November/December 2025

love in the name of Christ | Mecosta County

Welcome to the 2nd edition of our Love INC-Mecosta County newsletter!

In February 2025 a team began thinking about what it would mean to mobilize churches to assist people in need in Mecosta County. The Love INC model would be a great way to move forward.

And moving forward is what has been happening. God has been so faithful and has helped us in achieving the following:

1. We continue the process of contacting churches and presenting the Love INC model. We have contacted over 35 churches, made presentations to 18+ churches. We have also met with several non-profit agencies to review how Love INC works with non-profits in its mission.

2. Initial support of $3500 has been raised.

3. Our new board is in place. Our first meeting was November 11, 2025. Check out the backside of this newsletter to see who they are!

4. We continue to meet monthly with our Love INC Development National Specialist who provides expertise and direction for next steps of the development process.

5. We expressed our thanks and love for churches by remembering pastors in October – Pastor Appreciation month.

We ask for prayers for:

- Churches to continue to partner with us. God is still moving in more churches and we look forward to each connection.
- The board of directors and their work on bylaws and preparing paperwork for the 501C3 process, and opening of a bank account.
- The board of directors as they begin fundraising and create a budget.

- ***The board is seeking a location for the office space. Does your church have a space? Please contact Bryan Roels at 231-201-0000.***

- The board will be seeking an executive director in 2026.
- Love INC National will provide numerous training sessions for board members and volunteers. They will also assist us in determining when we will open.

Churches that have agreed to partner with us as of this printing

Chippewa Lake Community Connect
Fellowship Christian Reformed
Good Shepherd Lutheran
Grant Center Methodist
Green Country
Northland Global Methodist
ResLife
Riverside
Roger's Heights
Salvation Army
St. Peter's Lutheran

Development Team Members:

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From the Team:
We have recognized God's leading through this entire development process. A theme verse for us has been:

Ephesians 3:20-21
"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

Love INC-Mecosta County First Board of Directors November 11, 2025



Tyson Bentz (St. Peter's Lutheran), Bryan Roels (Fellowship CRC), Jon Grice (Trinity Fellowship)
Sandy Hatchew (Grant Center Methodist), Christine Doyle (Riverside),
Elida Carr (Green Country), Linda Myers (Chippewa Lake Community)