



Mid-Hudson Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

HELPING CHURCHES HELP PEOPLE IN NEED

May 2019

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

MINISTRY OUTCOMES

Calls for Help	1,116
New Verified Clients	70
Clients who Received New Beds	23
Personal Care Deliveries.....	757
Furniture Deliveries	63
Linens Deliveries	94
Building Hope Workshops	42 participants
Grief & Loss Groups	8 participants
Spiritual Exploration	16 participants
Craft Class	3 participants
LINC Home Visitations (calls and visits)	7 individuals

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



As 2018 began, there was an excitement in the air at Mid-Hudson Love INC. Last year was a year of intentional focus on the beautiful community we live and serve in. I think the best way to do this is by engaging with the people most invested in it. Pastor Gatherings, our TED Talk event with a panel of community leaders, and Coffee for a Cause at the Ugly Mug were a few of the ways we joined forces with some powerhouse influencers in our community. I treasure the opportunity to glean wisdom from these individuals. Furthermore, our Relational Ministry classes continued to grow in 2018. As we communicate with those in our service area, our Clearinghouse volunteers and our Relational Ministry volunteers carefully listen to their needs and desires so we can best match them with appropriate resources and aim to provide those that are not being fulfilled in other areas. As the months of 2018 drifted by, I was so proud to witness Love INC's commitment to transformation. As we encounter people over the phone, while delivering products or in a class, we consistently strove to let them see their God-given value, gifting, and to discover resources within themselves. After months of looking for a new office space, we spent December packing up our long-time space in the Care Net building to move just a few streets down the road. I spent New Year's Eve unpacking at our new home: 94 Market Street. We are so grateful for God's abundant blessings. As we move into our second decade of ministry to the Mid-Hudson Valley community, we are committed to living out our mission which we truly believe is the heart of God: engaging the Body of Christ so that together we can transform lives and our beloved community for His Name's sake.

- Carley Andrews, Executive Director

From the Clearinghouse



As last year unfolded, many in the Love INC community sought insight into God's leading for the expansion of ministry to the people who call for help and whose lives are in need of so much. Of course, as everyone waited on God, the timing and the pathway became clearer. It was great to see the church volunteers start to pursue more purposeful relational ministry. Through all of this a need arose for better coordination through a new role that I was asked to take on. We hope to provide a connection between the Clearinghouse, the Gap ministries, the skill/relationship-building classes, and the future mentoring program. This focus will be beneficial for those who participate in the programs, so they are offered every opportunity to grow as a person, in all their capacities, including their relationship with God. It is very inspirational to me to anticipate all the potential that is ahead of us as a ministry of churches. May we all continue to become vessels for God, as He equips us, to help the broken hearted and afflicted people in our community.

- Charissa Danielson, Coordinator of Client Services

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?

Mike (*name changed*) is grateful for Love INC and his relationship with Alex Haddad, a personal care delivery volunteer, who has been consistently delivering to him. Earlier this year volunteers met Mike when he called after his neighbor suggested Love INC could assist him. Mike called looking for furniture as he moved into an apartment and was facing an upcoming surgery for some of his health conditions. Beds INC delivered a bed, and other Love INC Gap ministries delivered furniture, linens, and personal care products. Mike is thankful for the prayer and inspiration of the volunteers he has met and he is now losing weight and making better choices. Mike called us recently with appreciation for Alex, with whom he has talked with on three visits. Alex has left a “huge impression” on Mike and he “resonates” with him. Mike says the people of Love INC are a “super blessing!” He appreciates the openness and care that Alex has shown him.



Janet Abramson says “Love INC has been wonderful, kind and friendly. The Craft class I took was relaxing, fun and terrific. The group had a great time. They (the Christmas villages they created) came out so good and I can’t believe I did that!”

Volunteers are Making a Difference

Nancy Van Heemst: “There can be no doubt that the weeks spent together in our Spiritual Exploration impacted those in attendance. As we opened up the Bible together to glimpse into the life of Jesus, many recognized His all-embracing love and the hope that only He brings to our lives. Prayers were answered as we prayed for each other, and I believe that God greatly used those 6 short weeks to encourage, inspire and challenge the attendees to explore Christ on a deeper level.”

Christina Sarmiento: “In my time with Mid-Hudson Love INC I have had the opportunity to see God work in the lives of participants. What has been most meaningful is seeing participants build community both in and outside the Relational Ministry Classes. Through classes like Building Hope, participants come together to learn, work as a team to complete class activities and provide sound input in the lives of other classmates when needed. The best part is in several cases I’ve seen this meaningful community continue beyond the classroom. I see God bringing people together with the common goal of transforming their lives, with the potential of a consistent support system as they take steps toward this goal.”



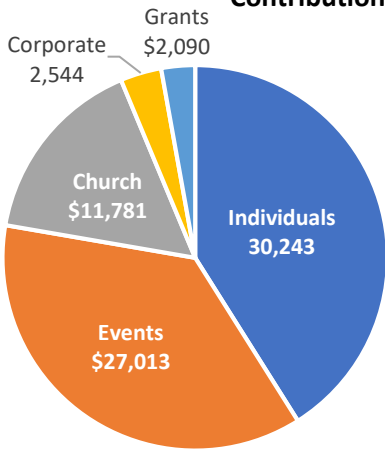
Carolyn Landry: “My first experience volunteering for Love INC was as class coordinator for a Grief & Loss Class. Under the guidance of Lauri Gruen, four participants were given scripture and tools to help them in their grieving process. Being with others who shared similar pain, these women were able to freely share their grief stories. I saw how sharing God’s love, His Word, and prayer encouraged them in their grief journey. It was an honor to be a part of this ministry, to be Christ’s hand extended.”



Jewel Ratzlaff: “Reflecting on our Relational Ministry classes of 2018, I believe two of the most positive outcomes for participants were these: increased openness (to new people and new perspectives) and growing hope. The Love INC workshops were positive disruptors in their lives; participants were surprised by the learning games we played, they broke out of their isolation to attend a class where they had to share and listen to others, they discovered they could trust the Love INC volunteers, and began to really look forward to the next session. In essence, many participants thrived emotionally and socially in the environment of love, respect, and challenge. It was a year of experiences that confirmed the title of those classes: Building Hope!”

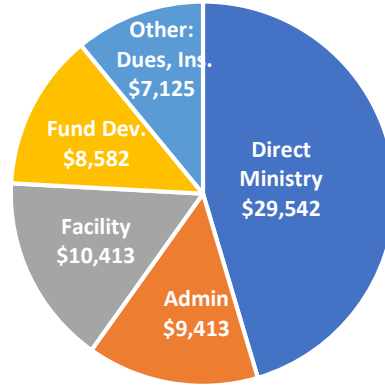
2018 FINANCIALS

Contributions



Churches	\$11,784
Individuals	\$30,243
Corporate	\$ 2,544
Grant	\$ 2,090
Events	<u>\$27,013</u>
Total Income	\$73,674

Expenses



Ministry	\$29,542
Facility	\$10,413
Fund Dev.	\$ 8,582
Admin.	\$ 9,413
Other: (Dues, Ins.)	<u>\$ 4,466</u>
Total Exp.	\$62, 416

2018 CORPORATE MATCH

Thank you PCSB for our 2018 grant to support our move.

♥ Thrivent Financial

2018 BUSINESS SUPPORT (\$250+)

- ♥ Pagones Insurance Agency ♥ Steve Jones, FIC, Thrivent Financial
- ♥ Lambert Plumbing and Heating ♥ Package Pavement
- ♥ Childcare by Valerie ♥ Dino Mavros Co. ♥ Misedra & Associates
- ♥ Dr. Joseph G. Dell, DDS ♥ Brandl's Towing ♥ Flo Tech Inc

Thank you to all who contributed their Time, Talent, and Treasure in 2018



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*"Let us run with perseverance the race marked for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith."
Hebrews 12:1b-2*

2018 PARTNER CHURCHES

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

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

Thank You Volunteers!

There was an amazing troupe of volunteers who hosted, facilitated, prayed over and provided transportation for the Relational Ministry workshops in 2018. Combined with other ministry activities, **202 volunteers invested 8,875 hours** in ministry through Mid-Hudson Love INC.

**8,875 volunteer hours
at \$25.43*/hour equals
\$225,691.25!**

**According to the Independent Sector, the estimated national value of each 2018 volunteer hour.*

REDEMPTIVE
COMPASSION

Let us know if you'd like to participate in one of our **Redemptive Compassion** small groups.



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