

Community News

Southern Lakes Area LOVE, Inc. DBA LOVE Inc.



Friday Night Lights Hawaiian Style

Tickets are now on sale for LOVE, Inc.'s major fund-raising event, "Friday Night Lights" held on Friday, March 2, at the Cotton Exchange in Waterford. The evening's festivities will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a silent auction followed by a fish fry dinner and a live auction.

This year's event will have a Hawaiian theme. Come dressed in your Hawaiian attire and enjoy the fish fry. We will be selling raffle tickets for a Hawaiian vacation which includes a one-week stay (in August 2012) and airfare voucher. The raffle tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50, available at LOVE, Inc. stores or Thrivent Financial, 400 N. Pine Street. The drawing will be held at the auction.

Last year's event sold out and was the party of the year! We expect to have an excellent roster of items for this year's auction. A complete list will be available soon. If you or your company is interested in contributing items for the auction, please contact us.

For more information on this year's "Friday Night Lights," or to purchase tickets, contact LOVE, Inc. at 262-763-6226. Individual tickets and tables are available.

Mission Statement

LOVE, Inc. is a network of churches, organizations and individuals working together to identify and assess the needs of families and individuals and to direct them to the appropriate resources. Our goal is to help families and individuals help themselves.

Volunteers Are A Gift To Our Community

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Volunteer of the Month

Marlene Remer has been a dedicated volunteer in the main store for around 4 years. Marlene also volunteers at Cross Lutheran Church where she is a member. She and her husband Bob provide the evening meal at LOVE, Inc. once each month as part of the Cross Lutheran Church Men's Group. Marlene and Bob have been married for 46 years. They have four daughters, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Marlene likes entertaining, decorating and knitting, but most of all Marlene enjoys baby sitting and spending time with her grandchildren. Marlene says her favorite thing in life is seeing others happy! Thank you Marlene.



Marlene Remer Volunteer of the Month

Stop In And Say Hi To Leslie Caringello!

Leslie is the Program Coordinator for LOVE, Inc. Although new to the job, Leslie is not new to LOVE, nor to running programs at LOVE, Inc. Prior to moving to Burlington a few years ago, Leslie volunteered her time and expertise in several communities. She has either led or helped with a variety of programs. She finds that although the needs across communities are very similar, a more challenging situation here is the lack of public transportation. Not a situation she can change tomorrow, but one she knows impacts our clients and our programs.



Leslie Caringello, Program Coordinator

"People are high and dry without a car," she observed. "If you don't have a car, getting to the food pantry is a challenge."

Leslie's goal is to build off the excellent programs that have been established. She would like to leverage resources by establishing new opportunities with Southeastern Wisconsin industries and by facilitating volunteers. "A lot of people are out there that want to help," she says. "Not everyone wants to sort clothes. If people want to mentor, or help with clerical tasks that free up other people's time to do something else, I want to make that easy and efficient for them."

Leslie enjoys the work and feels it's a good fit. We welcome Leslie like a warm coat on a blustery winter day (just like those she helped collect for the Coat Drive as her first volunteer experience at LOVE).

LOVE In The Pantry

Food Pantry expansion project

Notice the changes? There is a new freezer, shelves, private offices to meet and discuss needs, and a brighter appearance with a lot more room. The LOVE, Inc. Food Pantry has recently been renovated to better serve our clients.

Notice the non-changes? The shopping guide has not changed. The Food Pantry is not a food store and is not intended to feed an entire family for a month. It is a stop gap; it is there to get families over the hump. When things get short at the end of the week or the month and if you qualify, you can pick up a very limited supply of staples such as beans, noodles, vegetables, or cereal and other items that are on the shelf.

The rules to determine who qualifies are established by the State of Wisconsin. Qualifying families are maintained in a database available to all the food pantries in the State program which provides substantial quantities of the food available...but not all. That is why the LOVE, Inc. Food Pantry is always accepting food and monetary donations in order to provide more choices to get families over the hump.

Sometimes a food donation is incomplete, however. For example, the last time I went through the Pantry there were at least 50 cans of pumpkin on the shelf. But none of the other ingredients to make pumpkin pie or pumpkin squares had been donated. The need for monetary and food donations still exists. Monetary donations help the LOVE staff members purchase needed things like the necessary items to make use of all those cans of pumpkin and donations of food gives our clients more choices to help to feed their families during difficult financial times.

Corporate Food Challenge



Waterford Aluminum: Corporate challenge winner

Tammi Plohocky and Sarah Drahonovsky accept the Corporate challenge trophy for the Food Pantry. Waterford Aluminum was the winner of the Fall 2011 competition. Thanks to Waterford Aluminum and all of our corporate partners that participated in this year's food drive.

Inaugural Talmer Turkey Trot to benefit LOVE, Inc. a Huge Success

Nearly 500 runners and walkers participated in the first Talmer Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning. The 2-mile run/walk and 4-mile run benefited LOVE, Inc.'s food pantry. The event raised funds and a truckload of food for our Food Pantry.

Winners of the 4-mile race were Matt Thull of Milwaukee (20:38) and Abbie Zaspel of Burlington (24:18). The 2-mile winners were Iryche Hickenbotham of Franklin (15:15) and Melinda Pedersen of Eagle (15:35).

The event was hosted out of Veterans Terrace. The race started on Congress Street and the scenic course took runners and walkers through several area parks and on the river walk. Chris Ponteri, the events organizer, said they would like to make this an annual event and hope to expand it in future years.

Talmer Bank and Trust was the title sponsor of the Turkey Trot. Other sponsors included Thrivent Financial, The Bulletin, Kwik Trip, Wal Mart, Runzheimer Foundation, Burlington Community Foundation, Running in the USA, and Performance Running Outfitters.

We would like to thank all of the participants and volunteers for making the event such a huge success. Thanks should also be given to the City of Burlington, the Burlington Police Department and the Burlington Fire & Rescue Squad for their assistance.

Thank you for your support!

Love, Inc. would like to thank everyone who participated in the Talmer Bank Circle of LOVE campaign. It was a tremendous success! A big thank you to all the churches, businesses, individuals, service organizations, volunteers and employees who have supported us all year long. The success of LOVE is directly related to the participation of the community. When organizations and individuals come together, there is nothing that we can't accomplish.



Starfish Mentors Urgently Needed

The rewards you get from mentoring a boy or girl will be immeasurable.

Our Starfish mentors program is a collaboration with Big Brother Big Sisters of Racine and Kenosha Counties. The program matches teens and adults with young boys and girls who would benefit from having a big brother or big sister. Every effort is made to match littles with just the right mentor and many success stories have emerged. We currently have six boys and a girl right here in the Burlington, Wind Lake and Waterford area waiting for mentors. Many of these littles are from single parent homes. Some need help with their homework or need a hobby. They all crave attention, someone to talk with, to play catch with, to teach them how to bake a cake or saw a board, someone to be their friend.

Being a mentor doesn't require hours of training or certification. It does require you to spend one hour per week doing things that you and your Starfish enjoy. It does require you to set an example by simply being yourself. Big Brothers Big Sisters does help by organizing group activities like bowling, fishing, boating, pizza parties and tickets to sporting events. Make a difference! Become a Starfish Mentor. There are always ways to help a boy or girl age 6 to 16 who might benefit from having a Big Brother or Big Sister. We'll find them a mentor!

To find out more about the program please call Big Brothers Big Sisters at 262-637-7625 and ask for Roz or call LOVE, Inc. at 262-763-6226 and ask for Dena.

Thank You Tri-County Riders

The Tri-County Riders presented LOVE, Inc.'s Bill Schoessling and Dena Corey with a check for \$17,500 along with an abundance of toys from the 2011 Toy Run.



Tri-County Riders present check to LOVE, Inc.

Many thanks to the Tri -County Riders and all those who participated in this fun annual event.

Do we have your current email address? Are you receiving our monthly email blasts containing upcoming events and coupons? If not please give us your current email and get on the list. You can contact us by email at office@love-inc.net, calling the office at 262-763-6226, or give it to us when you shop our stores.

Kid Friendly Happenings: Toy Exchange

Do you have a few toys around your house that your child has outgrown or doesn't use anymore? Would you like to save some money and reduce toy clutter in your home? A Toy Exchange is a great way to swap those gently used toys for other playthings your little one might enjoy. Join us Tuesday, March 27, at the Waterford Public Library 11:00 am-7:00 pm to donate or exchange those gently used children's toys.



Donations to the Toy Exchange can either be brought along with you on March 27 or dropped off at the Waterford Public Library or the LOVE, Inc. Children's Resource office during the week before the Toy Exchange.

Suggested items for donation include: stuffed animals, toy cars & trucks, dolls, building toys, books, games, puzzles, children's sports equipment, baby toys, children's CDs and DVDs. Left over items from the Toy Exchange will be donated to LOVE, Inc.

For more information contact Linda Breuer at LOVE, Inc., phone: 262-763-6226 x 107, email: families@love-inc.net

Featured Club: Waterford Lions Club

The Waterford Lions Club is always available to help in the community. LOVE, Inc., can always count on the Lions Club to assist with our many programs.

This holiday season, LOVE, Inc. was fortunate to have many of the Waterford Lions Club members donate their time to help the Adopt-A-Family Program run smoothly. The Lions Club loaned Santa their banquet tables so the elves could sort gifts. Members also assembled over 40 bikes to give to children. Pre-assembled bikes that were donated by community members were also inspected by the Lions, to assure that they were safe for riding. In addition, the Lions members spent many hours unloading donated gifts from the community and loading gifts into vehicles for those families picking up their presents. Almost every day in December, someone from the Lions Club was there assisting in whatever needed to be done. Thank you for all you do for LOVE, Inc. and our community!

Wish List

A forklift for our warehouse
A security system for our building
Food for the Food Pantry
Gas and food cards
Gently used furniture
Volunteers
Committee members
Writers for our newsletter
Construction help
Starfish Program Mentors

Welcome Cindy

The LOVE, Inc. Board of Directors welcomes its newest board member, Cindy Wishau. Residents of Rochester, Cindy and her husband, Jeff, have



three grown children and have hosted a foreign exchange daughter from Germany. Cindy is the Human Resource Manager for Edstrom Industries in Waterford where she has worked for over 25 years. She has been active in many school and community events and has worked with LOVE through her position at Edstrom. Now that their children are grown she and her husband would like to travel the United States and visit every major league baseball stadium as well as a few wineries. Cindy brings to the Board of Directors business experience as well as a desire to make our local communities better places to live. Welcome aboard, Cindy!

Store Hours at LOVE, Inc. 262- 763-6226

Meal Site Monday-Friday 5:00 p.m.
All Year Free

Family Cupboard
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 10:00-2:00
Wednesday 1:00-4:00

Thrift Store Hours:
Burlington Monday-Friday 9:00-5:30
Saturday 9:00-2:00

Waterford Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00
Saturday 9:00-2:00

Furniture Store-Twice as Nice
Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00
Saturday 9:00-2:00

Donation Center
Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00
Saturday 9:00-2:00

Kids Store
Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00
Saturday 9:00-2:00

Book Store
Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00
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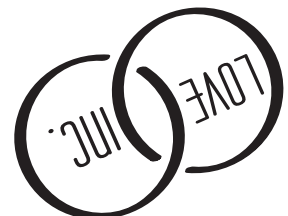
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