

# 2015 Impact Report

Mobilizing local churches  
to transform lives and communities  
in the Name of Christ



Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ  
of Oceana County

 Helping Churches Help People

*Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. 1 John 3:18*

As I look over the past four years, I am struck by the impact Love INC has been able to have because of the commitment our local churches have to love and care for their neighbors. There is so much physical need in our county, but the spiritual needs are even greater. As we look to the next four years, it is my prayer that we will continue to grow in our capacity to come alongside our neighbors in need, offering help that is transforming for both those receiving help and those offering it.

Thank you for sharing your time, dedicating your financial resources, and continuing to pray for those we serve. **We are blessed to be a bridge, connecting those in need with the love and life-changing power of the local church.**

In His Service,  
Lori Ray  
Executive Director

The following Gap Ministries are **operated cooperatively by the churches** of Oceana County:

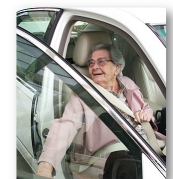
In 2015...

- **34** families served through the **Furniture & Appliance Ministry**



- **1,125** adults and children served through the **Clothing Ministry**

- **6** rides to appointments by the **Transportation Ministry**



# Mobilizing Churches

*In His grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.*  
Romans 12:6a (NLT)

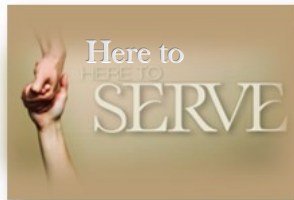
Love INC of Oceana County empowers Christ-followers to serve in the way God wired them, offering a way for many to live out Jesus' command to "Love One Another."

In 2015...

Over **75** volunteers

From **27** partner churches...

- Shared over **7,100** hours
- Served over **320** families
- Met over **1,250** ministry needs, providing for the **physical, emotional and spiritual** needs of our Oceana County neighbors



Needs met through **Church Gap Ministries:**

- **13** families received diapers and formula through the **Baby Pantry at Shelby Congregational Church**



- **4,650** Personal Care Items distributed through pantries at **New Era Christian Reformed and Hart United Methodist**

- **420** people served by the **Housewares & Bedding Pantry run by New Era Reformed**



- **34** families served by the **Beds for Kids Ministry through Shelby Road Baptist**

- **11** Cleaning Supply Kits given by **Shelby United Methodist**



## Transforming Lives and Communities

*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ becomes a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun.*  
2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

Our Help Center connects those in need in our community to our partner churches to share the light of Christ through a personal relationship.

**A set of Clothes is just the beginning...**

Although meeting the physical needs of those in our community is important, it is just one part of making a connection. Prayer, compassion and a commitment to a long-term relationship make it so much more.

**During 2015 ...**

- Over **300** Encouraging notes written and follow-up calls made
- **40** Money Management Sessions held
- **24** families made a new or renewed **connection with a local church**

growing hope 



## Financial Highlights

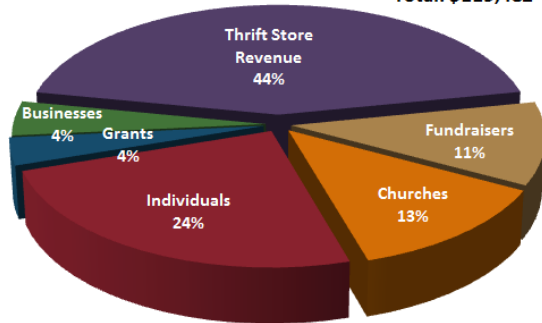
*Honor the LORD with your wealth and the best part of everything you produce. Proverbs 3:9 (NLT)*

Your investment in Love INC of Oceana County allows us to multiply resources within our community.

- The welcoming volunteers in the Help Center provide a loving voice to someone in a difficult situation.
- Our large building allows us to receive donations of all kinds. They are used in the Gap Ministries run by churches and extra items are offered for sale in the Thrift Store.
- Providing these shared resources in a central location allows the Church to do what it is called to do - **serve in the Name of Christ!**

### 2015 Contributions

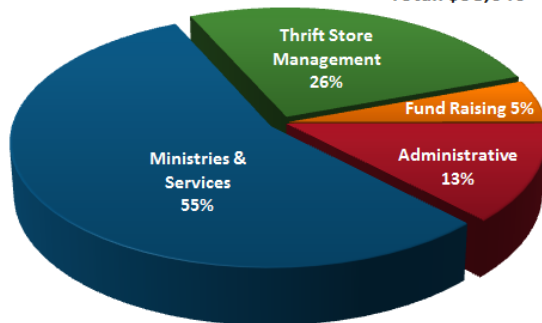
Total: \$119,482



*Goods and Services Valued at \$221,000 were given to families participating with Love INC during the past year.*

### 2015 Expenses



Total: \$98,646



Love INC engages in an annual financial review by Lake Michigan CPA Services.



## Walk With Us

- Pray for the families and individuals we serve
- Become a monthly donor
- Serve as a volunteer in a Gap Ministry or the Thrift Store
- Sign up to receive newsletters and updates
- Connect with us on-line at [www.loveincoceana.org](http://www.loveincoceana.org) and on  & 

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