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TO: Media
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RE: "Two Nights for the Season"

Manistee Safe Harbor, a homeless "Sanctuary from the Cold" is preparing for the second season using the theme, "*Two Nights for the Season*" with an invitation to Manistee County Citizens to be part of the solution to this national problem. We are looking for persons who will pledge to help at least two nights as a host, overnight volunteer, or to prepare and serve a hot meal to the homeless.

Last year, Safe Harbor of Manistee served 19 men and women and this year we anticipate the numbers to be higher. Over 280 volunteers and seven locations, rotating weekly, were used in the 09-10 season.

The second season will begin November 6th and run through the last week in March 2011. "We are hoping that our theme, 'Two Nights for the Season' will encourage interested people to call the Love INC office, 231-723-6613 or visit their website www.loveincmanistee.or to volunteer. Another 30 people could really help out. Many people were blessed last year and friendships made in addition to the help that was given to the homeless," stated a Steering Committee member.

The Manistee United Methodist Church contact person stated, "The response by Manistee speaks well for our community. The compassion shown by the churches who are taking part and the ISD who helped to get the program off the ground last fall made it possible to offer a safe warm place during the winter to those who had none."

Anyone interested in learning more can attend the next steering committee meeting to be held at 9am on September 10th at First Congregational Church or the Training on October 2nd at Faith Covenant. To RSVP for the October training call, Robin at the Love INC office, 231-723-6613. Helping for just "Two Nights of the Season" can ease the work load for other volunteers and give satisfaction to you as well.