



Love INC

Love In The Name of Christ OF NW ALLEGAN COUNTY

Church Update

**“I needed help ...
but most of all I needed moral support!”**

Needing help making ends meet, Sally first came to Love INC in 2009. “I needed help with food and clothing, but most of all, I needed moral support”. She started the L.I.F.E. Skills Program, and slowly Sally has made great improvements in her life. She has since finished her G.E.D., has a good full-time job with benefits, and lives on her own in an apartment. “I had no one to turn to. If it wasn’t



for the support and care of L.I.F.E. Skills’ staff and volunteers, I’d had fallen back into drugs and alcohol. L.I.F.E. Skills helped me turn my life around.” Her goals are now to buy her own home and regain custody of her children. “I recommend L.I.F.E. Skills to everyone I know who is facing a hard time. It is a wonderful program.”

A Desire to be Used by God

Ken’s desire to be used by God became a reality when he was asked to be the Personal Needs Pantry Coordinator at Allegan Bible Church. Since then, Ken has realized that some people are in need of basic items that many of us take for granted. “It has been a learning experience. I have also learned that helping and giving are contagious.”



While shopping at a local store, the cashier found out why he was buying the items and asked to donate. Ken said, “At one point in my life I was in need of assistance, and since that time God has been generous to enrich my life. It is very rewarding to volunteer as a Pantry Coordinator. I find that Love INC serves God and is a great way to lead others to Christ.”

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*our mission is
to **mobilize**
the Church
to **transform**
lives and
communities
**In the Name
of Christ.***

**2011
Hamilton . Allegan . Pullman
Network Reports**

- 1,746** Office visits with people in need
- 6,520** Pantry needs met
- 112** Families in the L.I.F.E. Skills Program

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Business Hours: Monday—Friday
9 am to 3 pm

Hamilton Client Intake Hours
Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 9:30-12:30

Allegan Client Intake Hours @
First Baptist Church 1290 M-40
Tues. 3-5:30 pm, Thurs. 12:30-3:00 pm

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Love INC NW Allegan County Website
www.loveincnwa.org



Do you have a heart to serve? If so, Love INC has several opportunities for you!!

♥ The Heart-to-Heart Store in Allegan is in need of someone to help with the **front desk** assisting customers, finalizing sales and helping rearrange the store when needed. If you're available, please call Tammy (269.751.8642) or Deb (269.673.1888).

♥ **mentors** on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Many families are waiting to be helped, and you could make a difference! **Office volunteers** are also needed on Tuesdays from 3-5:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 12:30-3:00 p.m. Please call Deb (269.751.2533) to learn more.

♥ **Pantry Drive Opportunities!** We are looking for individuals, churches and/or organizations to participate in Food, Personal Need, and Bedding drives for Hamilton, Allegan and Pullman. The inventory is low on all three pantries and the need is great. If you need a detailed list of items most needed, please contact Sue at 269.751.2533.

♥ L.I.F.E. Skills Program in Allegan is in urgent need of

Prayer Requests

- 4 requests for their children & family's well being
- 20 clients asked prayers for better health
- 7 asked prayers for employment
- 3 need prayers with schooling
- 5 clients requested prayers with finances
- 3 families grieving the loss of a loved one
- 1 client dealing with homelessness
- 2 clients asked prayers for peace and strength
- 2 clients with upcoming court hearings
- 2 request prayers for family members' salvation

Congratulations to the Heart-to-Heart Hamilton Store for its 5 year anniversary!

The opening of the store five years-ago was a step of faith and God has blessed it – tremendously. More volunteers have found a place to serve, it has increased people's ability to donate, it recycles and provides low-cost items to the community. The store, as well, serves families in need through gift certificates provided to them through the office.

The profit from the Hamilton store has been reinvested into the community through network programs and services!

Thank you staff, volunteers and customers for 5 wonderful years!



In cooperation with His Harvest Stand of Zeeland and Christian Neighbors in Douglas, Love INC is looking for volunteers, funds and/or materials to put a roof on the home of a family in need. The Home Repair Ministry of His Harvest Stand has taken the lead, done the assessment and provided us with a detailed list of materials/costs for this single story, low pitch roof. **Resources – human and material – are needed to complete the task.** The Ramp Ministry associated with Love INC has already provided the needed wheelchair ramp for the home. Is God calling you to this labor of love in Christ's name? If the actual labor is not your calling, could you help provide needed materials? **Email or call Sue at Love INC, loveincsf@frontier.com; 269-751-2533, ext. 109.** How exciting to serve together!

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New hours for the store!

The Heart-to-Heart Store in Hamilton has new hours!
Starting Jan. 3, the store's new hours are:

Sun and Mon: CLOSED
Tues, Wed & Thurs: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Fri: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sat: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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