

Love INC

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The mission of Love INC is to mobilize the Church to transform lives
 and communities In the Name of Christ.

A Night of Inspirational Christian Music—AVALON

*A Highlight of Summer 2008
 at the Hudsonville Fair Grandstand*

WHEN:
 Sunday, August 17, 2008
 Doors Open: 6:00 PM
 Concert: 7:30 PM

WHERE:
 Hudsonville Fairgrounds
 5235 Park Street Hudsonville MI
 www.hudsonville-fair.com

TICKETS:
Reserved Seating:
 \$5.00 in advance
 \$7.00 at the door

General Admission:
 \$3.00 in advance
 \$4.00 at the door
 Groups of 10 or
 more \$2.00 each—
 Advance sales only

For Tickets Call: Love INC
 616-662-3300 or Mail Form

Special Guests:

**Wellspring Worship Band
 and Joshua Zimmerman**

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*Get your tickets in
 advance...they cost
 more at the door!*



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AVALON Tickets Order Form

Qty: _____ Reserved Seating tickets—\$5.00 each \$ _____

Qty: _____ General Admission Grandstand tickets—\$3.00 each \$ _____

Qty: _____ Quantity Discount General Admission tickets
 for church groups of **10 or more**—\$2.00 each \$ _____

Check or money order only — TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please enclose a self addressed and stamped envelope; mail ticket form and payment to:
Love INC, 3300 Van Buren, Hudsonville MI 49426

Ticket holders are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to the concert
 for use in the Love INC food pantries.

AVALON

Ansel Adams, one of the greatest photographers of the 20th century, once summed up his complex artistry in the simplest of terms: “A good photograph is knowing where to stand.” Once you get that part down, he said, the rest comes by seeing and by feeling.

Take the camera away, and the same can be said of life itself. Living it well, breathing it in, keeping it in perspective and even moving forward depends, first and foremost, on where and how you stand.

In the last couple of years, AVALON — Jody McBrayer, Melissa Greene, and Janna and Greg Long — have found themselves standing in the middle of incredible opportunity. They’ve performed in front of 500,000+ fans, hit the 3 million sales mark, watched another radio single jump to #1 (their 20th to date), and have recently been welcomed into the **Women of Faith** family. They even landed “**Group of the Year**” kudos three years in a row with the 2002, 2003 and 2004 CCM Reader’s Choice Award.

Three-fourths of AVALON also experienced unprecedented personal change — the irreversible, unimaginable kind. In May of 2004, Janna and Greg welcomed their first baby Lillian. Jody and his wife Stephanie followed suit in May of 2005 with a McBrayer first, Sarah Clayton.

Stand and Deliver

Now, almost nine full months in the making, the newest AVALON baby (album) is due to arrive January 24th. “Stand,” the group’s 7th studio album to date, is the full-circle recording fans have been waiting anxiously to hear — four unmistakable, unique and powerful voices belting out the encouraging truth of God’s love and grace with passion, confidence and conviction. Produced by Shawn Shankel, Bernie Hems and Mark Hammond, “Stand” delivers excitement and joy we’ve come to expect from AVALON — a bold and colorful reflection of a season of excitement and growth.

With this record, Jody says, “We were ready to let our hair down a little bit. ‘The Creed’ was a little more serious, and though we’re serious about the message of every song on ‘Stand,’ we were just ready to have some fun. I think even though we love a great ballad, and that’s sort of what AVALON is known for, we’re also known for great up-tempo stuff, high-energy stuff, and that creative energy and passion is something that we really wanted to bring back.”

With a steady balance of heart-racing pop-rock anthems and heart-stirring ballads, “Stand” definitely holds its own in the energy and passion departments. “‘Stand’ is such a huge reflection of where we are as a group,” echoes Melissa Green. “We wanted this record to be very authentic, with a little something for everybody... It’s just so great when the songs allow everyone to bring their own strengths to the table. When we come together, you get this unique blend that you don’t get anywhere else. And everybody really shines in his or her own way.”

Opening acts for AVALON on Sunday, August 17

Wellspring Worship Band

The Wellspring Worship Band began thirteen years ago when Senior Pastor Gary Petersen started Wellspring Church in his home with a handful of people. The church has grown to over 1,000 people today and growing each week. Lives are being changed on a weekly basis as people find the hope we have in life through Jesus Christ. Worship is a vital part of the services at Wellspring as attendees experience God through worship. The band is made up of professional volunteers and consists of electric, acoustic, and bass guitar; drums, piano, keyboard, percussion, flute, trumpet, violin, saxophone, and vocalists. Music at Wellspring is more than just a performance — it is an expression of Christ’s love from the depths of the musicians’ hearts.

Joshua Zimmerman

Joshua Zimmerman is 19 years old and the son of Calvin and Laurie Zimmerman. He is the oldest of five children. Having graduated from Hudsonville High School in 2007, Joshua will be a sophomore at Central Michigan University with plans to enter secondary education and coaching. He attends His House Christian Fellowship in Mt. Pleasant, which is a campus ministry where he plays keyboard on a worship team and leads a life group. Joshua has played piano for eight years. He has played and sung in many local churches around Hudsonville including Forest Grove Reformed Church, where he attends when he is home. Joshua is very excited and thankful for the opportunity to open for AVALON, and he hopes to share his love for Jesus through his music.

*Come and enjoy
AVALON and more on
August 17, 2008!*

Save the date

Second Annual



Concert planned...

November 6, 2008

7:00 PM

Fellowship Reformed Church

6610 – 36th Avenue, Hudsonville

featuring

**The Heralders and
The Metropolitan Choir of Praise**

The Heralders

Founded in 1963, The Heralders have always embodied excellence in both music and ministry. Thousands have embraced the quality, sound, and popularity of The Heralders, and they have become a household name especially around Western Michigan. With roots in Southern Gospel, The Heralders made a name for themselves and quickly became a popular group in Christian music. Transcending genre boundaries and singing Southern upbeat-style music in very conservative church circles, The Heralders Quartet quickly earned a devout following.

After more than 40 years of singing and sharing the Word, only a few faces have changed. The Heralders are: Bill Sterk (bass and an original member), Ken Dykstra (lead and an original member), Chad Ruger (tenor), and Hank Vander Loon (baritone and an original member). These talented vocalists comprise a team dedicated to sharing the life and love of Jesus. Excellence in both their music and their ministry has always been a hallmark of The Heralders and that tradition still continues with this timeless group.

The Metropolitan Choir of Praise

The Metropolitan Choir of Praise, a 70-voice Christian community choir, was established in 1963 for the purpose of using music to minister to many churches around Grand Rapids. The Choir's membership represents many churches, communities and vocations in the Grand Rapids area. Using a wide variety of musical styles, including contemporary, spirituals, hymn arrangements and classical pieces, the Choir has ministered to audiences in the U.S., Canada and Europe. The Choir is directed by Dr. Mark Taylor and accompanied by Vicki Williams.

Thank you, Fellowship Reformed Church, for the use of your beautiful facility for this concert!

And...

Thank you, Heralders and Metropolitan Choir of Praise, for doing this for Love INC!

Shipshewana



John Spoelman (Fundraising volunteer) and Lois Spoelman (Love's Treasures clothing volunteer) enjoy hot coffee and cool breezes on June 3. John also drove one of the four Greyhound buses.

Our annual Volunteer Thank You Adventure to Shipshewana, Indiana, was a great, fun time with almost 200 "Around the Love INC Campus" volunteers! The whole day went like clockwork — starting with a buffet breakfast at 6:00 AM served at Hudsonville Reformed Church. (Thanks, Hudsonville Reformed for letting us use your great facility!)



Nearly 200 Love INC and Love's Treasures volunteers filled four Greyhound buses on Tuesday, June 3. Though the numbers were large, our 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM Volunteer Thank You Day moved along like clockwork!

Fun and games began on the two-hour bus ride down to Shipsee — four buses following each other. By 8:30 AM we were walking the 1,000-vendor market and enjoying lots of Amish sights. Mid-day meal at Das Dutchman Essenhaus was wonderful. We ate, shopped, visited the Bulk Food (Feed!) Store, spent a few hours in downtown Shipshewana, and then topped off our day with delicious ice cream desserts at Fantasy Twirl in Burnips, Michigan. By 8:00 PM all four buses arrived back in Hudsonville, and a tired but content group of volunteers headed back home to rest...so they could volunteer again the next day!



We do have the greatest volunteers in the world!

Downtown Shipshewana shops have everything one can imagine to buy. Willpower was needed to stay away from some great stores!



(L to R) Ken Van Noord (Holiday Treasures volunteer), Mel Drew (all-around volunteer) and Jack Hoezee (Furniture Delivery volunteer) relax and joke while warming some comfortable rockers on the porch of a Shippshewana store.



Clearinghouse "cut-ups," Dori Wiersma (Clearinghouse Coordinator) and Deb Van Dyken (Clearinghouse intake volunteer) rapidly covered the dozens of aisles and over 1,000 booths at the Shippshewana Flea Market!



Cornie DeVos (Furniture Pick-Up & Warehouse volunteer) enjoys the day—and displays his usual great smile!

*Thank you, Love
INC volunteers,
for all your help!
We couldn't do it
without you!*



John Crans ("Outback" Warehouse volunteer) enjoys the "small" twist ice cream cone at our final stop of the day—Fantasy Twirl, a great ice cream shop near Burnips,

Michigan. (They served four bus loads of Love INC volunteers in only forty minutes!)



Marty Kooistra (Appliance Repair volunteer) tries out his new harmonica, purchased in Shippshewana. Randy Voss (Outback volunteer) looks as though he thinks Marty needs a bit more practice!



Hilda Klooster (Catering and Decorating volunteer) and Karen Lee (Administrative Assistant) relax after a full day of shopping, eating, fellowship and fun.



Larry! I thought you were allergic to chocolate! Larry Veldink (Bike Ministry volunteer, Board of Directors) enjoys a "small" sundae!

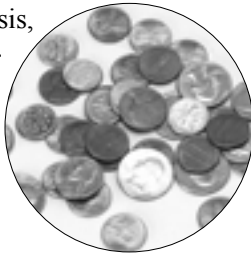
Gasoline prices are a burden. You can help with “Loose Change for Life Change”

A great project for VBS programs, youth groups, church schools, Sunday schools...

The *Loving Help* Program is the “backbone” of Love INC’s ministries. It is a powerfully effective Bible-based program that works so well because it is:

- Christ-focused
- Bathed in prayer
- Reward-based
- Highly accountable, and
- Allows people in need to walk on a long-term basis with loving, caring, trained Christian mentors & guides.

On a regular basis, Love INC serves between 125 and 150 client families in the *Loving Help* Program.



Love INC clients earn gas vouchers...

- 1.) By attending weekly classes.
- 2.) By meeting weekly with a budget counselor or workbook leader.
- 3.) By completing weekly goals.

There is accountability for Love INC clients...

Love INC tracks both attendance and completion of goals for all clients to ensure that only people who are serious about the program and life change have access to Love INC resources.

By giving loose change, you help to support the Love INC Gas Voucher fund. Through this fund, *Loving Help* Budget Program clients are able to earn \$15 gas certificates. These gas vouchers are extremely beneficial to Love INC clients, especially with the lack of public

transportation in Ottawa County. These gas vouchers help our clients to:

- Get to their jobs each day
- Pick up groceries
- Attend the Love INC *Loving Help* (Budget) Program
- Take family members to appointments

Love INC has some neat, red gasoline cans (see photo) all set up to make it really easy for you to collect “Loose Change for Life Change”! These colorful coin collectors can make it convenient for any who would like to be involved.

Be a part of changing someone’s life today!



Unique Foster Care Kits are such a blessing!

Love INC offers a caring ministry that addresses the specific needs of foster children—the Foster Care Kit Ministry. When children are placed into foster care, they often have only the clothing that they are wearing. One social worker told us that each time she visited three particular children who had been placed in foster care, they were clutching their well-worn Beanie Babies that had come in their Foster Care Kits.

Groups from Ridgewood Christian Reformed Church have assembled over 150 kits a year. Various agencies in Kent and Ottawa counties receive the kits, such as Bethany Christian Services (Grand

Rapids and Holland), Catholic Social Services, D.A. Blodgett, Lutheran Social Services and Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency.

The Foster Care Kits contain items that the children can call their own.

The infant bags include:

- disposable diapers
- ointment
- baby lotion/powder
- small soft toothbrush
- two baby bottles
- a blanket
- a soft cuddly toy

Bags for children ages 2-10 contain:

- a toothbrush
- toothpaste
- shampoo
- comb and/or brush
- a night light

- a large T-shirt or nightshirt
- crayons, coloring book(s), pencils
- school paper
- a stuffed toy

Youth ages 11-17 receive:

- a toothbrush
- toothpaste
- shampoo
- comb and/or brush
- a night light
- a large T-shirt or nightshirt
- deodorant
- disposable razor
- pens, pencils, paper
- a few postage stamps

Love INC has placed 60 Foster Care Kits with various agencies in this area so far in 2008.

If you have any questions about this ministry, please call Nyla at the Love INC office at 662-3300.

Plan to "Sound OFF" in 2008 and 2009!

A "media fast" for our youth!

A wonderful opportunity for young people to power down their electronics (Sound OFF) and instead "make some noise" on behalf of people in need through Love In the Name of Christ.



Pick a time to "Sound Off"!

Tune Out...

television, cell phone, radio, iPod, internet, computer, video games, text messages

Tune In...

the needs of others in our country and God's heart for the poor

We know our youth are often bombarded with so many avenues of media, some of which are not healthy. We have some exciting news to share with you!

Love INC is introducing a new program or initiative for young people. The **Sound Off for Poverty** empowers youth to turn the sound off on media and learn about and help the poor in our community and country. By conducting a "Media Fast" (abstaining from electronic entertainment for a period of time), youth tune out the distractions in life and tune in to God's heart for the poor. During the short period of time (i.e., 2 days, 3 days, 1 week) when young individuals turn off their media, they gather financial pledges. The funds will be used to help those in need locally. All funds raised through the **Sound Off for Poverty** benefit Love In the Name of Christ's work with people in need.

The FREE program materials for **Sound Off for Poverty** include:

- Promotional materials (poster, bulletin insert template, press release template and more).
- Youth Leader's Tool Kit, including tools and activities to learn about poverty in the U.S. and your community; Bible study lessons; ideas for serving the community and putting faith into action; and ideas to raise greater awareness in your church and community of poverty in America.
- Student Journal for each participant, which includes key facts and information about poverty, Bible study lesson outlines, a Media Fast collection envelope and a Journal section.
- Tools and activities to help young people learn about the realities of people in need in our communities.

This will be a truly exciting and tremendous opportunity for youth. Involvement in this program is somewhat time sensitive.

TO REGISTER YOUR CHURCH or for more information, contact Norma or

Nyla at the Love INC office, 616-662-3300, or 1-800-777-5277. You may also visit the website at www.SoundOffForPoverty.org.

The Sound Off for Poverty engages the hearts and minds of youth through:

1. Education
2. Service
3. Public Awareness
4. Fundraising

**TUNE OUT
THE NOISE**

A MEDIA FAST

**TUNE IN
THE POOR**

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Pantries.*

Please consider **Love INC** for your _____ contributions.

Each need brought to Love INC represents an opportunity to connect with someone Christ loves, to bring a message of God's grace.

Please apply to the **GENERAL FUND** my gift of:

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other \$ _____

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Do you get duplicates of the newsletter? If you are getting two Love INC newsletters—one at your church and one in the mail—please send us your mailing label and let us know you also get one at your church. Thank you for helping us use our resources well!

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