



Let's DO It Again!

Let's have another No Show Banquet!

No need to leave your home. No need to put on make-up. No need to shower or shave. No need to do any of the preparations when going out for the evening. Just kick back and enjoy your evening with the Lord.

OUR EVENT MAY BE IMAGINARY, BUT THE DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE IS VERY REAL!!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT Love In the Name of Christ of Bedford County.

Dear Friend of the Ministry:

We were not planning to have another No Show Banquet this year, but sometimes unforeseeable happenings take place and our plans change. Due to construction and renovations at the host church, we decided it would be best not to schedule our banquet just in case the project wouldn't be completed by the date we would normally hold it. Weather has played a huge factor this year with many construction projects not being completed in our time frame. We all know accomplishments are in God's time. So....we are hoping you will bear with us another year as we invite you to participate in our second **NO SHOW FUNDRAISING BANQUET**. Thanks to your overwhelming response, our 2017 Love INC "No Show" Fundraising Banquet was a great success.

Love INC now marks the 24th year of ministering to our community in the name of Jesus. Over the years thousands of families have received assistance, cycles of bad choices have been broken, and lives have been changed because we "The Church" have ministered to them. As you are reading this know that there is something you have done to make a difference in someone else's life; you have had a part in serving some of the thousands. Thank you!

We would be blessed if you would take some time on the evening of **November 13th** when we would have been attending the banquet to pray for Churches, The Board, Volunteers, and Staff of Love INC, Families in Need, and how you will support Love INC of Bedford County. Please be sensitive to what God is revealing to you and act in obedience. A return donation form and addressed envelope is provided for your convenience.

Your generous donation will be used to accomplish our mission "to mobilize churches and individuals to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ". A ministry update is included for you to review. If you have any questions, please contact Bev at the Love INC Office, 814-652-0025.

Thank you for your support – Let's keep **shining Jesus' light** into the darkness.

In His Service,

Bev Patten
Love INC Executive Director

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A Baby LOVE Story

The ladies at the North Spring Christian Church (NSCC) were asked to assist with getting some items for one of our clients. This client was going to be a mother for the first time and had no family in the area nor did she attend a local church. At the request of Aimee, the ladies were asked to consider not just getting the baby gifts, but “TO LOVE ON HER”. NSCC has a small congregation but they allow Jesus to work through them in mighty ways.

The ladies made contact with her. After some discussion they decided to have a baby shower for her. Plans were made, food and decorations were ordered, and presents for the mother and baby were purchased. There was excitement all around. But.....the baby had other ideas!!! He arrived two days before the scheduled shower...weighing in at 7 lbs. 3 ozs. Everyone was sad to miss the shower, but rejoiced with the new mother and father at the healthy gift they received from God.

Texts and phone calls of congratulations were passed along. The day the mother and baby returned home, Pastor Rick Hall and two church members delivered a van load of gifts from the church and items given by Love INC. Pastor Rick was blessed to be able to pray for the baby and new parents.

Before deliveries leave Love INC, I always pray that the person receiving the items doesn't see the faces of those wonderful volunteers making the delivery, but the face of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I truly believe, at least in this instance, that His face and His love for this family shone through. I am also happy to report that the mother and new baby have attended NSCC on various Sundays.

To our God be all glory, praise, and honor!!!!

Yours in Christ, Monty “The Bald Guy” Bulger

Statistics: January through September 2018

1,549 Families phoned the Love INC Office for assistance

1,429 Families received assistance for their request

1, 151 Families were served by the Church

213 Families were assisted by Agencies

92% of the needs were met

10,779 Volunteer hours were recorded for the Ministry Center through September. These hours do not reflect delivery time, etc. for anything beyond the Ministry Center. At the end of the year, those hours are included in the goods and services provided to the community.

***See Note.) There was an average of 55 volunteers serving each month. The ministry would not exist if not for the faithful service of “Volunteers” with hearts full of love and compassion from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ as well as all those who choose to support it financially. God has touched many to be a part of the success of Love In the Name of Christ of Bedford County. We are praying you continue to be a part of the ministry as we collectively reach one family after another for Jesus!

***In 2017 the budget was \$165,500.00. The amount of Goods and Services that went into the community was \$1,650,500.00. For every dollar of our budget \$10.00 went back into the community. **To God be the Glory!!!**



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God's Harbor Homes

Love INC of Bedford County's Transformational Housing Program

GOD** can restore what is broken and turn it into something Amazing, all you need is **faith!
- Joel 2:25

I am so humbled and grateful for the opportunity to see God work in our residents' lives through our Transformational Housing Program. Each person's story is unique. We have been working with one resident for over two years; God has provided an income for him allowing him to get his own apartment. He continues to volunteer at the Love INC Ministry Center; he is still working with us through our Abundant Living classes (budget classes) and he will continue to work with us as he establishes his independence. God is so good!

We have a lady currently in Sure House that found the program through our website and knew when she read what we offered that it was exactly what she needed in her life. God has shown her favor in so many ways. He is paving the way to get her identification established after many failed attempts and road blocks. While trying to establish her identity in the world, I also believe she is finding her identity in Christ. The few weeks she has been in our program I have seen her become more confident, happy and knows God has a plan for her life. I am so excited to see what more the Lord has for her!

If you want the opportunity to be part of this awesome Ministry or want to hear more about it, please feel free to call me! I would love to share with you, your small group or Church. God does not want us to merely be listeners or readers of the Word, but Doers of what it says; love each other, be disciples and reach the lost!

Thank you for your time and many blessings to you!
Trisha Morse, God's Harbor Homes Coordinator



Wheels Away Van Ministry

Each year we get a call from a lady in Florida who comes to Bedford County to take her brother sightseeing. She usually visits in the Fall of the year and reserves the van so they can take drives, eat out, look at the leaves changing colors, etc. He doesn't get out much and they both really appreciate their times together.

Yesterday a call came into the office from a Pastor who is approved to drive the vans. He had received a call from a lady in a wheelchair who was being released that day from a rehab in the DC area. She needed transportation to a nursing home in Bedford County. A van was available and this need was met. Praising God!

A story that touched my heart years ago came when a staff person at Pennknoll called Love INC requesting transportation for a wheelchair bound resident. The resident wanted to see his son graduate from High School. I thought about all that a parent pours into their child over the years, and seeing them graduate from High School was a memory I would want to hold in my heart forever. So calls were made and an approved driver was found to take the dad to see his son graduate. That memory will be forever dear to them.

I would like to thank everyone who has participated in the fund drives for the Wheels Away Program. Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries and John Beamer are such a huge part of the success of this program. Over the past 20 years, I have witnessed the need for more transportation for those confined to wheelchairs. Having 3 vans available to serve the community has filled that need for many families. I am so thankful for the joint efforts of all who make the Program successful. Thanks and blessings to all involved.

– Bev Patten, Executive Director, Love INC of Bedford County