



Mid-Hudson Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

Building Relationships • Restoring Hope • Transforming Lives

FALL 2021

Our Mission

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

Our Core Values

We are Christian. Everything we think, say, and do is In the Name of Christ.

We follow Christ's example in valuing people in need.

We value unity in the Body of Christ. That is reflected by a unity of purpose in serving our neighbors in need.

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 connectedness in the Love INC Movement.

We model excellence.

We value continually maturing in our capacity to meet people's needs.



Director's Message

John Marrine, Executive Director

I want to start with a huge THANK YOU to all that support Mid-Hudson Love INC. Your support of time, treasures and talents comes in many forms such as class teachers and drivers, Gap Ministry and Clearinghouse volunteers, Board and Committee members and donors and sponsors to name a few.

The pandemic still looms over us in 2021 with restrictions still in place, but because of your dedication and contributions, together we continue to advance forward to truly transform lives in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

To-date:

- Our six Relational Ministry classes, spanning two semesters, continue to be held in-person with 32 neighbors participating and filling 61 seats.
- Our mentoring and support of graduates pursuing their goals through our Coaching Program had three neighbors matched in a one-on-one relationship with two of the teams still engaged.
- Our Gap Ministry has made 775 deliveries spanning Personal Care, Hygiene, Linen, Furniture, and Beds.
- Our Clearinghouse has received 647 calls from neighbors for assistance.
- Our dedicated Prayer Warriors in our Prayer Ministry receive prayer requests weekly and have produced monthly Prayer Calendars so we can be a community in prayer (calendars can be found at mid-hudsonloveinc.org under Prayer Ministry).

YOU continue to play a vital role by your continued prayers, volunteer hours, and financial support. I hope through this newsletter and other communications you are encouraged to see how God is using the gifts of time, treasures, and talents you give to Love INC to help build relationships, restore hope and transform lives. ~ John

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10

REDEMPTIVE COMPASSION

Redemptive Compassion® is a biblical philosophy on how we can offer wholistic help to those we serve.

We offer an informative five session Redemptive Compassion study. If you would like to attend our next study group, please look for details of one that we will be planning for Spring 2022.

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



Our volunteers, are key in realizing the Mid-Hudson Love INC mission to engage local churches to transform lives and our community In the Name of Christ. No matter what the challenges, they have provided unwavering support and for that we Thank You All!

There is so much more to be done. If you would like to volunteer, please go to www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org under the 'Partnerships' tab to find out more information or join us at our next Volunteer Orientation session.

Volunteer Orientation

Learn More at an introduction to Local Ministry through a Mid-Hudson Love INC Volunteer Orientation Session: Saturday, November 20, 10 am (Zoom)

RSVP to Jewel Ratzlaff, Volunteer Coordinator at info@mhinc.org.



Save the Date

GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 30

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transition their communities and the world.

We would like to ask you to partner with us on a specific goal this year for our Furniture Ministry. Many of us are blessed to have sturdy, comfortable furniture that makes a house a home and gives us a hopeful sense of place. Many of our neighbors are lacking such basic furniture. Love INC is blessed to have gently used furniture donated that we can then help our neighbors make their house a home. Currently, we store all donated furniture in two rental storage units which costs ~\$3,000 per year. Would you be willing to help us fund these storage units via a Giving Tuesday donation? Please go to www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org and click on the Donate button and select the 'Giving Tuesday' option. Thank You!



Coaches are an integral part of a neighbor's journey. They encourage and guide individuals in need as they define action steps and make progress on their dreams. Current coaches express how much they are blessed with this new found relationship. Why not join our Coaching session to find out more. Saturday, November 13, 10am (Zoom) RSVP to Joanne Temmel at relationalministrycoordinator@mhinc.org.

Neighbor's Perspective on Coaching

One neighbor who recently lost her job due to covid found herself in the job market for the first time in many years. She has worked closely with her coach to rewrite her resume and is now registered with an outside agency to obtain interviewing tips and job search leads. "It is wonderful, because a few months ago, I didn't know where to start to look for a job. I feel so much more confident about how I can present myself to an employer." When asked how coaching has helped, she added "What I am most appreciative of is having the support of my coach. The job search process can be very discouraging, but my coach keeps me motivated and always covered in prayer." Why not join us at the next Coach Orientation to find out more.

Thank You

Fill The Truck

For the second year in a row, the Mid-Hudson Love INC 'Fill The Truck' event to provide class incentives to our neighbors was a success thanks to YOU! The supplies received will fulfill the needs for our Fall classes and most likely will flow over to help support our Winter classes.

THANK YOU to all that supported this event and to Pagones Insurance for hosting this event in their parking lot.



Twelfth Annual Benefit SCRABBLE BLITZ TOURNAMENT

We appreciate those who attended and supported our Twelfth Annual Scrabble Tournament. It was great to see everyone in-person and having fun while helping to support those in need here in Dutchess County. With your support, between the Scrabble tournament, the Trapp Family Lodge vacation and raffles, we were able to raise over \$7,000! Thank You!

Ready...Set... Learn

With your support, we reached our goal of \$3,500 to help defray the costs for classes such as student workbooks and calculators for Faith & Finance class, teaching tools like flip charts, pens, and post its, hundreds of photocopies for handouts, and face masks for drivers, neighbors, and volunteers. Our neighbors testify how vital these classes are! We heard: "The class is so, so good for me." "The class taught me to pay off my debt early and create an emergency fund." "The class helped me to think about how I can better my relationship with my husband." Thank You for your support in impacting lives!



Relational Ministry

Love Stories

Class Participant Quotes

♥ **Building Hope 1:** "I came home feeling good after class last week. I am normally shy, but it helped that I was paired up with someone. This class is a blessing from God."

♥ **Building Hope 2:** "The best thing I learned from BH-2 class was knowing how to budget. I have been using the budgeting booklet I received in class."

♥ **Faith & Finance:** "I learned the value of saving money. I love the classes because you really do a good job of giving time for the students to share and learn."

♥ **Spiritual Exploration:** "I enjoyed class because it taught me more about God and it gave me something positive to focus on during a terrible time in my life...and it's keeping me going with all these troubles assailing me."

Prayer Calendar

Prayer is such an integral part of the Love INC ministry. Did you know you can join us in daily prayer through our Prayer Calendar? Every day of the month has a special prayer request that we, as a community, can be in prayer together.

Our calendars are available on our website at the *Impact/Prayer Ministry* tabs and selecting the *Prayer Update* button at the bottom of the page.



Visit Our Updated Website @ www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org for the latest ministry information!

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