



Mid-Hudson Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

Building Relationships • Restoring Hope • Transforming Lives

JULY 2020

Our Mission

To engage local churches
to transform lives
and our community
In the Name of Christ

Redemptive Compassion® Core Principles

Everyone has value.

We are called to invest relationally
in each other.

Everyone has capacity and potential.

Mutual participation is important.

We must use wisdom and discernment.

What we do should transform.



Redemptive Compassion® is a biblical philosophy on how we can offer wholistic help to those we serve. It has evolved over fifteen years of working daily with people who find themselves struggling with needs in their life and unable to overcome them on their own.

If your church or small group would like to host a Redemptive Compassion study, send an email to director@mhinc.org.

Patty Little, Redemptive Compassion Study Group Attendee:

"I found the Redemptive Compassion study to be a highly rewarding and thought-provoking course. The easy-to-read study guide that accompanied the course presented concise summaries of real-life scenarios, interwoven with a Christian discussion of a "hand up rather than hand out" philosophy. Thank you, Love INC, for providing this awesome opportunity!"



Director's Message

John Marrine, Executive Director

Can you believe that 2020 is already half over? But what a first half this has been. In January, we started to execute our ministry plans and activities for 2020 partnering with local churches in assisting those in need within our community. We were off to a great start with our Clearinghouse client services, Relational Ministry classes, and collaboration with churches and outside organizations, when COVID-19 struck forcing our community to an immediate halt.

This pandemic required us to rethink how we could get the most basic needs of our neighbors met while adhering to state and local mandates. With our staff and volunteers united, we were ready to face this unforeseen challenge.

During quarantine, our dedicated volunteers completed 270 check-in calls to encourage and pray with our neighbors, provided emotional support, made referrals to available community resources, and made emergency deliveries such as groceries, cleaning supplies, hand-made masks, and even a sewing machine. Several churches provided food pantries, meal deliveries, and general assistance to those affected. Although the Love INC team were working remotely during this time of quarantine, we were happy to reopen our doors on June 15.

As I reflect back on the first six months, instead of focusing on event results and goals met, I'd rather highlight how I saw people putting themselves second and prioritizing the needs of others above their own needs. I saw organizations, churches and a community coming together to give hope to those less fortunate. I saw neighbors appreciative of the outpouring of love they experienced during these desperate times.

THANK YOU to all who have been called to this ministry and glorified God through their efforts. I look forward to working with you all! ~ John

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Isaiah 26:3

Love Stories of Hope

♥ A client who is disabled and raising her grandchildren, called to talk and pray, especially about her current struggles. In the conversation the volunteer learned that she needed a resource for food, diapers and wipes, and her disability limited her ability to get to the store. Through a volunteer from a local church an abundance of food, diapers and wipes were obtained and brought to her home.

♥ In a check-in phone call to a client, the volunteer learned that his disability flared up, leaving him barely able to walk and almost out of food. A delivery volunteer obtained the food and delivered it the next day to his home.

♥ A neighbor who has ongoing cancer treatment was in the emergency room getting a cast for a broken ankle. A volunteer called to offer prayer and encouragement during her difficult time and was able to also suggest local resources for food delivery. The neighbor asked if the volunteer knew where she could get a sewing machine to make masks for people. A used sewing machine was found but required repairs. A couple of weeks later, the volunteer notified the neighbor that the sewing machine was repaired and delivered it to the neighbor. The neighbor was excited and now had a way to help others stay safe.

Client Services Message • Charissa Danielson



Connecting to our neighbors continued even though the Mid-Hudson Love INC office closed like so many other places due to COVID-19. During the time of the shutdown, phone volunteers worked from home calling neighbors to check in, encourage, and link neighbors with needs to church and community resources that remained open.

In many phone calls, both neighbor and volunteer enjoyed more lengthy phone calls since both were at home without plans to fill their days. Neighbors shared about feeling isolated and appreciating a listening ear. Another group of fearless volunteers obtained and delivered necessities, such as food, diapers, formula, toilet paper, etc., to neighbors who are older or with special needs or could not access resources since they were closed.

And we are appreciative to the many neighbors who offered encouragement and asked about how their volunteers were doing during the lockdown. One neighbor shared the following, "I know that God is doing something even if it looks like He is doing nothing. It's important to look for the little good things, to engage in hope, to pray and focus on the positive." Thanks to this neighbor for sharing such a great perspective. And thanks to all of the dedicated and inspirational people of the church who kept reaching out to our neighbors. ~ Charissa

10 or 12 oz Bottled Water

Regional Ministry Message • Joanne Temmel



The Relational Ministry had a jam-packed trimester in progress when the virus hit in March causing us to suddenly suspend two classes that were in full swing - Building Hope II and Affirming Potential. This summer, we are excited to resume those interrupted classes in July and August with COVID safety measures in place as we reconnect with our neighbors in person.

We took advantage of the unexpected downtime to explore new online ministry options and onboard additional coaches for the one-on-one mentoring program that will launch later this fall. To keep the momentum going, we moved our volunteer Coach training sessions to an online format. We also completed a Redemptive Compassion small group study with PUMC via Zoom. God has surely been faithful in allowing the Relational Ministry to move forward during this season of unpredictable challenges!

We are blessed in getting back on track with our programs! ~ Joanne

Power of Five

The Power of Five campaign began in 2018 to help build a firm foundation for growth. Will you help keep that foundation stay strong at one of the following levels?

- \$5 Month or \$60 Year (The original power of five)
- \$10 Month or \$120 Year (Double your power!)
- \$15 Month or ~\$170 Year (Tripling your power enables Love INC to engage and support one individual for the year*)
- \$28 Month or \$340 Year (Adopt-A-Family* cost per household)
- Other

*In 2019, Mid-Hudson Love INC worked with 474 adults and children from 236 Households.

TEXT: Text the amount you wish to give to 914-368-6383.

ON-LINE: www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org Click DONATE, Monetary.

Indicate the Power of Five fund. Have your banking information or credit card handy.

E-BANKING: Contact your local bank to set up an automatic monthly gift to Mid-Hudson Love INC.

MAIL CHECK: Make Love INC part of your monthly check writing, or send a one-time donation to: Mid-Hudson Love INC, PO Box 5216, Poughkeepsie, NY 12602.

Save the Date!

Fill The Truck Donation Drive

To benefit the Mid-Hudson Love INC Relational Ministry



Saturday, August 29, 2020

Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church
2391 New Hackensack Road, Poughkeepsie, NY

Stop by the PUMC Parking Lot between 1 pm and 4 pm on August 29 and help us "Fill The Truck" by donating these much-needed ministry class incentive items for Mid-Hudson Love INC!

Waters

- 10 or 12 oz Bottled Water

Grocery Items

- Can (10 oz) Chicken Meat
- Jar/Box LOW SODIUM dry Chicken Bouillon
- Can (10 oz) ROTEL Diced Tomatoes
- Can (15 oz) Black Beans
- Can (15 oz) Corn Kernels
- Bag of Corn Tortilla Chips
- Boxed Mac and Cheese Dinner
- Box (12-18 oz) Breakfast Cereal
- Box (1 lb) Pasta
- Jar (24 oz) Pasta Sauce
- Can (5 oz) Tuna
- Jar (12 oz) Mayonnaise
- Can (19 oz) Low Sodium Soup
- Can of Coffee (10.5 oz)

Snacks

- Box of Granola Bars
- Individually Wrapped and/or Single-Serve Bags of Cookies, Crackers, Chips, Popcorn, Dried Fruit
- Wrapped Sugar-Free Hard Candies

Household Items

- Plastic Bucket (2 gallon)
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Box Dryer Sheets
- Toilet Paper
- Liquid Dish Detergent
- 4-Pack of Cleaning Sponges (not scrubbers)
- Liquid Disinfectant Cleaner (32 oz)
- Garbage Bags (13 gallon, 20-30 pack)
- Pair of Rubber Cleaning Gloves (Size Large)

Personal Care

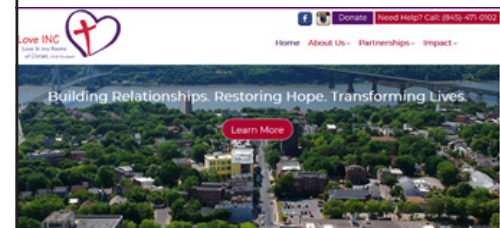
- Shampoo
- Bar Soap
- Pump Hand Soap
- Toothpaste

Cards and Bags

- \$10 and \$20 Grocery Cards with activation slips - Stop n Shop, ShopRite, Price Chopper
- 1 & 1½ Inch 3-Ring Binders, Hard with Clear Cover Sleeve

Contact Mid-Hudson Love INC at 845-471-0102 for more information

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