

MID-HUDSON LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

MINISTRY CELEBRATION and ANNUAL MEETING



PLEASE JOIN US!

You are invited to the Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ Ministry Celebration and Annual Meeting on **Sunday, March 14!** Partner Church, **Our Savior Lutheran**, is our generous host this year, so make your way to 1400 Route 52 in Fishkill to join the fun. The Mid-Hudson Love INC **Personal Care Pantry** is housed at Our Savior Lutheran Church and the dedicated pantry volunteers will be on hand to show you around. It's a casual drop-in Open House with tours of the Personal Care Pantry every 15 minutes, and light refreshments available from 3:00–6:00 pm.

If you've been volunteering and have not been to a training session, or you're open to becoming a Love INC volunteer, join us at 3:15 or 4:45 for one of our **Volunteer Orientation Sessions**. In the near future all Love INC volunteers will be required to attend a Volunteer Orientation Session before volunteering so take advantage of this opportunity. You'll meet some great folks, and get a better handle on how you can get involved in *meeting needs through caring relationships* with Mid-Hudson Love INC.

At 4:15 pm we'll all gather in the Fellowship Hall for our brief **Annual Meeting**. You'll be inspired by the testimony of a Love INC client, and challenged by the opportunities presented for 2010! Celebrate with us God's faithfulness!

- 3:00 - Open House begins, tours every 15 minutes
- 3:15 - Volunteer Orientation Session - Option 1
- 4:15 - Annual Meeting
- 4:45 - Volunteer Orientation Session - Option 2

We also welcome any new items from the list below that you'd like to bring along and donate to the Personal Care Pantry

The Mid-Hudson Love INC mission is to mobilize the Church in the Mid-Hudson Region to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ. The Personal Care Item Pantry is a perfect example of how this mission is being lived out. Although the Love INC Personal Care Pantry is located at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Fishkill, the shelves are stocked by donations from many area churches and generous individuals. And in order to get these items to needy families, there is now a team of 34 caring Christian volunteers from 12 different churches personally delivering products. It's a group effort!

Why Personal Care Items? For individuals on a tight budget, necessities like shampoo, laundry detergent, toothpaste, etc. can really take a bite out of available cash. And for those shopping with food stamps, these personal care necessities are not included in the acceptable list of items for food stamp use. A bag of personal care items can be a huge blessing, freeing up dollars that can be put toward utilities, rent, and other needs.

In 2009, from March - December, 159 deliveries of carefully prepared bags were completed. When possible, delivery people engage folks in conversation, pray with them and begin to build transformative relationships. If you would like to help with deliveries, please call Mid-Hudson Love INC at 471-0102 to volunteer. To help restock the Pantry shelves, please bring the listed items to Our Savior Lutheran Church.

PANTRY ITEMS

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| Shampoo | Laundry Detergent |
| Razors | Toilet Paper |
| Shaving Cream | Feminine Hygiene Products |
| Toothpaste | Paper Towels |
| Toothbrushes | Hair Brushes |
| Hair brushes | Bar Soap and Liquid Hand Soap |
| Bar Soap and Liquid Hand Soap | Deodorant – Men's & Women's |
| Dish Liquid | |

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