



Mid-Hudson Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

HELPING CHURCHES HELP PEOPLE IN NEED

April 2018

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

MINISTRY OUTCOMES

Calls for Help	1,204
New Verified Clients	70
Clients who Received New Beds	27
Personal Care Deliveries.....	737
Furniture Deliveries	80
Linens Deliveries	115
Building Hope Workshops	12 participants
Grief & Loss Groups	8 participants
Spiritual Exploration	8 participants
LINC Home Visitations	7 individuals
Alpha Class at Changepoint ...	5 attendees
Community Bible Study at New Beginnings	3 attendees

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



An Extraordinary Year

As 2017 began, Mid-Hudson Love INC was emerging from a time of Rebooting, Rebuilding, and Refocusing with a pilot for Relational Ministry, well-staffed committees, and a plan to search for and hire an Executive Director. Things really took off! In April, I had the privilege of transitioning from board member to Director and am truly humbled each day to serve this organization. I am inspired by the dedication of our volunteers and challenged by our seasoned board members and leaders. My passion for ministry, God's Word, and His people are also rejuvenated as I spend time in our local churches.

2017 brought many other positive changes. Here are a few: we established a new format for a combined Annual Meeting & Volunteer Appreciation event; we added a new event - the Youth Bowling Tournament; we revitalized our website and increased our social media presence to improve our outreach; the board, volunteers, and partner pastors studied the principles of "Helping Without Hurting in Church Benevolence"; our new Community Engagement committee encouraged our presence at the Arlington Farmers Market and John Flowers Picnic. We even made Love INC t-shirts.

In the midst of embracing the new, so many things remained constant. Our faithful supporters, the commitment to prayer, our dedicated volunteers, the fabulous fundraisers the whole community enjoys, and more. In all things, Love INC has pursued its mission more than ever before - to mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ. I never get tired of telling people that "transformation begins with relationship." I love encouraging our local churches and Christians to step outside of their comfort zones to enter into relationship with those in need.

- Carley Andrews, Executive Director

From the Clearinghouse

As we look back upon the last year, the volunteers and I realize how much God guided us and prepared moments for us in the clearinghouse. Many days a neighbor would tell the volunteer what perfect timing for the call and say the encouragement and prayer were just what they needed that day. On other days the volunteer who picked up the phone was the one most suited with experiences to assist the neighbor who called. Clearinghouse volunteers also recognized when God directed them, saying, "I just kept thinking about this neighbor and I need to call them today." It is a joy to watch as God uses all the unique capacities of each volunteer to help our neighbors, and it is an honor to serve with them.



- Charissa Danielson, Clearinghouse Coordinator

RELATIONAL MINISTRY

The point of Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ is to help churches help people in need; but what does that really look like?

Iris Drummond (Changepoint Church) says, "My experience as a LINC volunteer has been very insightful. At first, I made a few home visits with Deb (name changed). We had an instant connection. I found that Deb preferred to talk on the telephone because she has days with so much pain that she does not feel like getting out of bed. With my demanding schedule, the telephone worked for me as well. We have such good conversations about cooking, gardening, the City of Poughkeepsie, thrift store shopping, etc. I do have the opportunity to pray for her and it flows so naturally that it is a part of our conversation and she says AMEN!"

Karen Gioia (New Beginnings) says, "I had the pleasure of coordinating Love INC's Spiritual Exploration class last summer and driving one lady to attend. After the class concluded we said we should keep in touch. We have gone out for coffee and dinner a few times and now I consider Sally (name changed) a good friend. A couple of months after the class, Sally felt lead to attend a local church. She sings in their choir and also attends their Bible study class. Praise God! I joined the ministry of Love INC several years ago to hopefully be a blessing to others, but it turns out I have been blessed more than I could have imagined."



Judie Pagonis (St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church) shares, "I am honored to be a part of Love INC. It has really opened my eyes to poverty, and it has opened the door for me to share the love of Jesus. It's not always easy, but this has grown my faith. I am linked with Brenda (name changed). At the start she was so anxious, struggling with isolation, health issues, grief, and finances. She attended the Love INC Grief and Loss Support Group all summer and loved it – she didn't want the group to end. I see that she has grown in her faith, and she is starting to move outside her comfort zone. She has begun volunteering at a local agency serving meals. She is so appreciative of me...which blows me away because I'm just being a friend!"

Adrienne Haynes (Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, co-teacher of Building Hope class) says, "I love watching the class attendees shift from skeptical in the early weeks to openness; fellowshiping with others and really beginning to embrace what we are teaching. This is especially true of the Goal Setting – seeing them light up as they consider things they could change about their lives – it's wonderful. Building Hope is the name of the class series, but we get to see it actually take shape in attendees' lives! And I know this teaching experience has had an impact on me! Talking about goals and seeking God's plan for my life – this is all speaking directly into my life."



Lauri Gruen (Valley Community Church, Leader of Grief and Loss Support Group) has these comments, "Through Love INC's Relational Ministry, God has blessed me with the opportunity to serve Him by using my own 'light afflictions' to walk alongside others through their pain. Our community is overflowing with hurting people. Being able to contribute in some small way to their healing strengthens my faith, as I watch God restore broken lives. Jesus is the ultimate Healer and whether the clients realize it or not, they sense He is present, as they open their heart and share their pain to receive His comfort."

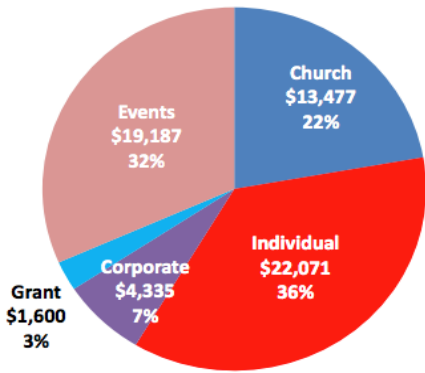
Gwen Higgins (Bangall United Methodist Church, co-teacher of Building Hope class) shares that, "When people ask me what I am doing these days, I very often find myself talking about these Building Hope workshops even though I am conducting workshops all over the place. I am so proud to be a part of this ministry, and I know it has grown me. I have grown as a teacher, as an evangelist, and I've grown through the blessing of meeting all of these great people who are so open. I love seeing the change in them from class #1 to class #4 – it's terrific! And I know they are on the path to even deeper transformation!"

Volunteers are Making a Difference: There was an amazing troupe of volunteers who hosted, facilitated, prayed over and provided transportation for the Relational Ministry workshops in 2017. Combined with other ministry activity, **220 volunteers from more than 35 churches invested over 8,285 hours** in ministry through Mid-Hudson Love INC.



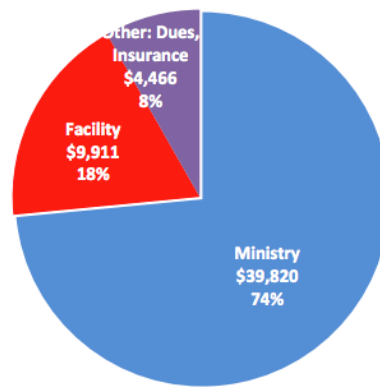
2017 FINANCIALS

Contributions



Churches	\$13,477
Individuals	\$22,071
Corporate	\$ 4,335
Grant	\$ 1,600
Events	\$19,187
Total Income	\$60,670

Expenses



Ministry	\$39,820
Facility	\$ 9,911
Other: (Dues, Ins.)	\$ 4,466
Total Expense	\$54,197

2017 CORPORATE MATCH

- ♥ Thrivent Financial
- ♥ Harvey Hubbell Foundation

2017 BUSINESS SUPPORT

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"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galations 6:9

2017 PARTNER CHURCHES

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

Beulah Baptist Church hosted a community-wide Prayer Gathering.

New Beginnings hosted a breakfast for local pastors and Christian leaders.

Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, Kimisis Greek Orthodox Church and Changepoint Church hosted Love INC fundraisers.

New Hackensack Reformed Church, St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church, Beulah Baptist Church and Hopewell Reformed Church participated in the Youth Bowling Tournament.

Many churches came together to provide transportation, food, teachers, LINC's, and support staff for our Relational Ministry classes.

All of our **partner churches** contributed to our GAP Ministries.



- * **Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Wappingers Falls**
- * **Beulah Baptist Church, Poughkeepsie**
- * **Changepoint Church, 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**
- * **St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Poughkeepsie**
- * **St. Nicholas-on-the-Hudson Episcopal, New Hamburg**
St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Hyde Park
- * **Vineyard Community Church, Hopewell Junction**
- * **Zion Episcopal Church, Wappingers Falls**

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"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:13