



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

The Love INC

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

WINTER 2020

Message from Deb Executive Director



Thanks to your generous donation we are about to graduate the first Boundaries class of 2020! What an amazing eight weeks together receiving practical help and wisdom to live a healthy, balanced life, including when and how to say “no” to the requests of others when needed. We live in such a busy busy culture learning to take back control of our lives brings peace and tranquility. Yielding a better quality of life where we can keep ourselves healthy emotionally, physically, mentally and spiritually so that we can share our life well with others . We have learned to recognize symptoms of not setting good boundaries and to understand those things that we are and are not responsible for.

The Spring class you are providing for is Faith and Finances from the Chalmers Institute of Economic development a fun, group learning experience where participants learn God’s principles of financial management and receive support from allies. There is still time to register if you or someone you know would like to join!

Thanksgiving and Worship

He alone is worthy of all of our thanksgiving and worship! What an honor to set aside time to do just that. Thank you to those who joined us last month at the Lebanon First Presbyterian Church. It was a sweet time and I’m very grateful for being there to partake.

We will gather quarterly to do this very thing saying “Thank You” for all He has allowed us to join with Him in blessing our neighbors.

Friday, June 26th at 7:00 will find us gathering at Valley Christian Center for another wonderful night of worship and thanksgiving. I hope you can be there!

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
 Free Church United Christian Center
 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

Prayer Changes Things

We aren't able to give everyone what they ask for, but we always offer to pray for them and their needs.

One lady, (Donna) a working single mom, called us saying that she was short on funds to pay for her rent that month. Love INC doesn't have money for financial requests, so we refer people to agencies that do help in that area. Anne suggested that she contact Community Services Consortium to ask for rental assistance. Donna had already talked to them, but she didn't qualify for any of their programs. So Anne asked our Great Provider to meet Donna's need.

The next day Donna came in to tell us her good news. Someone from Community Services Consortium called her back to say that they found a way to give her the funding she needed. Yay!!

Connie was dealing with a lot. There were relationship struggles within her family, which was emotionally draining. She had recently been given custody of her grandson, a teenager. She felt overwhelmed. On top of all that, she was getting ready to have knee surgery, which is why she called us. She needed some medical equipment for her recovery. Anne met her when Donna and her husband came in to pick up the medical equipment. Anne offered to pray with them, and when she was finished, Connie's eyes were filled with tears. She no longer felt so overwhelmed. Anne said they felt God's presence that day.

Volunteer Focus—Ross Wootan

Ross Wootan has been involved with Love INC close to 4 years. He started volunteering around the time that Love INC moved into the house on Santiam Road in Albany. The house needed a little TLC plus various preparations to transform it from a family home to a ministry center. A large group of volunteers from various churches made this happen and Ross was one of those volunteers.

Ross decided to volunteer more when he saw that Love INC was a ministry that was meeting needs in the communities of Linn County, and it was designed to promote unity in the church. One way he has contributed to the ministry has been as a Love INC Board member. The Love INC Board is made up of individuals from various churches who agree with the statement of faith and the Love INC missions statement. He said that serving on the board is a pleasure because all the members buy into the Love INC mission statement:

*The mission of Love In the Name of Christ
is to mobilize local churches to transform lives
and communities In the Name of Christ.*

Decisions at the Board level are generally made by consensus due to the buy-in on the mission statement. Buy-in creates unity.

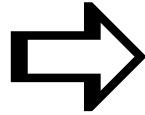
Another area that Ross has been involved in has been the Transformational Ministry Classes offered to our clients, people attending our churches and others in our community. In the Transformational Ministry Classes we seek to help people reach their potential and learn valuable life skills. Ross likes the idea that these classes are giving people a “hand up” rather than just a “hand out”. Ross has been in leadership roles in the *Affirming Potential and Faith and Finances Classes*.

Ross says he enjoys the family atmosphere of working with the staff and volunteers in this ministry. He also says that for Love INC in general, it is sometimes a challenge being the liaison between Christ’s Body and the clients who need help and promoting unity in the Body of Christ. We need God’s guidance to accomplish His mission.

*I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word.
That they may all be one, just as you, Father are in me, and I in you, that they also
may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you
have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one. I in them
and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know
that you sent me and loved them even as you love me.*

John 17:20-23

**Save
the
Date**



Spring Classes offered:

Faith & Finances—April to June

Work Life Class—April to June

Love INC Board Members

Jerry Cruce—*Willamette Community Church*
 Louis Lehman—*Lebanon Mennonite Church*
 Rob Nelke—*Jefferson Evangelical Church*
 Gene Vey—*Willamette Community Church*
 Ross Wootan—*Home Church*

Third Annual Fiesta Fundraiser

March 28th at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center from 6 to 9 pm. There will be dinner, Silent Auction and Live Auction. Get your tickets now (\$30/person) through our website (www.lovelinn.org), or come in to our office when we are open (Monday through Thursday, 9 am—1 pm and Tuesday evening 5-8 pm). Great fun for all!



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CURRENT NEEDS at Love INC:

Services:

Prayer

Phone Intake volunteers

Volunteers to build ramps for clients (materials covered by client)

Volunteers to deliver furniture to clients

Volunteers to help with yard work, household repairs, auto repair

Donations:

Career Closet—work boots and non-slip shoes for food service

Toilet paper, pots and pans, and towels

Electric wheelchairs that work and have some life left in them

Pillows and queen size linens

Ways to Give

> Mail a check to
 1606 Santiam Hwy SE,
 Albany, OR 97321

> Donate with a credit
 card through our website
www.lovelinn.org



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