



What is Love INC?

Love In the Name of Christ is a proven ministry model that networks local churches, volunteers, and community organizations to help our neighbors in need. Love INC exists to support local churches in transforming lives In the Name of Christ.

Who benefits from Love INC?

Neighbors in need receive coordinated help through a partnership of church and community services. Community agencies refer people to Love INC for specific gap resources, giving church members the opportunity to use their unique gifts and talents to serve others. The community becomes stronger as these collaborations grow.

Why do communities need Love INC?

One single church or agency, alone, cannot deal with all the complex issues of poverty. Operating independently, groups sometimes duplicate efforts or entirely miss opportunities to meet needs. It takes multiple churches, working together across denominational lines, in conjunction with local agencies, to make a lasting impact.

What is Redemptive Compassion?

Redemptive Compassion is a Biblical paradigm for how churches can offer wholistic help to those we serve. The book study of *Redemptive Compassion*, by Lois Tupy, challenges current helping models, encouraging us to move from offering a handout to a hand up. To learn more, contact us at director@mhinc.org.

Our Mission

Engage local churches
to transform lives and our community
In the Name of Christ.

Our Vision

To see the local Body of Christ
united and serving people in need
with *Redemptive Compassion*.



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**Building Relationships
Restoring Hope
Transforming Lives**



How Does It Work?



The Clearinghouse is at the heart of the Love INC model. Trained volunteers from partnering churches gather here three days a week, beginning the process that connects a neighbor in need with appropriate resources and supportive relationships.

The Process

Request – Neighbors in need call the Clearinghouse with a request for help.

Assess – Volunteers conduct an intake interview, listening carefully for the depth and breadth of the need, the individual's support system, and the resources already in place.

Provide – After the situation is analyzed and verified through follow-up calls, the individual is referred to the most appropriate Love INC Gap Ministry, Church Ministry, or Agency to address immediate needs.

Follow up – Volunteers follow up with the individual to confirm the immediate need was addressed, to offer encouragement, and seek deeper engagement.

Going Deeper – Volunteers offer additional Church contact, broader resource referrals, and the opportunity to attend Relational Ministry classes which are designed to build skills, confidence, community, and hope.



Gap Ministry

Love INC Gap Ministries are intentionally created to fill unmet needs (gaps) in community resources.

Working together, partnering churches build, house, supply, and run the gap ministries.

Gap Ministries meet immediate, tangible needs and in the process develop relationships and trust with our neighbors.

Mid-Hudson Love INC Collaborative Gap Ministries

Personal Care Item Pantry – housed at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Fishkill, offers individually packed bags of items such as toothpaste, shampoo, soap, toilet paper, laundry detergent, paper towels, etc

Linens Ministry – housed at Immanuel Church, Wappingers Falls, offers custom-packed packages of sheets, blankets, pillows and towels

Furniture Ministry – housed in a storage unit in Poughkeepsie, offers home delivery of select items like dressers, sofas, kitchen table and chairs, coffee table, etc

Hygiene Pantry – housed at Community Baptist Church, Wappingers, offers class attendees their choice of unique personal hygiene items

Beds INC – a ministry of Hopewell Reformed Church, collaborating with Love INC to deliver new beds

To Donate to any of these Gap Ministries, contact the Gap Ministry Coordinator at info@mhinc.org



Relational Ministry Program

Breaking the Cycle

Love INC Relational Ministry classes assist individuals and families to become more resilient in every area of their lives. We encourage class participants to develop a relationship with God, build on their God-given gifts, and set goals that will carry them from 'just surviving' to 'thriving'.

Foundational Life Skills Series

Building Hope I and II – basic nutrition, budgeting, renters' rights, goal-setting, community building

Faith and Finances – a practical journey toward financial literacy and long-term stability based on Biblical teachings

Affirming Potential – evaluate one's physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual well-being, discover one's unique potential, set goals

Coaching Connections – one-on-one life coaching for highly-motivated individuals

Life Enhancing Workshops

Grief & Loss I and II – safe place for individuals to share and process past losses

Spiritual Exploration – place to explore Biblical principles, ask questions about God and faith

Resolving Everyday Conflict – learn practical tools to diffuse conflict and rebuild trust

Healthy Lifestyles – learn new eating and activity habits to build health

Craft Class – fun time for conversation and crafting

NOTE: Love INC also offers programs designed for the minor children of adults attending classes