



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

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Mobilizing local churches to transform lives
and communities In the Name of Christ

Winter 2018



Message from Deb Executive Director



What a grand adventure this property acquisition has been so far! Thanks again to our great friend who purchased this property and granted Love INC a 5yr lease option. We have been able to realize some of our visions of expanded ministry in that we have been serving folks from our Career Closet and we are in the midst of our first twelve week Faith and Finances class as well.

Thank you too to the following businesses for their generous contributions towards our code compliance with the City of Albany for our change of occupancy permit: Dostie Construction, Heins Communication, Kent Hickam, K&D Engineering, Larry Crawford Construction, Pacific Hearing Services, Portland Concrete, Reece and Associated, Smith Glass, and Trusted Investments. In addition, Grace Bible Fellowship, Valley Christian Center and several individuals have given generously towards paying off the property. And now for the gallop to the finish line! As you can see by our beautiful house graph we have received \$30,000 toward our \$200,000 goal, amazing.

The democrat Herald did a nice article on Love INC of Linn County if you haven't yet seen it check it out online http://democratherald.com/news/local/love-inc-finds-new-home/article_9dfee233-0a31-5117-9648-621211cd0365.html#tracking-source=home-top-story-1

We are going to officially kick off our Capital Campaign with a Fiesta Fundraiser on May 5th at the Linn County Expo Center. We will have dinner, both a silent and live auction, and a raffle. To learn of sponsorship opportunities or to donate items for the auction please call Faith at 541-971-6909. Individual tickets will go on sale April 1, no kidding. :)

Partner Churches

ALBANY

Albany First Evangelical Church
 Albany First United Methodist Church
 Albany Mennonite Church
 Albany Seventh-Day Adventist
 Eastside Christian Church
 First Assembly of God of Albany
 First Church of God
 Fusion Faith Center
 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
 Hands of Mercy
 Jesus Pursuit Church
 Knox Butte Baptist Church
 North Albany Community Church
 Oak Creek Christian Church
 Oakhill Church of God
 Signs of Victory
 The Shift and Mustard Seed
 The Salvation Army
 United Presbyterian Church of Albany
 Valley Christian Center
 Willamette Community Church

LEBANON

Community Bible Church
 First Presbyterian Church of Lebanon
 First United Methodist Church of Lebanon
 Lebanon Free Methodist Church
 Lebanon Mennonite Church
 Providence Vineyard Christian Fellowship
 Southside Church of Christ
 Trinity Baptist Church

TANGENT

Agape Family Fellowship
 Grace Bible Fellowship
 Tangent Community Church

JEFFERSON

Jefferson Evangelical Church

SHEDD

Oakville Presbyterian Church

Love Story

God Listens...and Still Does Miracles

It is good to know that God is in control and knows what is best for each of us.

One of our clients (I'll call her Sandy) called in 2013 asking for help with transportation to some medical appointments and for prayer for her double pneumonia. She also asked if Love INC would send someone to her residence to pray for their new home, which Sandy shared with a friend. We were able to send some intercessors from a local church to pray for them.

A week later Sandy called, very excited, and she told us that things were going very, very well. She got a good night's sleep and things were going better at their house. She was extremely thankful for our prayers.

Sandy called other times, when she needed help with getting some ID after her purse was stolen, when she needed some furniture and linens, and when she needed prayer.

Several months ago Sandy called to tell us she was on hospice and was using oxygen. She had been diagnosed with lung cancer. Our volunteer prayed for her lungs and breathing. A good friend of Sandy's called several times after that asking for prayer for Sandy.

A few of months later Sandy's friend called to update us on Sandy's situation. Sandy had been dying of lung cancer and the doctors had given her 6 months to live. One day last week, Sandy woke up and could breathe without the oxygen and felt much better. When the doctors examined her, they found no trace of cancer.

God graciously listened to the prayers of His children and responded with mercy and power.

Thank You God!

Linen Ministry

One of our very active ministries at Love In the Name of Christ is our Linen Ministry (sheets, pillows, pillow cases, blankets, and comforters). We are blessed to receive donations from OSU at the end of the school year, which keep us supplied with linens for awhile. We also receive donations from local families. All of those donations need to be washed, and we are thankful for willing volunteers to help with that.

People in our community who are moving into an apartment after being homeless need almost everything. If they have been able to locate beds, they often still need linens. Others needing linens are those relocating after being in abusive relationships, people recently released from prison, people who have experienced a fire, and children who are moving in with their grandparents.



Carlene Vey, who attends Grace Bible Fellowship, decided to volunteer for Love INC about 2 years ago. She was willing to work in any area where she was needed, and she was needed in the Linen Ministry. She oversees the inventory, the cleaning of linens, the measuring (often the donations don't have tags indicating their sizes, so each one needs to be measured before placing it in the appropriate area), and hauling linens to and from our storage area. Albany Mennonite Church graciously allows us to store linens in a room at their church.

Carlene enjoys being able to help people during the transitions of their lives. It is good to know that a child has a warm, dry, clean bed to sleep in (rather than sleeping on the floor, couch or out doors). It allows them to feel more "normal". She loves to be able to give a young child some Disney or similar child-themed sheets — something that helps them feel special and that is theirs.



One couple who moved into an apartment after being homeless was both overwhelmed and thankful to receive the linens for their beds. It is very satisfying to be able to meet a genuine need In Jesus Name. We always offer to pray for people who receive our donations; we let them know that their gift is not just from people, but from the Lord.

Carlene said that while the requests for linens ebbs and flows, there is always a need for queen size sheet sets. Many of the sheets we receive from OSU are twin sets, but a lot of the bed donations that people receive (often from Furniture Share in Corvallis) are queen size. She could also use help with the laundering and measuring of the linens she receives.

Thanks, Carlene, for being available to serve.

Highlights from 2017

Our wonderful office volunteers answered 6,330 calls for help, offering to pray for each one, referring some to the appropriate helping agency and some were assisted by mobilizing church volunteers to help with a move, provide transportation, do yard work, cook and deliver meals, provide home and auto repair, deliver requested items, build a ramp or visit with a lonely person.

We gave away 701 durable medical goods, school supplies to 253 children, and Christmas gifts to over 400 children.

Each need met was an opportunity for volunteers to demonstrate the love of Christ in a very practical way. Thank you Church!



Fiesta Fundraiser, May 5th from 6:00 to 9:00 at the Linn County Expo Center

Love INC Board Members

Louis Lehman—*Lebanon Mennonite Church*
 Rob Nelke—*Jefferson Evangelical Church*
 Amanda Nowaki—*Valley Christian Center*
 Will Tucker—*The River Center*
 Gene Vey—*Grace Bible Fellowship*
 Ross Wootan—*Home Church*

CURRENT NEEDS at Love INC:

Services:

- Phone Intake volunteers
- Volunteers to staff our Household Items Ministry
- Volunteers to help clients find appropriate clothing in Career Closet
- Volunteers to deliver furniture to clients
- Volunteers to do yard work for our clients and at our Love INC office

Donations:

- Career Closet—Nicer clothing for men & women to wear to work (all sizes)
- Queen size sheet sets
- Blankets—all sizes
- Toilet paper



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Love INC Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday ☩ 9 am—1 pm ☩ 541-924-LOVE