

Plan now for the Christmas Season

Sometimes it feels like time speeds up during the Christmas season. We do try to pack a lot of activities into the month of December, but there are ways we can reduce some of the stress. We can make plans ahead of time, and focus on what is most important (celebrating the birth of Jesus). We can think about how to give... not just to our own families, but also to people who have greater needs than we do.

There are many worthwhile ministries to consider. One local opportunity is the Christmas Give Away for Children (ages birth through 18) which is jointly sponsored by *Love INC and God's Heart*. Volunteers and gifts come from many different churches and from the community. This year it will be a drive-thru event located at Jesus Pursuit Church on December 10th from 10 am to 4 pm. Parents needing gifts for their children can request them online at <https://lovelinn.org>

Donations are needed:

Gifts for children from birth to age 18

Churches and businesses can sponsor a Christmas scene

Christmas trees (to decorate the pathway and then be given away)

Cash or check donations may be given to God's Heart 1606 Santiam Rd SE, Albany, OR 97321

Credit Card donations at <https://jesuspursuit.org/give> Christmas fund

Volunteers are needed (sign up online beginning Nov. 1st on our web site <https://lovelinn.org>):

People to call parents to remind them of their time slot and answer questions.

"Elves" are needed to place gifts in gift bags

Volunteers to put the family gift bags together

On Dec. 10 th volunteers are needed

To set up

To chat with families as they drive through

To pray with families if they wish

To serve cocoa

To give out gifts

To serve in the prayer tent

To clean up



In the past this has been a wonderful blessing for the families who receive gifts & for volunteers. Consider joining us. If you have questions, please give us a call at Love INC (541-924-5683) .

Love INC Board Members

Jerry Cruce—*Willamette Community Church*

Mike Farnsworth—*Lebanon Calvary Chapel*

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Ross Wootan—*Home Church*

Love In the Name of Christ — Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday  9 am—1 pm

Tuesday 5 pm --8pm  541-924-LOVE

Partner Churches

ALBANY

Albany City Church
 Albany First Evangelical Church
 Albany First United Methodist Church
 Albany Foursquare Church
 Albany Mennonite Church
 Albany Seventh-Day Adventist
 Eastside Christian Church
 First Church of God
 Free Church United Christian Center
 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
 Hands of Mercy
 Hope Church
 Jesus Pursuit Church
 Knox Butte Baptist Church
 Neighborhood Church
 North Albany Community Church
 Northside Christian Church
 Salvation Army
 The Shift
 United Presbyterian Church of Albany
 Valley Christian Center
 Willamette Community Church

CRABTREE

Crabtree Christian Church

LEBANON

Community Bible Church
 First Presbyterian Church of Lebanon
 First United Methodist Church of Lebanon
 Ignite Hope-Free Methodist Church
 Lebanon Mennonite Church
 Signs of Victory
 Southside Church of Christ
 Trinity Baptist Church

TANGENT

Agape Family Fellowship
 Grace Bible Fellowship
 Tangent Community Church

JEFFERSON

Jefferson Evangelical Church

SCIO

Providence Vineyard Christian Fellowship

SHEDD

Oakville Presbyterian Church

Ways to Give

- >Mail a check to: Love INC of Linn County,
1606 Santiam Hwy SE, Albany, OR 97321
- >Donate with a credit card through our

New Logo

We are known in our county as Love INC. While some people who don't completely understand our mission may think it means "Love Incorporated", it actually means Love in the Name of Christ. King Solomon said, "A good name is more desirable than riches." (Proverbs 22:1), and we want to represent Jesus Christ well in our community.



Over the past 20 years, the heart and cross has been the symbol used to identify Love INC in all of our communications, but our national organization plans to use a new logo that speaks more about how our organization benefits our community.



We are connectors.

We connect Christian churches to one another and their community. We connect community members to resources and support. We bring people together, and in those intersections, they experience divine encounters with God.

Secondly, while our desire is to see people transformed into the people God desires them to be, Love INC cannot do the transformation work.

Rather, we create the scaffolding upon which transformation and growth is possible.

We create spaces where church volunteers and community members' lives intersect and both have the opportunity to experience transformation. Then, the body of Christ rises up to do what it does best---care for one another and point people to God.

In our new logo, you see the scaffolding concept through the design of our updated heart and cross. You will notice patterns in the scaffolding that represent the divine intersection of people facing difficulties and longer lines that picture ongoing journeys.

Prayer Requests

- Continue to pray for more phone volunteers.
- Ask God to provide more self-care (hygiene) products
- Pray for strong volunteers to deliver furniture (trucks needed too)
- We could use more non-slip shoes and work boots in various sizes.