



*Catherine and Richard Sypek, owners of Sypek Law and Insurance at 60 Court St. (SYPEK LAW AND INSURANCE PHOTO)*

# Feeling the 'Laundry Love'

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WESTFIELD – For many people, doing laundry is a dreaded chore. For some, it's a task that's just part of their daily routine. For those struggling financially, it can be a source of stress. Whatever your feelings about laundry, it is a necessary part of life and most people are not feeling the laundry love.

That is about to change for those struggling with the cost of laundry.

Stanley Cleaners is partnering with St. Mary's Parish Charity Ministry, led by Rich and Cathy Sypek, to help those for whom laundry is a challenge through the national Laundry Love program.

"The event is being held for those who struggle with the choice of washing their clothes or paying other bills like their rent or food bill," said Cathy Sypek.

According to [laundrylove.org](http://laundrylove.org), the Laundry Love initiative consists of regular opportunities to come alongside people who are struggling financially by assisting them with their laundry. Laundry Love partners with local laundromats in cleaning clothes and linens of low-income or no-income families and individuals.

"We see the laundromat as a place where strangers become friends, people are known by name, hope is shared, and the worth of every human being is acknowledged and celebrated," states the website.

The Sypeks will host Laundry Love every fourth Tuesday of the month beginning Feb. 23.

"Rich and I want to give back to the community. We want to help foster community participation within a neighborhood. The many layers of this ministry inspire connection. Love never ends and neither does laundry," said Sypek.

Anyone who could use some assistance with washing their laundry should bring it to Stanley Cleaners, 3 White St., from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday.

Sypek emphasized that this is a free event available to any person or family who needs to wash their laundry. No registration is needed. Just arrive with your laundry between 5-7 p.m.

Sypek Law and Insurance is sponsoring Tuesday's event. Donations of money, laundry pods and dryer softener sheets, as well as sponsors and volunteers are sought, Sypek said.

"Volunteers will help sign up participants at the start of the evening and will be present to start the machines and guide participants doing their own laundry, if needed," Sypek said.

To learn more about this opportunity to serve the community email or call [cathy@sypeklaw.com](mailto:cathy@sypeklaw.com), 413-642-5276.