



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

The Love INC

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

June 2016



Message from Deb Executive Director

We have the keys! A great friend of Love INC has purchased the property and given us a five year lease with an option to purchase. Each portion of our monthly rent check that is applied to the principle pays down our balance owed! Isn't that an amazing blessing?

Thank you to everyone for your continued prayers, financial contributions, donated professional services, physical labor, and verbal encouragement. We are making progress in our move to this new ministry facility: The medical equipment was moved Saturday April 30th from the Mennonite Village shop bay to our new shop by a hardy group of volunteers thanks to a gracious last minute donation of the use of a moving truck from Team Pendley, thank you Christie! Work has also begun to make the new building code compliant so our Clearinghouse can begin operations in the new location as well. Office equipment will be moved on Saturday June 25th. Donations as well as continued requests have already been reaching us for the career closet to be opened at the new house. Excited conversations about cooking classes for food box recipients, budgeting classes, and other life skills classes can be heard daily. Serve INC has even offered to do some sprucing up of the property as part of their day of service this year!

Thank you Church for this opportunity to be a part of your expanding ministry assisting in the release of our friends currently trapped in the grips of poverty... *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. Luke 4:18-19*

We must all work together to pursue this vision of expanded ministry to the poor. In addition to paying off the property, operational costs will increase, and additional volunteers will be needed to stock and staff the career closet and help teach the life skills classes. May many more know the transforming love of Christ through His mobilized Church.

- \$200,000
- \$150,000
- \$100,000
- \$95,000
- \$85,000
- \$75,000
- \$65,000
- \$55,000
- \$45,000
- \$35,000
- \$25,000
- \$15,000



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Blessings, Deb

July 9th Serve INC day of
service! Register at
www.serveincwillamette.org

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
 Jesus Pursuit Church
 Knox Butte Baptist Church
 North Albany Community Church
 Oak Creek Christian Church
 Oakhill Church of God
 Signs of Victory
 The Shift
 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
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TANGENT

Agape Family Fellowship
 Grace Bible Fellowship
 Tangent Community Church

JEFFERSON

Jefferson Evangelical Church

Love Stories

Ride to Pain Clinic

Generally speaking we are not a crisis service nor can we respond to most needs even within the same week. There are verifications to be done, volunteers to find...but this month we noticed one of our volunteers 'moved with compassion'... A new Albany client left a voice mail asking for a ride to the pain clinic in Corvallis for a 1:00 appointment the next day. When we returned his call we told him, in the future he needs to give us a lot more notice but we would try to find someone. He said he just got the appointment today so didn't have any notice to give!

One of our phone volunteers heard about this need and gave client and his granddaughter a ride from Albany to the Pain Clinic. Afterward he treated them all to a Dilly Bar at DQ on the way back to Albany. They then went to Target to drop off a new prescription before taking them home.

...and Jesus, moved with compassion, acted. Isn't it grand that he bestows upon us the ability to love well in His name?

Sometimes it's "Just" Prayer

Sara (not her real name) came home on Valentine's Day with a gift for her husband of 40 years only to learn that he had decided to exchange her for another woman. Sara was suddenly homeless. She stayed with various friends, moving from couch to couch, trying to find low income housing with a Section 8 voucher (which would expire at the end of October). She also learned that she had stage 4 cancer and was terminal. In late September Sara called Love INC, frightened that she would soon be homeless, and she felt like God had abandoned her. Our phone volunteer spent time making suggestions, encouraging Sara and praying for her over the next few weeks. In late October Sara let us know that she had found a place to live. She said that the prayers and encouragement got her through the tough times, and she now knows that God does indeed love her.

Volunteers

Love Ramp Building

Some people have in their hearts a desire to help others, and Richard Bergey is one of those people. About 3 years ago, he was occasionally helping people with minor home repairs through First Assembly of God Church, where he attends. Love INC was getting requests from disabled people who



needed ramps built, and Richard was kind enough to lend a hand. Since that time he has built about 25 ramps and railings. Most of the people he helps need to use a wheel chair in order to get out of the house and go to doctor appointments, but they don't have enough money to pay someone to build it.



When Richard gets a call about someone's need, he goes out to the house to assess the need and make out a material list. He lets the cost of the materials, which they are the supplies, he goes back and builds a ramp built, depending on the length thing he likes most about doing this is his work. They are so thankful and happy. That makes Richard feel good that he is using the skills God gave him to meet important needs for these people.



Love INC client know the approximate responsible to pay for. After he purchases the ramp. It takes about 3 or 4 days to get and turns involved. (See photos). The seeing people's responses after he finishes

He remembers talking to one man's daughter, who was concerned that her father was falling a lot. She asked Richard to put in some grab bars and also a railing by the steps that went into his garage. When Richard arrived at his house, the man insisted that he didn't need any work done and was quite angry with Richard. Richard told him that his daughter asked him to do the work, so he went ahead and did it. After Richard was completely finished, the man sheepishly said he really liked having the new safety items and said he was sorry he had been so angry with Richard. Smiles all around! Thanks, Richard for being available when God calls.



CURRENT NEEDS at LOVE INC:

Items for the Career Closet at our new facility

Nicer clothing for men and women to wear to work (all sizes)

Hard hats, work gloves, work boots, non-skid restaurant shoes (all sizes)

Lift chairs for people with disabilities (12 needed at present)

Diapers (size 5), Pull-ups (all sizes), Goodnights (M-L, 38-65 lbs.)

Volunteer painters, cleaners, and yard maintenance workers at new facility

Volunteer Board Members (especially Christian people experienced in marketing, fund-raising and writing grants)

Love INC Board Chairman

Rob Nelke is the Pastor of Jefferson Evangelical Church and the Love INC Board Chairman. Several years ago, he was overwhelmed with people coming to the church with needs that they could not meet, and he didn't know where to direct them. A fellow pastor recommended Love INC. Rob met Deb Powell and saw that Love INC offered an

amazing opportunity for their church. They could refer people who needed assistance AND send volunteers to help meet the needs of people who weren't connected to a church. Rob began at Love INC as a Church Ministry Coordinator and about 5 years ago, he joined the Board.

The Board promotes the mission of Love INC, which is to "mobilize the church to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ." This includes strategic planning, providing oversight and accountability for the work, financial management, policy development and bringing resources to the organization. As Board Chairman, Rob facilitates the Board meetings, communicates with partner churches, recruits new Board members, and provides support and encouragement for our Director, Deb Powell.

Policies are important in most successful organizations, as they are at Love INC. Rob shared



this about policies at Love INC: "I got to visit Niagara Falls one time. I was glad there was as a guard rail keeping me from falling over the edge of the cliff. I think of policies acting a guard rails that keep the organization from taking steps in a harmful direction. Policies can act as a 'best practices' way of doing things, ensuring that we provide the best possible stewardship of our time, treasures, and most precious resources - our volunteers."

When asked what he found most rewarding about serving on the Love INC Board he said, "When I hear stories of transformed lives - especially when people come to know Jesus as their Savior. I find great reward being a part of the greater body of Christ working together to reach our community."

Serving on the Love INC Board motivates Rob to promote and support Love INC at his own church. It also motivates him to perform his role as a board member to the best of his ability so that volunteers of various churches continue to have the opportunities to love the people of our community and show them God's love through acts of service. He said,

"When the body of Christ is working together, I believe it's a powerful witness in the community we serve, and that witness will draw people to Jesus Christ.... and when people meet Jesus, their lives are transformed."

Board of Directors

Rob Nelke - *Jefferson Evangelical* (chairman)

Scott Miller - *Willamette Community Church*

Dean Pindell - *Grace Bible Fellowship*

Amanda Nowaki - *Valley Christian Center*



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