

# Love In Action



News from Love INC of Eastern Carver County

October 2011

## Dear Friend,

Don't you think we all need to be pushed a little, or "spurred on", to keep doing what we ought to do? In chapter 10 of the Book of Hebrews, the writer uses that image to explain that we should help each other. First, he describes how Christ provided a once-for-all sacrifice that enabled us, by faith, to become "holy" and enter a right relationship with God. He goes on to invite us in verse 22 to "draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings." The result of that assurance and hope will show itself in action. In verses 23-24 he says, "Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful." Then he says, "and let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." The writer helps us to see how our faith should result in a change of behavior. But, he realizes that if we are to develop a lifestyle defined by "love and good deeds," we need the support of others. I'll spur you on, and you spur me on. Let's be a community of believers that really does "spur one another on" to put our faith into action. Read about the upcoming opportunities to show love and good deeds right here in Eastern Carver County. And then spur your friends and neighbors on to love others, in the name of Christ.

--Doug Peterson, Love INC of ECC Executive Director

## Still Time to Register for Hope Banquet



Love INC's annual fall banquet is on Friday, November 4th and is looking to be an outstanding event. It will be held at Hazeltine National Golf Club and will feature a silent auction & reception followed by a banquet dinner, entertaining music by Carol Zimmerman & friends, and Sheila Raye Charles as our keynote speaker. In addition Dave Clutter, of KTIS radio, will be Master of Ceremonies. If you balk at the ticket price of \$100 per seat, consider that \$70 of that price can be considered a tax-deductible donation. You will be helping raise money for a great cause - showing love to our neighbors in need! Plus, you will have a great night out with others who care about Love INC.

[Click here for Hope Banquet info or to register online](#)

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## FurniShare Sale

Oct. 27, 28, 29  
Thurs. & Fri.  
9 AM-6 PM  
Sat. 10-2

1276 Park Road,  
Chanhassen  
Come and look at  
some very nice items  
that have been

## Everyone Deserves a Thanksgiving Dinner



It was heartwarming to see individuals who may not have had a family to eat Thanksgiving Dinner with, as well as parents with children, come and enjoy a festive and hearty turkey dinner at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner last year. On Thursday, November 24th, from 11:30-1:00 Love INC will sponsor a Community Thanksgiving Dinner that will be hosted again by St. Johns Lutheran Church in Chaska. This provides a wonderful opportunity for individuals or families to come and serve together, as we celebrate the many blessings God has given us this past year. Volunteers are welcome to come and help out. You can help Wed., Nov. 23 with preparation or Thursday, Nov. 24 with the Dinner itself. Also, we will be packing and delivering Thanksgiving meal groceries to families on Saturday, Nov. 19th from 10 am - noon. The details and sign-up is available online. [Click here for volunteer sign-up](#)

## Children Began the School Year Prepared

In late August we gave away 665 backpacks filled with school supplies that helped families in need get their children and youth off to a good start in the school year. Many churches, groups, and local businesses participated. All school supplies and backpacks went to families in Carver County, 365 given out directly by Love INC's School Locker Ministry at Discovery United Methodist Church, and 300 were donated to the CAP Agency for distribution to area families. A big THANK YOU goes out to the **Chaska Rotary Club** and the **Chaska Lions Club** for the support of this project. Each organization donated \$2,500 toward the purchase of the actual backpacks and scientific calculators.

## FurniShare News

### Love INC's Successful FurniShare Ministry Needs New Warehouse Space

If you know of, or have access to, about 3,000 square feet of warehouse space in Eastern Carver County, please let Doug Peterson know at [dpeterson@loveincecc.org](mailto:dpeterson@loveincecc.org) or 448-2508. The space we have been using for the past 20 months in the Chanhassen Lakes Business Park has been leased to another company. We have been able to use the space thanks to the generosity of the owners and the generous donations of Exlar Corporation. The space needs to be heated, have restroom facilities available, accessible on weekends and evenings, and ideally be available for cost of utilities and maintenance only.

donated to FurniShare--including antiques, dining room sets, cabin furniture. Sale is at our Chanhassen warehouse. Your purchases will help pay for gas, supplies, and ongoing expenses to keep FurniShare operating and giving help and hope to 400 families per year in our community.

### CURRENT DONATION NEEDS

Cleaning sprays, toilet bowl cleaner

Vacuum cleaners

\$10 or \$20 Target gift cards

Beds-any size

Donations may be dropped off at these locations:

Love INC Office  
1600 Bavaria Rd.  
Chaska  
Weekdays  
8:30 - 4:30  
(small items only)

Love INC Warehouse  
1276 Park Road,  
Chanhassen  
Saturdays  
9 AM - Noon

### Love INC Partner Churches

We want to welcome Love INC's newest partner church: **Westbrook Community Church** in Chaska!

## Volunteer Opportunities

### FurniShare Helpers Needed

9 AM - 12:30 PM Saturdays - Once a month or every other month come and join a crew going out to pick up and deliver furniture donations. FurniShare has been growing rapidly and we need more helpers to go out with the Love INC truck or trailer. Some helpers are also needed in the warehouse. You can volunteer individually or with your family. It can also be a great small group project. Youth must be 15 to come alone, or younger if they come with a parent. Contact Marilyn at: [marilyn.loveinc@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.loveinc@gmail.com).

### Can You Give Someone A Ride?

We need a few volunteers who can provide someone a ride to a doctor, the store, the food shelf, or other appointment, most often on weekdays, but occasionally on weekends. Contact Mary if you can help at: [mmorley@loveincecc.org](mailto:mmorley@loveincecc.org).

### Clearinghouse Phone Worker

Do you speak Spanish (not required, but helpful)? Are you a good listener, caring, and non-judgmental? We need a couple more people who can work a 3 1/2 hour shift once a week, or help as an occasional substitute. You would do phone interviews with those who call Love INC for help, and call volunteers to meet specific needs. Shifts are Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 8:30-12:00 or 11:30-3:00. Training is provided. For more info, contact Mary at 952-448-3262 or [mmorley@loveincecc.org](mailto:mmorley@loveincecc.org).

## Community News

### Bike Shop Has Re-located

Love INC's partner in the Bike Ministry, *A Better Society*, has moved into their own space at 1453 Park Road, Chanhassen. Love INC will continue to work in partnership with this local non-profit. Donated bikes are given to *A Better Society*, they refurbish them, and give them to Love INC to give to needy families in the community. Regular hours have not been set yet, but for now the next date donations can be accepted is Saturday, October 29, from 9 - noon. If you need to schedule a different drop-off time or you would like to be part of the refurbishing crew, call Heather Tran at 612-325-4435.

### Blessed Bee Thrift Store

The annual Winter Wear & Coat Give-Away is on Sat., Nov. 5th. Check your closets and bring donations of winter hats, gloves, mittens, snowpants, boots, and jackets to the Blessed Bee at 2450 Chaska Blvd., Chaska. Call 952-448-7794 for store hours.

## Love INC of Eastern Carver County

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### Love INC FurniShare Warehouse

1276 Park Road, Chanhassen, MN 55317  
Open hours: Saturdays 9:00 AM to Noon to drop off of good used furniture, appliances, bikes, and donations to any of the Love INC ministries.

## Contact Information

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Open Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 AM - 2 PM

### Chanhassen

Bethel Fellowship Church  
Discovery Methodist Church  
Living Christ Lutheran Church  
Iglesia Ministerios  
Renacer  
St. Hubert Catholic Church  
Westwood Community Church

### Victoria

Lake Auburn Moravian Church  
Mount Olivet Lutheran Church  
St. Victoria Catholic Church  
Waterbrooke Fellowship Church

### Chaska

Chaska Moravian Church  
Guardian Angels Catholic Church  
Iglesia Cristiana Ebenezer  
New Life Assembly of God  
Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church  
St. Johns Lutheran Church  
The River Church  
Valley Evangelical Free Church  
Westbrook Community Church

### Carver

East Union Lutheran Church  
St. Nicholas Catholic Church  
West Union Lutheran Church