

SPRING 2025

The mission of Love in the Name of Christ of Greater Canton is to provide help for those in need transforming lives, through a united effort of area congregations.

“Let us stop just saying we love people, let us really love them, and show it by our actions.” 1 John 3:18



In just a few days I will be celebrating my one-year anniversary with Love INC. I feel like I am finally getting the hang of things and have been able to see firsthand all the ministries Love INC and its partner churches offer. In 2024 Love INC met 2,099 needs in the Canton Community. If you use “call center coordinator math” that’s like helping half of the Canton residents. However, our ministries are often utilized by the same people and are unknown by many others in need, so that 50% of residents is really closer to 20%. All this reflection makes me think about what needs have been missed in the community and how to keep Love INC’s mission, “Mobilizing local churches to transform their community” in the

foreground. Many people who fall on hard times are not aware of the great opportunities provided by Love INC. How do we let these people know that there is no shame in asking for a hand up?

Is it that residents just don’t know Love INC exists? Do they not know what services are offered? Do they know and do not know how to contact us? I really am curious. I feel there is a season of building on Love INCs ministries just around the corner. Canton has always been a unique community in that they will drop everything to help a neighbor in need. One of my goals for this next coming year is to pinpoint the new generation’s unique needs. Many households are dual income often with one or both parents working second jobs just to provide the basics. This may cause limited office hours to be a hindrance to contact Love INC. I have been trying to get an email address (sarahw.loveinc@gmail.com) out to more people. I do try to check my inbox during typical business hours and respond as soon as possible. Love INC isn’t an “emergency service” but we do our best to respond within 24-48 hours.

My second goal is to revisit time and talents of partner church congregants. I’m still in the very early stages of figuring out how to accomplish this. But my goal is to not have to turn a client away in need of yard clean up due to age or illness because I don’t have volunteers willing to. Especially if there is someone that loves to be outside and has a passion for lawn care but just doesn’t know the need exists.

Love INC has been serving the Canton Community for over 19 years and has so many more ahead of them.

Sarah Woods
Love INC’s Call Center Coordinator

The Birthday Club



Thank you to The River of Life for your generous donation to the Birthday Club ministry. This involves the church donating birthday supplies to send home with students (who receive weekly Friday Backpacks) to celebrate their birthdays!



**HELPING HANDS
BABY MINISTRY &
PERSONAL CARE PANTRY**

OPEN THE 1ST TUESDAY EACH MONTH
STARTING APRIL 1ST

HOURS: 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

LOCATED AT
CANTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
621 EAST 4TH ST, CANTON

 Greater
Canton

Love INC's Clothing Closet

Hours Open:

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10 am-4 pm**



Senior Day (55+) the first Wednesday of each month, Seniors will receive 1/2 off total purchase (excluding any sales)

Double punch day is the last day of the month

**Love INC of Greater Canton
111 E 6th Street Canton, SD
605-764-0453**

CANTON FOOD PANTRY

FOOD GIVEAWAY

FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH 2-4 PM

Questions?

Contact Love INC

605-764-0453



2025 FRIDAY BACKPACK PROGRAM

Love INC is very grateful to Celebrate Community Church, St. Dominic's Catholic Church and Canton United Methodist Church for packing Friday backpacks for the month of January, February and March.



Thank you Michelle Siert, Alan Durbin, Linda Clark & Kathy Durbin from Celebrate Community Church!



Thank you Connie & Terry Glenn from St. Dominic's Catholic Church!



Thank you Cindy Raymon, Dorothy Markle & Dorothy VanBockern from Canton United Methodist Church!

Love INC Benefits

- Identifies gaps in services in the community and informs churches of those ministry opportunities.** (Icon: Eye)
- Lessens the strain on any one church by building a network of churches to work together to meet needs.** (Icon: Church building)
- Provides a more cost-effective approach by sharing resources and mobilizing church volunteers to serve.** (Icon: Hand holding a cross)
- Assists churches in going beyond benevolence to building life-changing relationships.** (Icon: Two hands shaking)
- Verifies that each request for assistance is legitimate so that churches can be good stewards.** (Icon: Magnifying glass)
- Helps churches avoid creating dependency in people they assist by solving root causes of problems.** (Icon: Lightbulb)
- Demonstrates unity in the Body of Christ as churches come together to help their neighbors in need.** (Icon: Cross in a circle)
- Offers a powerful witness as churches fulfill God's command to practically love their neighbors.** (Icon: Cross in a square)
- Connects unchurched people to churches as they are loved and served by Christians who care.** (Icon: Hand holding a heart)

Impacting our Community

If you know what it's like to be in a challenging season of life, then you'll also understand the blessing of experiencing God's love, through people that walk along side you.

Become a Love INC Sustainer

Will you help support Love INC of Greater Canton's mission to help transform lives in the name of Christ?

To sign-up go to our website: loveinccantonsd.org and click on the donation button.

Did you know each dollar given to Love INC will produce over \$75 of health and services to those in need? Your financial support will help meet many more needs and touch more lives for Christ!



2025 Memorials given to Love INC in loving memory of:

- Erv Mulder
- Doug Larson



Did you know each dollar given to Love INC will produce over \$55.00 of help and service to those in need? Your financial support will help meet many more needs and touch more lives for Christ! **Yes! I would like to support the Love INC mission of mobilizing the Church to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.**

I support Love INC through PRAYER_____. I pledge to provide support to Love INC with a one-time gift of \$_____. I pledge to provide support on a monthly basis with \$_____ (\$10, \$25, \$50, etc.) to help cover ongoing expenses.

Please fill out the address information listed below. Thank you for sharing a gift In the Name of Christ!

NAME:_____ ADDRESS:_____

CITY/STATE/ZIP:_____ E-MAIL ADDRESS:_____

ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS/CHURCH NAME:_____

Please fill out the form and return it with your TAX DEDUCTIBLE financial gift payable to: Love in the Name of Christ and mail to 111 E 6th St, Canton, SD 57013 or choose a method to donate online at our website: www.loveinccantonsd.org