

*Building Relationships ~ Restoring Hope ~ Transforming Lives*

**2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

March 2023

**MINISTRY IMPACT**

Calls for Help .....	931
Households Served .....	198
New Verified Neighbors .....	36
Neighbors who Received New Beds ..	34
Personal Care Deliveries.....	692
Furniture Deliveries .....	45
Linens Deliveries .....	89
Hygiene Deliveries (In Class) .....	50
Household Goods Delivery .....	18
Building Hope Classes .....	22 participants
Faith and Finance Class .....	16 participants
Affirming Potential Class .....	11 participants
Spiritual Exploration Class .....	11 participants
Healthy Lifestyles Class .....	7 participants
Children's Class .....	7 children
Thanksgiving Baskets .....	31 households
Christmas Baskets .....	35 families
Christmas Gifts .....	35 children
Children's Family Fun Day .....	20 children

**OUR MISSION**

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



**TRANSFORMATION**

Transformation is about modifying core beliefs and long-term behaviors, or simply put from a Love INC perspective, working with our neighbors to reach a sustainable level of improvement in their lives. The Love INC ministry model is relational which is key to transformation because a long-term relationship builds community and trust that enables us to walk alongside each neighbor and explore with them their God given potential. When passionate, trained Christians engage in their community, like our staff and volunteers do, healthy relationships grow, and struggling neighbors receive support, friendship, and the kind of practical help they need.

Almost every category represented in the 'Ministry Impact' section showed an increase in 2022 signifying the growing need in our community and the importance and impact of serving our neighbors. We have addressed the needs through Gap Ministry partnerships and offerings. New classes have been added resulting from goals identified by our neighbors. We have bolstered our Children's Ministry with a Bible led class and a Family Fun Day including filled backpacks. Youth Ministry initiatives are being pursued with churches. Our Coaching team is growing to assist neighbors in achieving their goals. It is only through the commitment and passion of our volunteers and staff that over time relationships blossom and transformation is experienced by everyone – neighbors, volunteers, staff, and churches.

As you read the stories and testimonies in this Annual Report, look to see how these love stories intersect, using many of God's people to bring about transformation. God is truly at work through the Love INC family.

*~ John Marrine, Executive Director*

*God is in the business of transforming us into His likeness.  
2 Corinthians 3:18*



In 2022, **158** volunteers from **33** churches invested over **7,590** hours in ministry through Mid-Hudson Love INC! That equates to **\$227,321** according to the *Independent Sector* which estimates the national value of \$29.95 for each 2022 volunteer hour.

Please refer to '*Ministry Impact*' above for a summary of their accomplishment in serving those in need.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!**

If you would like to learn more about volunteering opportunities at Mid-Hudson Love INC, please contact Jewel Ratzlaff (info@mhinc.org) or visit our website (www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org).

# Transformation Love Stories

## Neighbors

*"Going to class is really good for me. I can't tell you how much it means to be able to come and talk about things that are important to me and hear what others go through too." ~ Faith & Finances Neighbor ~*

*"I loved Faith & Finance, the classmates too. It was very informational. I loved that it was Bible-based and had clear information. Best Class!" This neighbor also stated that she still has her class notebook and looks at her notes since the class finished in May. ~ Faith & Finances Neighbor ~*

*A neighbor, who experienced the loss of several loved ones this past year and stayed connected to volunteers, called recently to let us know how she is doing and to share her gratitude for all the volunteers who have supported her this year. The volunteer described the spirit of the call as 'incredible'. The neighbor said she is "so very grateful for the cards and constant prayers from the people of Love INC" and is experiencing the healing of God through it. The neighbor further said, "It feels like bricks have been lifted off my shoulder." It's amazing to see how God used the many volunteers in her life and how God brought her through difficult situations. ~ Clearinghouse Neighbor ~*

## Volunteers

*I met a very special neighbor about 8 years ago. Her life is so very hard. I cannot take the struggles away, but I try to show God's love and make it a little easier. We talk about once a week to see how she is doing. I deliver personal care items from Love INC and food from our church pantry. I give her rides to run errands. She loves lunch out at Panera for her birthday and Christmas. Most of these holidays make her anxious because she does not like to celebrate. For Christmas every year she has made me a Christmas ornament and a special card. Letting me know how much she appreciates our visits. Other times during the year she will send cards offering thanks and praising God for us being together. This relationship has shown me a different life than I live. The many financial issues, cancer she survived and continued health struggles, and lack of close relationships has caused a lot of anxiety which has made her feel hopeless at times. God is so good to connect us together for it is in serving him we both have grown in our Faith. ~ Judie Pagonas ~*

*Last spring one Love INC neighbor divulged that she had a deep fear of death. I offered to do a Bible study with her imagining that a session would suffice to express the gospel to her and invite her to put her faith in Jesus. At the Clearinghouse we didn't realize that another Love INC neighbor had been a friend of our previous neighbor since they were both about 8 years old. Both neighbors wanted to be part of this Bible study together. These women were so joyful and thirsty for opportunities for growth in social, literacy and biblical directions. We met 6 times to study the gospel of Mark in which I observed exciting improvement before health problems and schedule conflicts combined to bring the study to an end. These two friends' friendship of about 67 years had begun to unravel under their health and family problems. This study allowed them to focus on the Bible instead of their problems and strained relationship. ~ Jennifer Webb ~*

## Churches

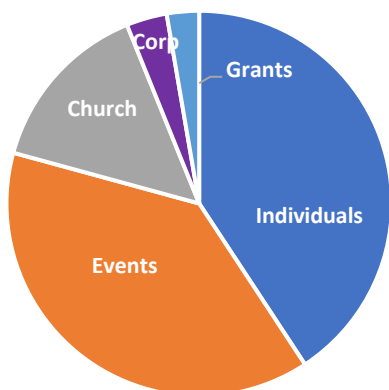
*I feel deeply blessed as a clergy person in this community to be able to partner with the good and faithful people working at and volunteering for Love INC. My years in ministry have taught me that no single pastor and no single church can answer the call to God's mission. The adage that we need each other has never been more true than it is today, in a world fractured and in need of healing. I'm grateful for the partnership with Love INC as we do God's work together. Love in the Name of Christ is not just a name, but a shining light and an invaluable source of hope for our community. ~ Rev. Jody Spiak, Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church ~*

*Saint Nicholas on the Hudson is a small church along the Hudson in New Hamburg. We have supported Love INC because we believe collectively as Christians we can do more to help others. One program we do every year is our "Christmas Angels". Love INC volunteers take requests, one article of clothing and one extra gift, for families registered as neighbors of Love INC. The parishioners of Saint Nicholas pick a family to buy gifts for, they wrap and label each gift and then others deliver them the Sunday before Christmas. Working together, we are able to connect with those in need. ~ Elizabeth Pavelka, Saint Nicholas on the Hudson Episcopal Church ~*

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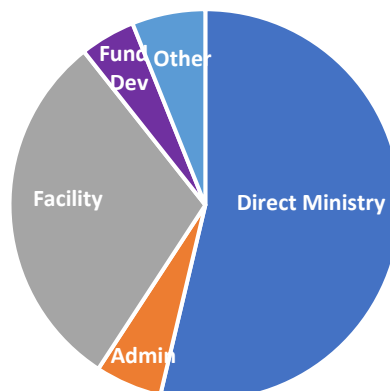
# 2022 FINANCIALS

## Contributions



Churches	\$13,606
Individuals	\$37,860
Corporate	\$ 3,166
Grant	\$ 2,516
Events	\$35,775
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 92,922</b>

## Expenses



Ministry	\$53,457
Facility *	\$29,997
Fund Dev.	\$ 4,558
Admin.	\$ 5,484
Other: (Dues, Ins.)	\$ 6,043
<b>Total Exp.</b>	<b>\$95,539</b>

\*Additional expense due to a relocation to a new office site in December 2022.

## 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Kathy Betz**, Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church  
**Linda Haas Manley**, St. John's Lutheran Church  
**Michele Hill (Vice Chair)**, Full Gospel Church  
**Karina House (Secretary)**, New Beginnings Church  
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**Charles Webb (Treasurer)**, Valley Bible Fellowship Church  
**Rev. John Young**, Our Savior Lutheran Church

**THANK YOU** to **Susan Jenkins, Patricia Owen, and Jewel Ratzlaff** for their service on the Board!

*I felt called to get involved with Love INC when we first came to the area a few years ago. The more I learned, the more I wanted to help! Joining the board during the pandemic gave me a sense of purpose and connection. Our staff and volunteers persevered and we kept guiding the organization, and praying for our neighbors. Taking on the position of board chair allows me to be of service and work with other people of faith to transform our churches and our community in the Name of Christ. What a joyous time to contribute to our shared vision*  
 ~ Crystal Middleton (new Chair) ~

# THANK YOU!

## 2022 BUSINESS SUPPORT (\$250+)

- ♥ Pagon Insurance Agency ♥ Arlington Ink
- ♥ Steve Jones, FIC, Thrivent Financial
- ♥ Real Property Abstract ♥ Astor Services
- ♥ Package Pavement ♥ Hopewell Dental PC
- ♥ Lambert Plumbing and Heating
- ♥ Misedra & Associates Inc ♥ Prime Print Shop
- ♥ Ben & Gracies Thrift Shop
- ♥ The Beckwith Group Architect

## 2022 GRANTS

- ♥ Fidelity Charitable ♥ ImpactAssets
- ♥ Thrivent Charitable Impact & Choice Dollars
- ♥ Blackbaud Giving Fund
- ♥ Jeannette F. Schlobach Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley

REDEMPTIVE  
COMPASSION

If you'd like to participate in one of our **Redemptive Compassion** small groups to discover how to offer wholistic help to those in need based on Biblical teachings, send an email to [info@mhinc.org](mailto:info@mhinc.org) to join.

**"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Psalm 51:10**

# 2023 PARTNER CHURCHES

Mid-Hudson Love INC is a partnership of churches

## PARTNER CHURCHES \*

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church  
Beulah Baptist Church  
Bridge Builders Community Church  
Faith Assembly of God Church  
First Baptist Church  
Hopewell Reformed Church  
Immanuel Church  
Living Water Church  
Mission Church (Poughkeepsie)  
New Beginnings Church  
Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church  
Reach Out Church  
River Community Church  
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
St. Nicholas-on-the-Hudson Episcopal Church  
St. Timothy Lutheran Church

\*contribute space, finance, volunteers in ministry work

## PARTICIPATING CHURCHES \*

All Saints Lutheran Church  
Calvary Chapel, Hudson Valley  
Church of the Resurrection  
Community at Creekside Church  
Fishkill Baptist Church  
Full Gospel Church  
Mid-Hudson Chinese Church  
Mission Church (Holmes)  
New Hackensack Reformed Church  
St. Gregory's Greek Orthodox Church  
St. Martin de Porres Church  
S. Westerlo Congregational Christian Church  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
Valley Bible Fellowship Church  
Vassar Road Baptist Church  
Vineyard Community Church  
Zion Episcopal Church

\* provide individuals volunteering in ministry work



## NEW LOCATION

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(In the Name of Christ)

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**Susan Buckley**, Children's Ministry Coordinator

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announcements and photos.



***"Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me." John 12:26***