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Love In the Name of Christ

OF NW ALLEGAN COUNTY

Hamilton / Allegan Network — Pullman Network

October 2011

*our mission is
to mobilize
the Church
&
to transform
lives and
communities*

**In the Name
of Christ.**

**Hamilton /Allegan & Pullman
Network Reports YTD**

968 Office visits
with people in need
3,157 Pantry needs met
53 Families in the L.I.F.E. Skills
Program

CONTACT US

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Business Hours: Monday—Friday
9 am to 3 pm

Hamilton Client Intake Hours
Mon., Wed., 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

Pullman Network

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Pullman Hours
Wed. and Fri. 12:00-3:30pm

Love INC NW Allegan County Website
www.loveincnwa.org

Client Testimony:



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P U L L M A N

Monica came to L.I.F.E. Skills in search of a different lifestyle than what she was living. And that's what she learned through mentoring, classes and the support from the Love INC in Pullman. She learned not only to differentiate her needs from her wants, but also to understand her spouse and children and to achieve spiritual goals. "L.I.F.E. Skills impacted us a lot. My whole life is different! I'm more confident in God. Thank you for the help connecting us with a church and helping us improve our housing needs. L.I.F.E. Skills is a new family I am getting to know."

Volunteer story:

Fred and Cathy's desire to serve others led them to Love INC a few years ago. Fred first joined Love INC in Hamilton helping Spanish speaking clients. He is now a mentor in the Pullman area, a place dear to his heart. The desire to help Pullman residents has been in his heart for over 20 years, and now he says "I'm thankful that the Lord, in His own time, was graceful to let me be a part of Pullman". Cathy has worked at Heart-to-Heart store in Hamilton in the sorting room for the last 2 years. She said she enjoys meeting the people that donate or are there to shop. When asked about her service to the ministry, she stated "I do it with joy. It impresses me how hard the volunteers work, out of the goodness of their heart." Thank you, Fred and Cathy, for all that you do for Love INC!



Christmas is coming to the Heart-to-Heart stores in Hamilton and Allegan on November 9!

However, in order to make the stores radiate the spirit of Christmas, they will be closed on Tuesday, November 8.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you!

*Mark
Your
Calendar*

Sponsor a Family for Christmas



Christmas is just around the corner and our Adopt-A-Family for Christmas Program is in full swing. If you've been blessed this year and would like to share the joy by sponsoring a family in need, please consider this wonderful program.

Love INC provides the coordination between families in need and those who can help meet their needs at Christmas time through Adopt-A-Family Ministry.

It's a great opportunity for parents to involve their children in shopping for and providing for others. Churches and organizations can

participate as well.

Only families with children in need will receive this assistance.

For more information, please contact Sue @ 269.751.2533, ext. 109 or by email @ loveincsf@frontier.com.



DEAR CHILDREN, LET US NOT LOVE WITH WORDS OR TONGUE BUT WITH ACTIONS AND IN TRUTH." 1 JOHN 3:18

Board Members

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Hamilton Reformed • Patti DeBoer
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Network Pantries

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First Presbyterian • Nancy Klinkers

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Hamilton CRC • Paul & Teresa Nyboer

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(for LIFE Skills Participants)
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(for LIFE Skills Participants)
Berne Nykamp

HOUSEHOLD GOODS
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INFANT BASKETS
Bentheim Reformed • Helen Zeerip

PERSONAL NEEDS
Allegan Bible Church • Renee Johnson
First Church of God • Joan Riniinger
Hamilton Reformed • Arlynn Immink
& Marian Lohman
7th Day Adventist, Pullman

RAMP MINISTRY
Dunningville Reformed • Denny Vanderkooi

Part-time Staff

The role of staff is to mobilize and enhance the help that church ministries and volunteers offer to people in need

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L.I.F.E. Skills Leaders

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Heart to Heart Stores

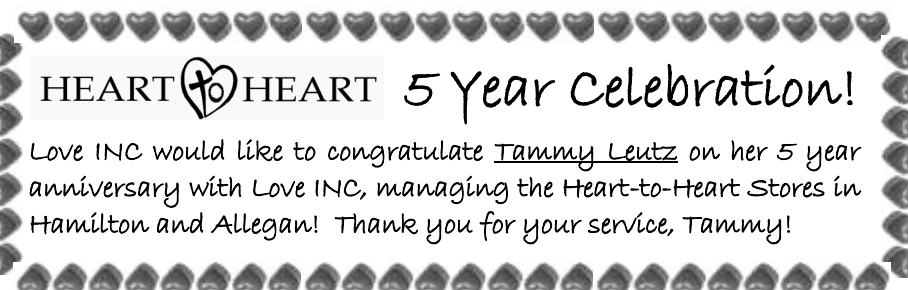
TONYA CHERRY • DEB NUTTEN
Heart to Heart Store Associates

RUTH BLAIR
L.I.F.E. Skills Caseworker

MARTHA CERDA
Pullman Office Director/Caseworker

Love INC Property Update

A big THANK YOU to **Al's Excavating, Jurries Brothers Builders, Junior Boerman and Ed Rietman** for their support of the new parking lot and grounds of the Hamilton Heart-to-Heart Store and offices. The old surface was beginning to "alligator crack" and resurfacing was needed before it deteriorated too far. This avoided a total removal of the parking surface at a much higher cost. The plan to resurface has been in the works for approximately three years, during which Love INC Board put funds aside to pay for the work being done. *It is an investment for the next generation of this community.*



HEART HEART 5 Year Celebration!

Love INC would like to congratulate Tammy Leutz on her 5 year anniversary with Love INC, managing the Heart-to-Heart Stores in Hamilton and Allegan! Thank you for your service, Tammy!



A big THANK YOU for the backpacks and supplies! **You** made a significant impact in the number of backpacks and supplies provided in 2011:

204 in Hamilton, Allegan, Fennville
256 in Pullman

460 Total *What a BLESSING!*

Prayer Requests

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."
Matthew 7:7,8

- 14 clients requested prayers for finances
- 23 asked prayers for healing and better health
- 14 clients need prayers for peace and stronger faith
- 8 need prayers for housing
- 13 clients requested prayers for employment
- 1 client is in need of transportation
- 4 clients want to praise the Lord for answered prayers
- 20 requested prayers for their children
- 3 clients are facing court issues
- 4 need prayers for family issues
- 1 client is grieving a loss of a family member
- 1 client needs prayer for her schooling

The current prayer list will always be available at:
www.loveincnwa.org
(under "Communication")




Mentors Needed in Allegan & Pullman

Love INC is in need of volunteers to mentor families in need through our L.I.F.E. Skills Program both in Allegan and Pullman. Do you have a heart to serve others? Would you like to make a difference in someone's life? We have a mentoring video on our website that will help you answer these questions. Please visit us at www.loveincnwa.org (L.I.F.E. Skills tab). Mentoring classes will be on November 1, 8 and 15 at 6:30 pm at the First Baptist Church in Allegan. For more information, please contact Jean at 269.751.2533, ext. 107.

Children's Ministry Needs

Helpers and leaders are needed for the Children's Ministry sponsored by Love INC on Thursday evenings (6:00pm to 8:00pm) at Haven Reformed Church. We are in need of helpers and leaders (can be responsible Middle/High Schoolers) willing to come and assist in the nursery (newborn to 2 years) and the 3-8 year old classroom. Volunteers can come once a month, every week, or for 8-10 consecutive weeks and then take the rest of the year off - you name what works for your schedule. Recently, some parents have resorted to leaving their children home alone when we couldn't supply a place in the Children's ministry due to lack of volunteers. If you are interested please contact Rachel at loveincrb@frontier.com or 269-751-2533.





Food Drive Opportunity

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve the community while helping those in need?

How about organizing a food drive to benefit the Thanksgiving Basket in Pullman?

Items especially needed are *canned*: corn, green beans, cream of mushroom soup, cranberry sauce/relish, and sweet potatoes (yams); *instant*: mashed potatoes and Stove Top (type) stuffing mix; and dried onions.

For more information, please contact Martha at the Pullman Love INC at 269.236.6295 or at loveincmc@frontier.com

Ramp Ministry

The Ramp Ministry needs your help! Supplied by Dunningville Reformed Church through Love INC, it provides removable ramps to families in need with medical issues for no cost. However, the cost of treated lumber is high and funds are needed. They are also looking for able-bodied persons that would like to learn the trade and be part of this awesome ministry. If you have a calling to volunteer or are able to help financially, please contact Sue at 269.751.2533, ext. 109 or at loveincsf@frontier.com



Household Good Needs

The Household Ministry of Overisel CRC is in need of the following items: Bath towels, set of dishes, frying pans, hand mixers, baking pans, coffee maker, toaster. If you have any of these items gently used or new, and you'd like to donate, please drop them off at either the Love INC office or at the Heart-to-Heart Stores and label them "Household Goods".