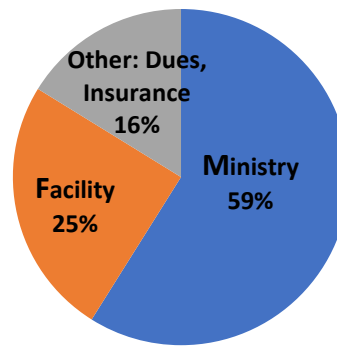
CONTRIBUTIONS

Churches	\$13,388
Individuals	\$19,976
Corporate	\$ 3,047
Grant	\$ 1,600
Events	<u>\$19,328</u>
Total Income	\$57,329



EXPENSES

Ministry	\$22,865
Facility	\$ 9,653
Other	\$ 6,290
(Dues, Insurance Professional Development Vol. Support)	_____
Total Expense	\$38,808



2016 PARTNER CHURCHES

Our Partner Churches and Local Churches supported Love INC in many ways...

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church & New Beginnings each hosted a *community-wide Prayer Gathering*.

New Beginnings hosted LINC volunteer training sessions.

Kimisis Greek Orthodox Church in Poughkeepsie *played host for our Scrabble Tournament fundraising event*.

Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church once again *hosted the Cookie Walk*.

Changepoint and **St. Paul's Episcopal Church** each *hosted Building Hope workshops*.

Many churches *pray regularly* for clients and volunteers.

Some of our **partner churches** *host gap ministries* and all *collect items* for those ministries.

Twelve local churches came together to provide the transportation, food, teachers, LINC's, and support staff for the Fall Relational Ministry classes.

- *Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Wappingers Falls
 - *Beulah Baptist Church, Poughkeepsie
 - *Changepoint, Poughkeepsie
 - Church of the Resurrection, Hopewell Junction
 - *Community Baptist Church, Wappingers Falls
 - *Community at Creekside, Poughkeepsie
 - *First Baptist Church, Poughkeepsie
 - *Hopewell Reformed Church, Hopewell Junction
 - *Immanuel Church, Wappingers Falls
 - *New Beginnings, Poughkeepsie
 - New Hackensack Reformed Church, Wappingers Falls
 - Odyssey Church, Poughkeepsie
 - *Our Savior Lutheran Church, Fishkill
 - Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, Poughkeepsie
 - *St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Poughkeepsie
 - *St. Nicholas-on-the-Hudson Church, New Hamburg
 - *St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Hyde Park
 - *Vineyard Community Church, Hopewell Junction
 - *Zion Episcopal Church, Wappingers Falls
- *denotes financial support

"...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

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2016 Cookie Walk @ Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church

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Volunteers are Making a Difference

In 2016, **194 Volunteers from 38 Churches** gave more than **7,300 hours in ministry**. Caring volunteers pray weekly for our clients, answer phones, plan events, design promotional materials, deliver precious goods, prepare mailings, bring comfort, help, and hope to hurting neighbors, and so much more.

As Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ expands Relational Ministry, volunteers are engaged in one-to-one ministry in Home Visitation and Workshop settings. Twenty-one volunteers completed the Community LINC training this year.



We know the gift of time and talent that our Love INC Volunteers offer is precious.

A leading non-profit estimated \$24.14 to be the value of a single volunteer hour (Independentsector.org, May, 2016). At that rate, our Love INC volunteers have given \$176,222 to the ministry in 2016 alone. Priceless!

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

Romans 12:12-13

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