



Mid-Hudson Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

Building Relationships - Restoring Hope - Transforming Lives

SUMMER 2019

Our Mission

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



Director's Message

Carley Andrews, Executive Director

Can you believe 2019 is already half over - where has the time gone? As I look back on the first half of the year, I am excited and proud of all we were able to accomplish together as the local Body of Christ. The feedback we have received from our Relational Ministry classes has been so positive. We were even able to add some new class offerings to our roster! As we take a break from our classes for the Summer, I am grateful we can allow volunteers to rest but am aware of the many individuals waiting for the next class invitation in the Fall! Transformative relationships are truly beginning to form.

If you have not had a chance to plug into Love INC's Relational Ministry, take heart, there are more opportunities ahead! In 2020, we aim to begin a mentorship component of the ministry. Committed clients who have been engaged with our classes will be offered a mentor and the chance to build an event greater relationship with us. A mentor will be someone who can assist the individual with working toward specific goals and answering basic financial questions. If you think you might be interested in developing one of these special relationships with an individual in need, feel free contact me for more information at director@mhinc.org. We will be holding a training session for mentors this Fall so stay tuned for more details on that.

Our push toward greater relationship building really stems from our commitment to Redemptive Compassion. Many of you have begun studying this material with us and we are so grateful for that. It brings me great joy to know that the local Body of Christ is coming together in their approach to serving those in need. There will be more Redemptive Compassion small groups offered this Fall - both by myself and our local churches.



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 Classes

Sundays 12:30 -2 pm • Immanuel Church
Beginning August 18

6 - 7:30 pm • New Beginnings
Beginning September 15

Thursdays 7:30 - 8 pm • Location TBD
Beginning Septmeber 17

Save the Date!



Mid-Hudson Love INC Family Funraiser

Sunday, August 18 • 4:30 pm

Hudson Valley Renegades vs Staten Island Yankees
Dutchess Stadium, Wappingers Falls, NY

**\$12 Ticket* Includes
Grand Stand Seat & Renegades Hat**

Purchase tickets online:
<https://groupmatics.events/event/Midhudson>

Enter to Throw Out the First Pitch! \$5 Raffle

For raffle tickets or more information:
Ann Doyle 914-618-0474

*\$5 from every ticket purchase donated to Love INC.



Calling all Love INC Volunteers!
Time to Refocus & Rejuvenate
Get on board with
Mid-Hudson Love INC
as we prepare for some
significant growth in 2020!

Learn more about the power of Redemptive Compassion® and how this biblical ministry model helps people thrive, not just survive.

Thursday, August 22 • 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Immanuel Church

RSVP: Carley Andrews
director@mhinc.org, 845-702-2271

Eleventh Annual

SCRABBLE® BLITZ TOURNAMENT

Come enjoy a great evening of competitive or "just for fun" Scrabble - or choose to play other fun, quiet board games. Enjoy socializing while you help fight poverty here in Dutchess County. Bring friends!

Thursday, October 10, 2019
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Faith Assembly, Casperkill
25 Golf Club Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY

Visit Love INC at www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org for information, entry form, rules and sponsorship opportunities.

Celebrating 5 Years at Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ!



This Summer, Charissa Danielson, our Coordinator of Client Services, celebrates 5 years with Mid-Hudson Love INC. A little over 5 years ago, Charissa began volunteering in our Clearinghouse and quickly impressed everyone she encountered. Her knowledge of the Poughkeepsie area, her accounting background, and her servant's heart all made her a great candidate for the role of Clearinghouse Coordinator. Charissa was hired in July of 2014 and has done a fabulous job of improving procedures to make this ministry more effective. Her insight, grace, and discernment are invaluable as she advises our Clearinghouse volunteers on decisions to make concerning individuals in need we work with. No matter how much work there is to be done, Charissa and the Clearinghouse volunteers begin each day in prayer and a time of devotions. This time to pause and commit our work to the Lord is crucial and it's positive impacts can be seen throughout the ministry.

Charissa has had a vital role in the development of Mid-Hudson Love INC's Relational Ministry programs. This led to an expansion of her role in January of 2019 when Charissa moved from Clearinghouse Coordinator to the role of Coordinator of Client Services. We can always count on Charissa to look at the whole picture for each individual we serve, ensuring we can best build relationships with them and see transformation in their life. Charissa's commitment to the mission and vision of the ministry is inspiring. Charissa, we love and appreciate all you do for this ministry. God bless you in the days ahead!



Love Stories

From a fulfilled volunteer

"I really loved being able to sit in with the Grief & Loss class as the Coordinator. The women were amazing. On our last night, we prayed over each one and sang and praised the Lord! Lauri [Gruel] did a great job leading the class and I believe each woman felt like they received healing for the grief they are experiencing - not that it is gone, but this was a great way for them to share and experience the healing process together. - Susan Jenkins

From grateful clients . . .

"In June, the Clearinghouse received a voice message from a woman feeling stressed as a result of the situations occurring in her life. One of these included a search for hearing aids that her daughter needed. Since this request is not something that the churches of Love INC usually provide for people, the clearinghouse researched a few options that might work for the mother who did not have much money to pay for the hearing aids. A volunteer called her back to give her these suggestions and the mom said, "I am very, very grateful that you took the time to return my call and listen and pray with me. Many other organizations were just matter of fact without any assistance and you put a smile on my face today." On that day this volunteer lived out a principle of Redemptive Compassion: See Everyone's Value. The volunteer took the time to listen, talk with her in a caring manner and point her to God in prayer, all because this mom is also a special creation of God.

"Life without meaning has no hope. Life without hope has no faith. If you find a way to contribute, you will find your meaning, and hope and faith will naturally follow and accompany you into your future." Nick Vujicic

Pledge Form

I pledge to give the following for one year:

- _____ Monthly = _____ Annually
- _____ Monthly = _____ Annually
- _____ One -Time Annual Donation

Additional ways to donate:

- Visit www.Mid-HudsonLoveINC.org to donate online automatically.
- Speak to your bank to set up automatic payments.
- Give anywhere, anytime by texting an amount to 914-303-7773.

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make checks Payable to Mid-Hudson Love INC and mail along with this form to:
Mid-Hudson Love INC, 94 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601