How **You** may Help.....



- Housing—Do you have a Parsonage, Rental Unit, House, etc. that you would consider using for Transformational Housing in Bedford County? Love INC is praying for homes in each of our School Districts so families with children could remain in their current school.
- Mentoring—Are you led by the Lord and willing to invest one on one in the transformation of lives? After Christ, mentoring is the most crucial part of this program.
- Care Teams—Would your Church be willing to oversee one of God's Harbor Homes, provide a Care Team to build a relationship with the residents and to assist the family in various areas of need? (Hospitality, Maintenance, Housekeeping, Inventory Management, etc.)
- Financial Support—Would you offer your financial support to maintain and support God's Harbor Homes for Transformational Housing in Bedford County?
- Prayer Warrior Will you pray for mentors, discernment, finances, homes and all the above?

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Intakes are taken over the phone

Help Line—(814) 652—0020 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Monday - Wednesday - Friday



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Transformational Housing guidelines have been developed in the spirit of bringing hope to the hopeless, with God's strength, always going forward in HIS Grace, by the transforming power of Christ Jesus.

The Calling

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

- Matthew 28: 18-20

Our mission for Transformational Housing is to mobilize the Church to transform the lives of those who are God sent, homeless, beaten down by the world and ready for **the real life change** that Christ offers, and mentor them to fulfill the Great commission given by Him.

<u>One congregation</u> cannot meet all of the needs of the homeless in our county. The impact of Transformational Housing will be directly related to the Body of Christ and the church's willingness to enter into a collaborative partnership across congregational and denominational lines.

Through the faithful mentoring and loving fellowship of a church, the resident will be nurtured into a personal relationship with Jesus and the transformation that only He can bring to their lives. This is of paramount importance and the only way this program will be successful!

The end results are Eternal!

Recently a young man came into the Love INC

Office with this story. He had recently been released from jail, and was temporarily staying at a motel, when his wife left him with two children, one of which he was not the biological father. As we listened to his story we felt he would be a great candidate for Transformational Housing.

The Vision

Ten years ago God placed a desire in the heart of Bev Patten, Executive Director of Love INC of Bedford County, during a Love INC National Conference to launch a program in Bedford County similar to Lancaster County's Homes of Hope. The name that God gave her for this program is **God's Harbor Homes.** After many prayers and a lot of growth within the ministry we are now ready to begin Transformational Housing to God's Glory

The Beginning

In November of 2011, Dennis and Kathy Dibert of D&D Enterprises, purchased a home that once belonged to Dennis' grandparents. Dennis and Kathy desire to lend this house, for a season, to Love INC as one of God's Harbor Homes. They call it a "Sure House" (*I Kings* 11:38) meaning a lasting legacy. It would be a lasting legacy to God's faithfulness to his grandparents. That faithfulness was instilled in his parents, in Dennis and his siblings and in the lives of others whom they influenced because of Jesus in their lives. The purpose of this home is to continue the legacy of Jesus in the lives of those who live there and of their children and grandchildren.



"Sure House" is pictured above.

You may view progress on the Facebook Group, A "Sure House"

The Development

Since July 2012, a core group of people has been meeting to pray and listen for direction from God for this program.

Using Love INC of Lancaster County's Transitional Housing Manual as a guide, the group began to write its own manual for Transformational Housing for Bedford County. The vision is for a family or individual, desiring God's **real life change**, to reside in one of God's Harbor Homes for a period of 3 to 6 months.

At this time a "Sure House" is being completely renovated and furnished as one of God's Harbor Homes for a family identified by Love INC. It will be a home where dignity, hope, and purpose are restored to the lives of residents through the love of lesus Christ.

Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action is dead.

The Fulfillment.... Souls for the Kingdom

Many Government programs actually enable people to continue on a detrimental path. God's Harbor Homes through relational ministry teaches Godly Principles and how to apply them for **The Real Life Change.**

And do not be comformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

- Romans 12:2