

LOVE LETTER

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Vision for 2018

We are excited about new programs we will be adding in 2018 to better serve our community. Love INC has always offered its Life Skills class to help those better financially plan and budget their resources. However, we also know those calling on Love INC often need assistance in other areas as well. That is why in 2018 we look forward to working with our church partners to develop and offer new programs in 2018 to further help people get back on their feet. Two new programs being launched include **Dealing with Anxiety and Depression** (begins in March) and **Improving Self Image and Worth** (targeted May launch). A lot of the people coming to our office are not just hurting financially, but are hurting emotionally and spiritually and some have been broken down. Hence, we want to provide these programs to help them better recognize and address these problems and re-gain the feeling of confidence and self-worth. After all, we all were made in God's image so how can we not be of great worth. Other programs being targeted but we want to work with our church partners to decide include: Cooking Nutritionally on a Budget, Minor Home Repairs, Bible and Spiritual Study, and Caring for the Elderly.



Volunteer Needs

- ◆ **Network Administrator** - We are looking for a someone to spend approximately 1-2 hours ever other week helping to look over and trouble shoot our network. If this is your talent and you would like to donate a few hours a week, please let us know by calling or filling out a volunteer form on-line.
- ◆ **Food Pantry Coordinator** - We need someone or a team willing to spend 4 hours a week (either individually or split with another person) to pack boxes for clients, receive food items, report on items that are low, etc. It is a huge blessing for this ministry when we have one or two people looking after it just a few hours a week.
- ◆ **Receptionists** - We are looking to have a receptionist for the following days. Mon. 9-1, Wed. 9-12 and 12-3, Thurs. 9-1, and Fri. 9-1. Responsibilities include answering the phones and taking information from folks seeking help. Sign up for one or more times per week.

It will be an exciting year, but in order to be successful with implementing the above we need your help! We need lots of volunteers to serve as coaches, teachers, mentors, or hosts. Not to mention the need for additional volunteers to help support every day operations in our thrift store, receptionists, and other areas. So if you, and perhaps a friend, want to get involved and help those who are struggling in our community to become more independent and help deepen their relationship with Christ, please call or go to our website and sign up to be a volunteer!

2018 Sportsmen's Banquet

This past January we hosted our 4th Sportsmen's Banquet to help raise funds to support the ministry of Love INC. This year was bigger and better; with approximately **250** attending and raising over **\$17,000!**

This event could not be done without the generosity of Second Church and its members hosting and volunteering in many different ways, nor without the assistance of Ottawa Center Chapel in serving the food, which was donated by Sietsema Farms. There were over **75** volunteers, sponsors, merchants, that we would like to thank for making this such a great event (too many to list here).

Our sincerest appreciation goes out to all those involved in putting on this great event as well as to all of those who came out to support it. Because of all of you, this was our largest and most successful Sportsmen's Banquet so far! Thank you for supporting Love INC.



New Staff

On January 22nd, we welcomed Caleb Zokoe to the Love INC family. He was hired as the Director of Programs and Clearinghouse Operations. This role is focused on creating, developing and implementing new programs for our clients as well as overseeing and managing the Clearinghouse Operations. Caleb is a West Michigan native, who grew up in Hudsonville, MI and lives in Holland with his wife, Tori and son, Jameson. He comes to Love INC from First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven where he was the Youth Director for the past 5 years.



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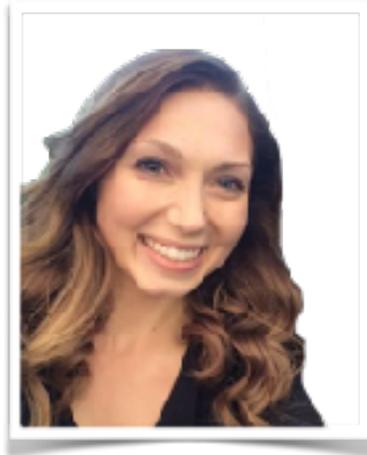


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Faces of Love



This month we highlight our GVSU Intern Francesca Golus. She is currently a senior at Grand Valley State University in her last semester before graduating in April. She is pursuing an undergraduate degree in Biology with a minor in Nonprofit Administration. When tasked with volunteering at a local non-profit last semester for a class at Grand Valley, Francesca found Love INC to be the perfect place to volunteer her time. After hearing about Love INC in class, Francesca volunteered at the New to You Store assisting with greeting clients, donation sorting, stocking shelves, and assisting Becca with various projects. As an intern, Francesca spends her time both at the office and at the New to You Store providing administrative support, greeting clients, answering the phone, and directing calls. After graduating in April, Francesca plans to attend graduate school in the fall to pursue a Master's degree in Ecology and Animal Behavior. Though only a month into her internship, Francesca has enjoyed working with clients the most as she feels like she's been able to take part in Love INC's mission, to help impact the lives and local community in the name of Christ.

We could use your help.
We need the following items
for our Food Pantry:

- Boxed Meals
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Laundry Soap
- Pancake Mix
- Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce