

# Impacting Cuyahoga County

## *Love INC in Action*



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**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11**

### ***Transformational Ministry-The Next Step***

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This year, 2017, marks the twentieth year of existence for Love in The Name of Christ (Love INC) of Cuyahoga County and brings a major upgrade in our ability to serve our partner churches. Since 1997, Love INC has been meeting needs and extending the love of Christ in countless ways. This twentieth year, however, coincides with a new phase of ministry. Earlier this year we announced that we would be developing and implementing an additional ministry program based upon the notion of transforming an individual and not just meeting a need. That new program, now formally named Future & H.O.P.E (fHOPE), is based upon our foundational scripture, Jeremiah 29:11. H.O.P.E is an acronym for those things that we seek to offer our clients namely help, opportunity, passion, and excellence.

This program will offer our clients that of which our underlying scripture speaks, i.e. "...a future and a hope." Many of the individuals that we have helped over the last two decades initially faced circumstances that left them without the prospect of a bright future and more often than not without hope. Future & H.O.P.E (fHOPE) will add to the assistance provided to meet immediate needs, an ability to address accompanying underlying issues. We will conduct forums through which we are able to focus on the person and not just the person's need.

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Our initial plan was to begin conducting "financial classes" in April of this year. In order to prepare more completely and in consideration of the need for further training, Love INC decided to delay the start of the initial classes.

Beginning in September, we will conduct the first 10-week course, *Affirming Potential* at Rockside Church in Independence. *Affirming Potential* is the start of a life-changing, life-long journey to help the attendee face and accept their past, better understand their present, and lean into and embrace their future. The class does not represent a destination, but a beginning. Anyone can start the class exactly where they are and it is personal and specific for each one who embarks on it.

The course will be offered to partner churches, volunteers, and staffs with a view to identify, train, and release workers for subsequent fHOPE classes. The second course, in January of 2018, will be a repeat of *Affirming Potential* but will be offered to clients. A third course will be offered in the spring of 2018 focusing on finances. Love INC will continue to conduct classes as an ongoing expression of our ministry to equip and mobilize the local church in order to transform individuals and communities.

It is interesting to note that in the beginning God made man in His image and according to His likeness. Sin entered the picture corrupting man and the whole world. Christ came to redeem man and restore him to the image and likeness of God. Our goal is to be a part of that redemptive purpose and fHOPE positions Love INC of Cuyahoga County for such.

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Stay tuned as we develop and plan more classes for our clients.



## *Annual Golf Outing Success!*

### **Sun Shines on Golf Outing**

Thanks to all who participated in the Love INC Golf Outing! It was a great day of sunshine, fellowship, and good food. We had two father/son golf teams and a team of four brothers. The top three teams were: Team Goebel, Shore Line Express and The Uzelak Team. The putting contest was won by David Pimpo. The biggest winner and blessing if it all, of course, was that we were able to add \$4,000 to the Love INC Crisis Fund.

A special thanks to our Hole Sponsors : **Hawkins Sales of Ohio, Bravo Wellness, E& M Consulting/Raymond James, AM Design, Mike & Eve Goebel, American Income Life, Shoreline Express, Conrads' Total Car Care, Mt. Zion of Oakwood Village and Edward Jones.** Also, a big thanks to **Dave from Pine Hills and his great staff** who are a pleasure to work with.

See you all next year !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



## *Annual Fundraiser*

Our fundraiser will be held on Friday,  
**October 6th**

The event is being held at  
**Mt. Zion Oakwood Village**  
with dinner being served at  
**7:00 p.m.**

Our guest speaker this year is  
**Wayne Dawson**

The event is  
**FREE**  
and open to  
**EVERYONE**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

## *Love Note*

### God's Work Through Different People

A single mom, with two young daughters called for rental assistance. She was 3 months behind on her rent and close to being evicted. This mom never expected to be divorced. She is active in her church and was embarrassed to ask for help. She went back to school to become an RN after the divorce to support herself and her children.

She had been using her school loans to pay her rent while working full time as an aide, but due to health issues she had not been able to pay her rent over the summer. Her family heard she was going to be evicted and rallied around her to pay the 3 months of back rent. After verification, we were able to pay her electric bill so it would not be shut off. She was incredibly grateful for how God worked through different people to meet her needs.

## **Love INC Needs YOU!**

**We are in need of volunteers and materials. Please consider donating or volunteering:**

### **Board Members**

Men or women looking to add their wisdom and gifts to the business side of the ministry. This would entail a commitment of about 2 hours each month.

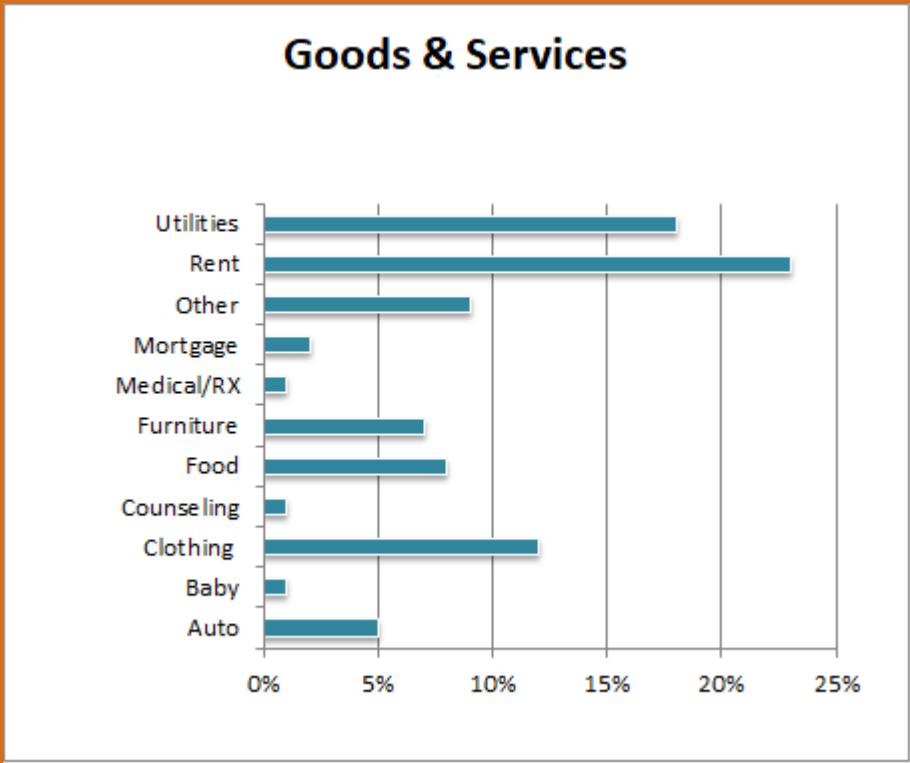
### **Volunteers**

This is a commitment of approximately 3 hours a week. We are especially looking for those who can assist on our phones and in our clothing room. All volunteering opportunities are during the day. We are located in the Independence area.

### **Goods**

We are looking for Marc's larger bags for our clothing ministry. We are also in need of personal hygiene items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, etc.

**If you would like to donate or volunteer, please give us a call!**



**Goods and Services Total This Quarter:  
\$38,963  
Adults and children served: 511**

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