

God Blesses Love INC

In 2016 Love INC was notified that the storage building which housed our medical equipment at Mennonite Village would not be available in a few months because they needed the area for other uses. Deb began looking for warehouse/storage type facilities in the area. One day Roger came to Deb with another idea. Roger asked Deb to go with him to meet a realtor at a house with a large shop in Albany. After seeing the house and shop, they asked a kind friend of Love INC to come see the property and consider the vision. Together the 3 of them prayed.



This is how God led—Our friend offered to buy the house and give Love INC a 5 year lease, with the option to buy at the end of the 5 years (the lease payments were tailored to Love INC’s ability to pay and applied toward the purchase). The Love INC Board considered costs of the house, necessary changes needed to make the property code-compliant as a business instead of a home, plus the need for a new roof and double paned windows (to reduce heating costs). A capital campaign was designed for \$200,000 to pay for these needs, and we launched into the grand adventure of buying our Love INC house.

As God often does, He brought blessings along the way. We communicated with our potential donors about the vision and need for prayer & resources. During the process of making the house code-compliant, businesses graciously donated materials and labor, lessening our costs. We had a small fundraiser in 2017 and our Fiesta Fundraisers in 2018 & 2019. We tried three times in 2020 to have another Fiesta Fundraiser but had to cancel because of COVID. The date to pay off the house was June 2021. We asked God to do it and He did! Through much prayer God brought in the money needed from individuals (many small but consistent donations plus larger donations), from churches, from a non-profit and from businesses. On May 12, 2021 the money that was due in June was paid and the property became ours (we are still seeking money to reroof the house and for windows). We give God the honor and glory, and we thank our many donors who responded to God’s promptings.

We now have a place for our household items, our medical equipment, our call center, a small welcome area and kitchen, our Director’s office and a board room (which the Linn County House of Prayer and Celebration has used). We want to continue to follow God’s leading in connecting more with churches and caring for the people He brings to us. THANK YOU GOD!

Love INC Board Members

Jerry Cruce—*Willamette Community Church*
Mike Farnsworth —*Lebanon Calvary Chapel*
Rob Nelke—*Valley Christian Center*
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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

Partner Churches

ALBANY

Albany First Evangelical Church
Albany First United Methodist Church
Albany Foursquare Church
Albany Mennonite Church
Albany Seventh-Day Adventist
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United Presbyterian Church of Albany
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First United Methodist Church of Lebanon
Ignite Hope-Free Methodist Church
Lebanon Mennonite Church
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Trinity Baptist Church

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Agape Family Fellowship
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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

Overwhelmed

One of our volunteers, Carmen Moody, has been helping at Love INC since 2014. Carmen speaks Spanish, so she is often asked to help our Spanish-speaking Love INC friends when they call with requests. While Carmen lived in Texas, she was involved in Stephen Ministry, which offers high quality one-on-one Christ-centered care to people in the church and community who are going through difficulties. She was also a volunteer with Prison Fellowship. She is an asset to Love INC because she has a merciful heart toward people who are struggling and she gives wise counsel.

Eva *, a Spanish-speaking lady, was referred to Love INC by a social worker from the hospital. Carmen returned the call and Eva was obviously overwhelmed. She recently gave birth to her 6th child, and her husband (Juan*) was in a serious car accident. He was in ICU and the doctors weren't sure he would live. He had several broken bones and much injury to his left side. Eva was spending as much time at the hospital as she could, and his parents and sister were staying at their two bedroom apartment to care for Eva's children and help out. Her request of Love INC was for someone to do laundry for her, as they were far behind. Carmen said we would find help for her with the laundry. Carmen prayed for her and encouraged her with Scripture. Eva said she told the doctors that her God is able to heal her husband, and she wasn't going to give up. Carmen found volunteers to help with several large bags of laundry that day.

Then Roger sent an email request to our partner churches, asking for help with laundry. One church called back and said 3 ladies at their church would do laundry. Carmen became the pick-up and delivery person for the laundry since Eva doesn't speak English. This also gave Carmen the opportunity to continue ministering to Eva and praying for her in her own language.

When Carmen contacted Eva later, she learned that Juan had opened his eyes but could not talk. The family was able to get food stamps, which helps them financially. Carmen later suggested that she seek help with housing costs too, even though Eva preferred not to ask (Eva said that she and Juan had always paid for the needs of their family). Carmen plans to ask a pastor and his wife from a Hispanic church to reach out to this family.

We just received a call from Eva saying they might be able to send Juan home in a week or two (he is moving more, especially on his right side, but the doctors still do not have much hope for his recovery), and he will need a hospital bed and other equipment (Love INC will try to provide the equipment). The only place to put a hospital bed is in the living room, so Eva is looking for a 3 bedroom place for her family to live. Anyone have ideas??? If you do, please call us (541-924-5683).

* not their real names