



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

FALL 2019



Message from Deb Executive Director

As I ponder 2019 I think of the many lives He has touched this year through Love In the Name of Christ of Linn County i.e. YOU! The office has received over 6,000 calls for help with a word of prayer offered with each one. You have responded with visitation, transportation, moving help, yard work and other practical acts of service. You have given diapers, household goods, hygiene products, linen, furniture, medical equipment and firewood.

You rose to the occasion again in August in helping students get ready for school! In addition to having a huge amount of clothing and shoes from OSU dorms for middle and high-schoolers, the YMCA partnered with us in providing truck loads of clothing for younger children AND Jesus Pursuit Church hosted a BLOCK PARTY in the parking lot during the giveaway. Backpacks with school supplies and the gospel were distributed to all Preschoolers through 5th grade present.

Last Saturday was the distribution of winter coats you have supplied. Over two hundred people will stay warm because of your generosity.

This year sixty six individuals attended our *Affirming Potential* and *Faith and Finances* classes. In August Roger and I were able to go to Minnesota and get training in order to facilitate *Work Life* this Winter. You will read about another Winter offering this year called *Boundaries*. All these are wonderful, holistic, full of prayer and the Word life skills classes that I believe will help us all live more purposeful productive lives. I am so grateful to learn with and from everyone in them.

We constantly endeavor to mature in the manner in which we walk developmentally with one another and this is good BUT I would like to stop and consider all HE has done through Love INC thus far. Let's say "Thank You" and give Him the praise He so richly deserves. I invite you to join with us November 8th at 7:00. We will share dessert, hear testimonies and worship Him for His goodness. Jesus Pursuit Church, 2110 Santiam Hwy, Albany has graciously offered their building for the evening, thank you.

Deb



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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

Boundaries

We are progressing through 2 classes of **Affirming Potential** this fall. It is good to see people evaluating their lives in light of God's Word. They are gaining a deeper understanding of God's love for them and how He wants them to live.

We look forward to offering another class called **Boundaries** after the first of the year. Boundaries are limits we place on our time, attention and resources. Without boundaries, we may become overworked or lazy or allow others to control us. We need to have balance in our lives and setting healthy boundaries helps us to do that.

After Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt and into the wilderness, his wife, 2 sons, and father-in-law joined him. Very soon his father-in-law noticed an imbalance in Moses' life. Moses met with people throughout long days to help solve problems, but Moses was allowing the Israelites to control his time and ministry. Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, offered some advice. He said, "What you are doing is not good. You and the people with you will wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. Now obey my voice; I will give you advice and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God, and you shall warn them about the statutes and laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you."

Moses learned to limit his availability to the Israelites so that he could do what God called him to do. We all need healthy boundaries, so if you or someone you know would benefit from understanding how to set boundaries, call us at Love INC to find out more (541-924-5683).

Volunteer Focus—Welcoming Our Neighbors

When people come into our Love INC office, frequently the first person they meet is a receptionist. The receptionist welcomes those seeking help, those bringing donations, as well as people who have questions about the ministry. At the Linn County Love INC we have two volunteer receptionists, each working two days a week --- Sue Lucas and Diana Cruce.

SUE has been involved at Love INC for about 10 years. She learned about the ministry through a friend, and at first Sue was helping with a project --- data entry. After that she became a phone intake volunteer, and finally a receptionist. She enjoys welcoming people, learning about their situations, and helping problem-solve, but the most gratifying part of her job is being able to pray for people. Somehow God uses that prayer ministry to touch a person's inner being, so they sense the Lord's love and they begin to have hope.

Sue readily admits that there are a few challenges in the ministry, including times when we don't have a needed item (like a wheel chair), or we can't provide a service (like a ride to a doctor) because no volunteers are available. Another challenge is when a client is in their current difficulty due to poor planning or is not taking responsibility for themselves to meet their own needs. However, overall, Sue said, "It is rewarding beyond words to see the wonders that God brings into people's lives."

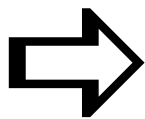
Sue said, "If you have the time to give, there are lots of areas you can be involved in. Just come in and we can put you to work!"

DIANA has volunteered at Love INC for 5 years. After some initial training, she became a receptionist (she had been a church secretary in the past). Diana enjoys the ministry in many of the same ways that Sue does -- meeting new people and developing relationships, sharing information about community resources that may help them, communicating respect and care to each person, and offering to pray.

Since Diana came to Love INC, her heart has gone out to people who continue to find themselves in difficult situations because they have not been taught how to navigate life well. Diana learned life skills when she was growing up in a caring family. That isn't true for everyone. Diana has been involved in the Developmental Ministry aspect of Love INC, where classes are offered to help people understand more about their value to God and where they can learn life skills and biblical principles. Some people are ready to make positive changes in their lives, and it is a joy to see them learning from God and developing healthy friendships. God is blessing this ministry. Love INC offers some hand-outs, but we are also offering a "hand-up". Praise God!



**Save
the
Date**



Third Annual Fiesta Fundraiser

March 28th at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center There will be dinner, Silent Auction and Live Auction. Great fun for all!

Thanksgiving & Praise 11/8/19

at Jesus Pursuit Church-2110 Santiam Hwy SE, Albany, 7 pm. Join Love INC for dessert, testimonies and an evening of thanksgiving & praise.

Christmas Gifts for Children—12/21/19

at Jesus Pursuit Church, 10 am—3 pm. Please bring unwrapped Christmas gifts for children of all ages to the Love INC office. Include a “Christmas Blessings” note for the recipients.

Coming in 2020 :

Boundaries Class—January through March
Work Life Class—January through March

Fiesta Fundraiser-March 28 at the Linn County Fairgrounds

Love INC Board Members

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

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

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

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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Love In the Name of Christ — Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday ☩ 9 am—1 pm

Tuesday 5 pm --8pm ☩ 541-924-LOVE



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