



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

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Mobilizing the Church to transform lives
and communities In the Name of Christ

SUMMER 2018



Message from Deb

What a fun evening we had at our Fiesta Fundraiser! A BIG thank you to everyone; our event sponsor RIST Group, table sponsors, volunteers, donors, attendees, Will Tucker our MC for the evening, special speakers Ron and Sue Lucas, and Christina Sechrest. We were able to raise over \$25,000.00 toward our purchase of the Love INC house...we are getting there. It is exciting to see our dream of seeing lives transformed becoming a reality and this house is an important part of that.



Our desire is to continually expand opportunities for the Church to come along side our neighbors in need walking with them and investing in their lives. Not just meeting their expressed physical needs but helping them to be restored emotionally, mentally and spiritually to live the life God created them to have- **Transformational Ministry**. This working with the person as they rediscover and begin using their own gifts and talents to be part of the solution is called developmental compassion as opposed to relief compassion which focuses simply on addressing physical needs to alleviate the current stress. Continuous relief compassion actually can do damage in that it enables them to remain trapped in a life of poverty.

The next step is to have more involvement in helping people bring long term change to their lives by introducing them to God through life skills classes and mentoring. We have completed our first *Faith and Finances* class (see article on page 2) and are completing training in July to be able to offer *Affirming Potential* a class that explores the physical, emotional, relational and spiritual areas of a person's life from a biblical perspective. The AP Dream Tool will help participants set and achieve goals and steps of action to help them achieve their full potential.

We will continually seek new opportunities and ways for churches to do local mission work giving opportunity for volunteers to succeed in the work God and called them to and equipped them for. Please join us in our quest to restore hope by helping each see themselves through God's eyes.

Community helps people thrive not just survive

Partner Churches

ALBANY

Albany First Evangelical Church
 Albany First United Methodist Church
 Albany Mennonite Church
 Albany Seventh-Day Adventist
 Eastside Christian Church
 First Church of God
 Fusion Faith Center
 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
 Hands of Mercy
 Hope Church
 Jesus Pursuit Church
 Knox Butte Baptist Church
 Neighborhood Church
 North Albany Community Church
 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
 Ignite Hope-Free Methodist Church
 Lebanon Mennonite Church
 Providence Vineyard Christian Fellowship
 Southside Church of Christ
 Trinity Baptist Church

TANGENT

Agape Family Fellowship
 Grace Bible Fellowship

JEFFERSON

Jefferson Evangelical Church

SHEDD

Oakville Presbyterian Church

Faith & Finances

We completed our first Faith and Finances class in mid-April. It wasn't your ordinary lecture style classroom, but our participants, allies (mentors) and facilitators were enthused. Faith and Finances is a learning tool offered through the Chalmers Center (developed out of Covenant College in Georgia). The authors emphasize the biblical concepts that all people are created by God and that He has given each person special talents, skills and life experiences. Therefore our class set out on the adventure to learn through the material presented and through each other.

Since not everyone learns in the same way, we had a variety of learning opportunities: we discussed stories from the Bible, heard about a family working through various financial and family situations (and shared suggestions), played games, had small group discussions, prayed, and shared personal experiences. Although we faced some challenges at times, our group agreed that it was a lot of fun too. And we are developing some positive habits as we seek to honor God in the way we use the resources He has given to us.

Now, once or twice a month, our participants and their allies are connecting with each other through phone calls and getting together to focus on personal goals. Each person is glad to know they have others on their "team" to help them follow God's leading in managing their money. We are hearing comments like, "I'm saving money now," and "It helps me be smarter about what and how I buy."

We plan to offer more Faith and Finances classes and other life skills classes in the future. So we are looking for people interested in making changes in their lives through God's help. We are also seeking people interested in becoming mentors.

Please call Love INC if you want more information (541-924-5683).



Coordinator—Roger Peterson

Roger Peterson - Clearinghouse Coordinator

The mission of Love INC is to mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ. Roger Peterson, who is the Love INC Clearinghouse Coordinator, is deeply involved in this mission.

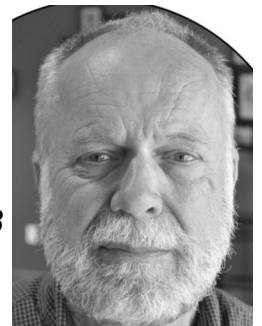
The Clearinghouse is the place most people first come in contact with Love INC by phone. Our Phone Intake Volunteers talk with people about their situations and try to help them problem solve, sharing that God is the One who has answers to difficult questions. Through prayer and discussion a plan of action is decided upon and set into motion.

Roger is the one who oversees the Phone Intake Volunteers, making suggestions about possible solutions and helping connect people needing assistance with church volunteers. Roger is an encourager to clients as well as volunteers. For clients he likes to instill hope that things can be better. For volunteers he seeks ways to improve the process of helping clients and to make the volunteers' jobs easier.

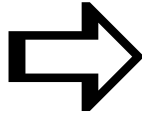
Roger told about a recent success story. A lady contacted Love INC, saying that she and her two sons had been homeless for two years and were staying with her sister. This lady had a HUD voucher, which was going to expire soon. She found a place to rent and needed money to get into it. Love INC helped her connect with agencies to help her get the money. Just as she thought she was going to be able to move in, the landlord learned that she had an electric bill that was long overdue, so he wasn't going to rent to her. She had been in an accident awhile before and had a memory loss. She didn't remember anything about the electric bill, but it had to be paid. God provided the money for the electric bill through a local church, plus five church volunteers moved donated furniture and some items from her storage unit into her new apartment. In a short time, through prayer and some caring volunteers, this lady and her sons were blessed to have a home.

Roger enjoys being part of these kinds of success stories, but he is also encouraged about Love INC's future emphasis - Developmental Compassion. We will be expanding Love INC's ministry to have more involvement in helping people bring long term change to their lives by introducing them to God through life skills classes and mentoring. God has good plans for our future.

Little children, let us love not in word and speech, but in action and truth. 1 John 3:18



**Save
the
Date**



Love INC Board Members

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

SERVE INC—July 14; 8:30 am-1:00 pm

Join with other churches in the Albany/Jefferson areas to paint the outside of North Albany Elementary School and Jefferson Evangelical Church. For more information and to sign up, go to the website:

serveincwillamette.org

School Supply Giveaway—August 11

We have a sufficient supply of backpacks but we need donations of these items:

#2 pencils, Crayola crayons (24), colored pencils (24), washable markers, fine tipped markers, 5" scissors, wide ruled comp notebooks, wide rule notebook paper, rulers, pink erasers, water colors, pocket folders, and glue sticks.

Please bring them to the Love INC office at 1606 Santiam Rd. SE in Albany

CURRENT NEEDS at Love INC:

Services:

- Phone Intake volunteers
- Volunteers to build ramps for clients (materials covered by client)
- Volunteers to wash donated linens
- Volunteers to deliver furniture to clients
- Volunteers to do yard work for our clients

Donations:

- Career Closet—work boots, and no-slip food service shoes
- Queen size sheet sets
- Blankets—Full, Queen and King size
- Fans and air conditioners
- Bariatric medical equipment
- Electric wheelchairs that work and have some life left in them.



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Love In the Name of Christ — Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday ☩ 9 am—1 pm

Tuesday 5 pm --8pm ☩ 541-924-LOVE

