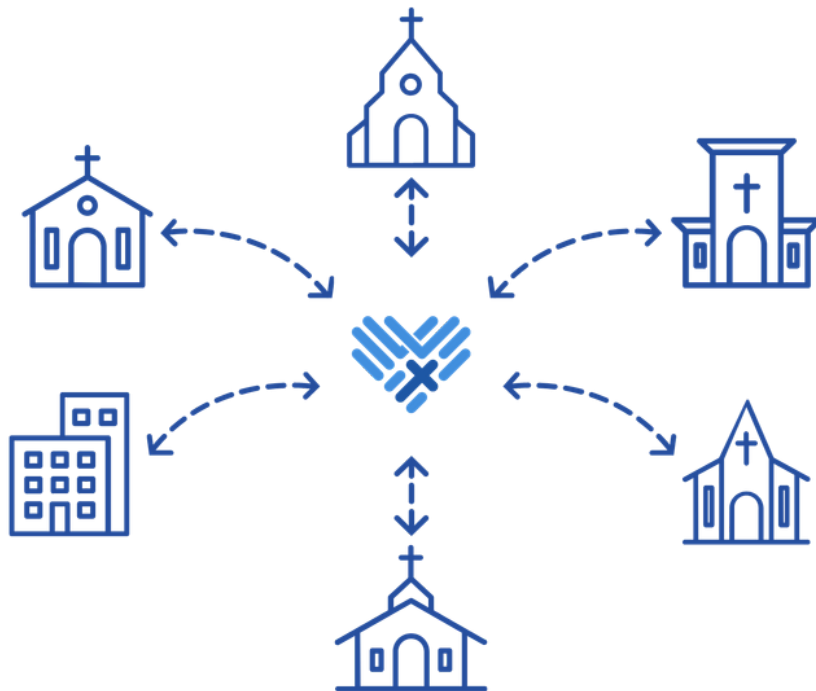




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BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS-RESTORING HOPE-TRANSFORMING LIVES

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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A Love Note from the Executive Director



2025 was a year of resilience, perseverance, triumph, and transformation for Mid-Hudson Love INC. We were honored to earn Love INC's Pursuit of Excellence Certification, a significant milestone that reflects our commitment to strengthening church partnerships, equipping volunteers, caring for our neighbors holistically, and cultivating healthy leadership and governance grounded in compassion and integrity.

At the same time, we experienced profound transitions. We mourned the loss of our guiding light, dear friend, and co-founder, Jewel Ratzlaff, whose vision, faith, and servant leadership continue to inspire our ministry. We also celebrated the retirement of our Executive Director, John Marrine, and the completion of service terms for several valued Board members. We extend our deepest gratitude to our church partners, dedicated volunteers, staff, the 2025 Board of Directors, Bill Hanchett for serving as the Interim Executive Director, our business sponsors, and generous donors for their faithful dedication and lasting contributions to Mid-Hudson Love INC's mission and impact.

Through every challenge and every blessing, we remained steadfast in our faith and unwavering trust in Jesus Christ, keeping our focus on our mission: "To mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ."

In January 2026, God called me to join this remarkable ministry, and I am humbled to serve as Executive Director. In this role, I am committed to honoring our co-founders' legacy, building on the strong foundation established by previous leaders, and faithfully stewarding this ministry as we continue serving our neighbors in the Name of Christ.

As we continue to navigate a season of transition, we remain focused on our mission. Together, we engage hundreds of volunteers and unite churches across denominations to serve our neighbors in need with love. Every day, we plant seeds of hope, dignity, and transformation. We trust that God will bring forth a bountiful harvest in His perfect time. As we look ahead, we do so with gratitude for His faithfulness, confidence in His provision, and excitement for all He will accomplish through this ministry.

"The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day." Proverbs 4:18

Abundant blessings,

Sandra

Sandra J. Jackson

Executive Director

Mid-Hudson Love INC

Our Volunteers

Our volunteers are a critical component of the Love INC ministry and the lifeblood of the movement. When we mobilize local church volunteers, we are able to meet the needs of our local community.



Gap Ministry

Through our Gap Ministry, Mid-Hudson Love INC addressed needs not otherwise being met. In partnership with local churches and organizations, we delivered nearly 800 bags of personal care items, furnished more than 20 households, provided beds to 33 families, and distributed nearly 100 packages of linens to neighbors in need.



Connection Center

The heart of Mid-Hudson Love INC, our Connection Center volunteers answered over 1,000 calls for help, coordinated Gap Ministry deliveries, and enrolled over 85 neighbors in transformational classes, all while serving with compassion, prayer, empathy, and the love of Christ.

Children's Ministry



Mid-Hudson Love INC's Children's Ministry provides a safe, welcoming, and engaging environment for children while their parents participate in our classes and programs. Through Bible-based lessons, spiritual games, and arts and crafts, children grow in their faith and have fun.

Transformational Ministry

Our Transformational Ministry equips neighbors to build lasting stability through life skills training, mentoring, goal-setting, and spiritual support, while connecting them with the resources of the Love INC Connection Center, Gap Ministries, local churches, and community partners.

In 2025, more than 85 individuals participated in classes, coaching sessions, or family events, engaging in 80 sessions, totaling 129 hours. We also hosted two Family Fun Days and provided food gift baskets, backpacks filled with school supplies, and other essential resources to Mid-Hudson Love INC families.



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"EACH WEEK WE COME TO CLASS WEARING OUR MESSY LIVES ON OUR SHIRTS, AND WHEN WE GET HERE, WE FIND COMMUNITY, UNITY, COMFORT, AND SUPPORT, ALL WITHOUT JUDGMENT. WE DON'T GET THAT ANYWHERE ELSE."



Our Mission

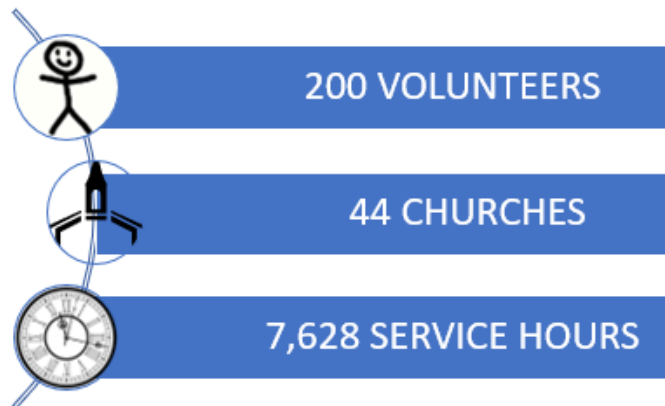
To mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities
In the Name of Christ.

Our Vision

To see Christian churches united in purpose and fully engaged in actively living out their faith by lovingly serving people in need in their communities.

Our Impact

Together we are Building Relationships – Restoring Hope –
Transforming Lives

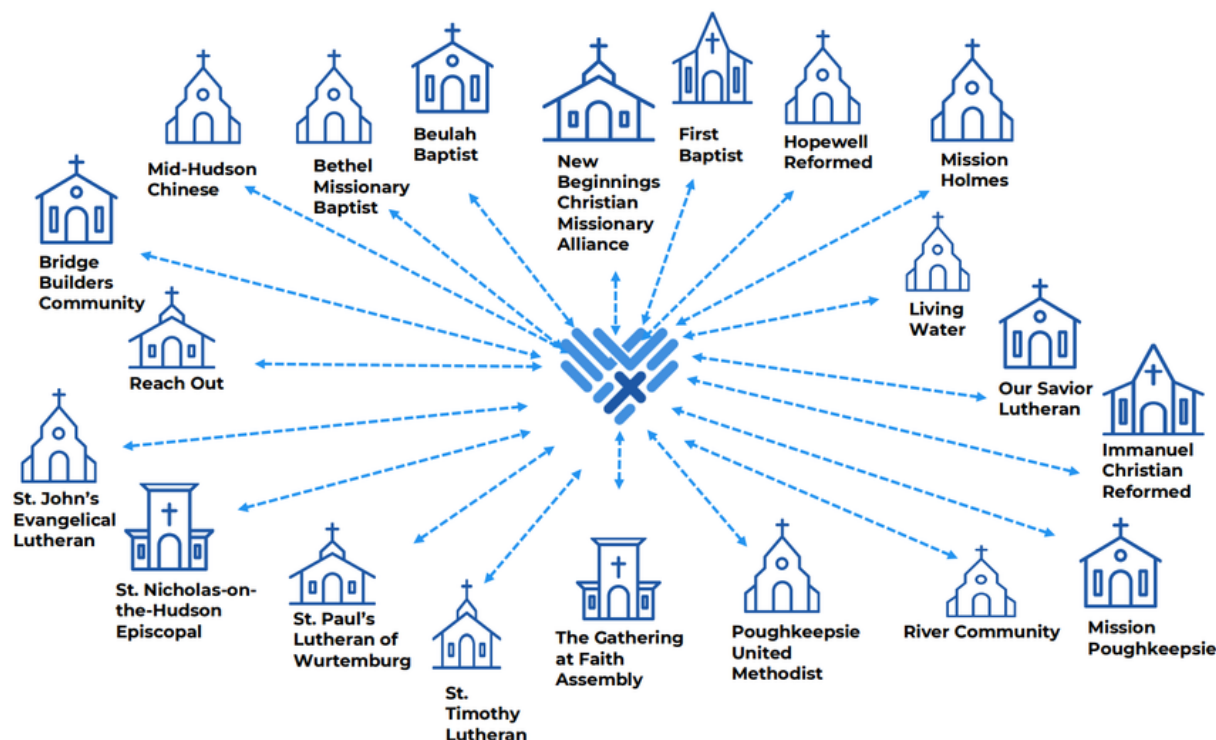


MINISTRY OUTCOMES	
CALLS FOR HELP	1,120
NEW CLIENTS	53
NEW BEDS DISTRIBUTED	33
PERSONAL CARE DELIVERIES	796
FURNITURE DELIVERIES	24
LINEN DELIVERIES	96
CLASS PARTICIPANTS	87
CLASS SESSIONS	80
FAMILY FUN DAYS PARTICIPANTS	93
GROCERY BAGS & SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED	255

Together in Ministry

CHURCH PARTNERS

Our church partners are the foundation of our ministry, providing us with access to their facilities, financial resources, and dedicated volunteers.



PARTICIPATING CHURCHES

Faithfully provide volunteers who bring hope and practical help to our neighbors in need.

All Saints Lutheran Church	Arlington Community Church
Calvary Chapel	Church of the Resurrection
Clinton Alliance Church	Community at Creekside Church
Fishkill Baptist Church	Full Gospel Church
Fusion Church NY	Goodwill Church (Beacon)
Goodwill Church (Montgomery)	Harmony Baptist Church
Holy Trinity Church	New Hackensack Reformed Church
Odyssey Church	Poughkeepsie Reformed Church
St. Gregory's Greek Orthodox Church	St. Martin de Porres Church
South Westerlo Congregational Church	Trinity United Methodist Church
United Methodist Church of Hyde Park	Valley Church
Valley Bible Fellowship Church	Vassar Road Baptist Church
Vineyard Community Church	Zion Episcopal Church

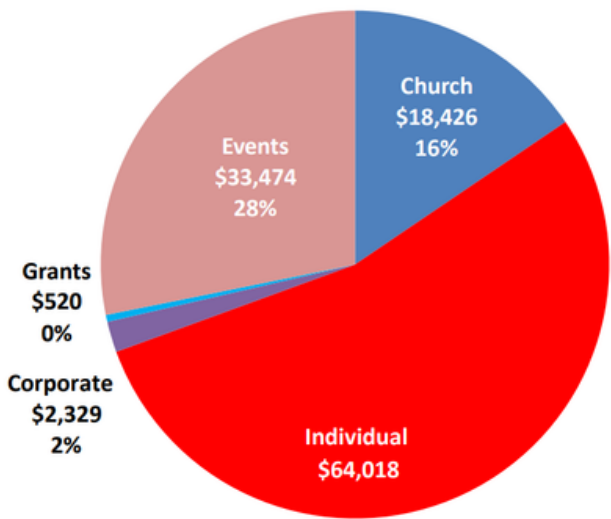
BUSINESS PARTNERS

Investing in our mission brings hope, dignity, and lasting change to our Communities.

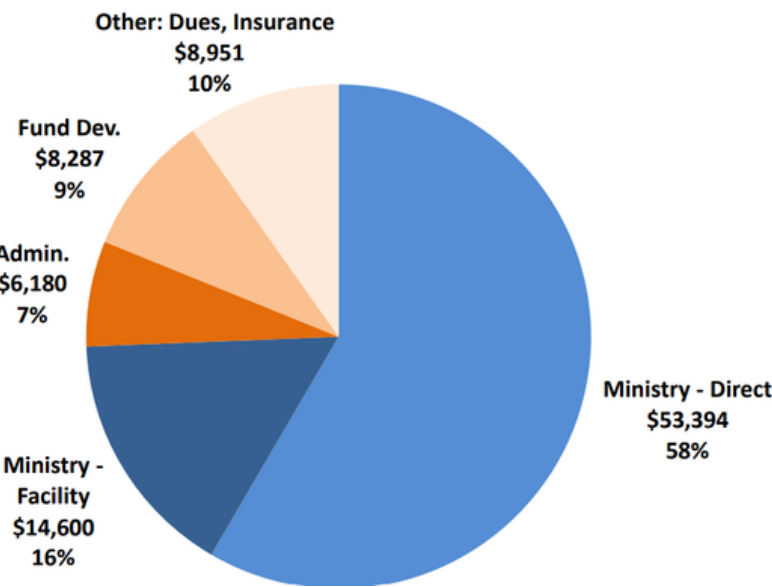
Blueberry Hill Galleries	Bovee Construction
East Fishkill Provisions, Inc.	Lambert (Sharp) Plumbing & Heating
McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill	Northside Auto Body
Package Pavement	Pagones Insurance Agency, Inc.
Satellite Investigations	Tax Alternative Group
Thrivent Financial	

Your Generosity At Work

2025 Contributions



2025 Expenses



In the second half of the year we will continue to build relationships and strengthen our communities through events such as Family Fun Days, Fill the Truck, Volunteer Appreciation, and our 17th Annual Scrabble Tournament. These events and our ministries provide meaningful opportunities to serve our neighbors, engage our church partners, and celebrate our volunteers, In the Name of Christ.

Love INC's Fifth Annual
FAMILY FUN DAY
Backpack Giveaway!

Join us on Saturday August 8th for a day of family fun!

- ✓ Games and Activities
- ✓ Song and Dance
- ✓ Rain or Shine!
- ✓ Lunch and Ice Cream
- ✓ For Parents and Kids
- ✓ "New Creation" Theme!

PLUS Children grades K through 8 receive a Backpack filled with School Supplies!

When: Saturday, August 8, 2026
Time: 11 am to 2 pm
Where: New Beginnings Church, 35 DeGarmo Road, Poughkeepsie

Upcoming Events

Family Fun Day-Aug 8th

Fill The Truck- Sept. 12th

Volunteer Appreciation Sept. 26th



Scrabble Blitz Tournament October 15th

Website Refresh COMING SOON!

we're excited to launch a refreshed Mid-Hudson Love INC website designed to better serve our neighbors, volunteers, churches, and community partners. Stay tuned as we continue to make it easier to connect, serve, and share the love of Christ throughout our community.

The Pathway Program TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY

The Pathway program is a series of free ministry classes hosted by local churches for the Mid-Hudson Love INC community. Pathway is designed as a step-by-step journey toward lasting personal and spiritual transformation.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR CO-FOUNDER, JEWEL RATZLAFF



This month, we lovingly remember and honor our beloved Co-Founder and guiding light, Jewel Ratzlaff.

Since co-founding Mid-Hudson Love INC in 2009, Jewel faithfully devoted herself to the ministry, serving as Board Chair, Volunteer Coordinator, Event Planner, and in countless other capacities. Through her unwavering faith, compassionate leadership, and servant's heart, she helped build Mid-Hudson Love INC from the ground up, touching the lives of countless neighbors and inspiring churches to serve together in Christ's name.

Although Jewel is deeply missed, her legacy of faith, service, and love continues to live on in our ministry and in the many lives she touched. We are profoundly grateful for her extraordinary example and the lasting impact of her life's work.

**“Well done, good and faithful servant.”
Matthew 25:23**



OUR DEDICATED STAFF

Susan Buckley, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Charissa Danielson, Client Services Coordinator
Sandra J. Jackson, Executive Director
Joanne Temmel, Transformational Ministry Coordinator

GUIDING OUR MISSION: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Katherine Betz (Treasurer), Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church
Bill Hanchett (Chair), Immanuel Church
John Lewis, River Community Church
Michael Mauro, Fusion Church NY
Patrick O'Hara, St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Wurtemberg
Karen Olson (Vice-Chair), St. John's Lutheran Church
Rev. John Young (Secretary), Our Savior Lutheran Church



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