



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

The Love Connection

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What is Love INC.....really

Message from the Executive Director

Save the Date Love INC Auction

Love INC will hold an auction this year on September 24th, 2010 at the Tacoma Christian Reformed Community Church at 2419 72nd St. E. Come enjoy desserts, coffee, or tea while browsing and bidding at the silent auction. Entertainment will be provided by a quartet called, "Livewires". Admission will be \$5.00

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If we wish to see God, we should look at the point where a caring Christian intersects with a person in need. Ted Engstrom, founder of World Vision said of Love INC in 1988 in his forward of a book called, "Help is just around the Corner" that in the parable of the wise builder, Jesus challenged His followers with a very simple formula, "He who believes in Me and hears My word and then does it, is like..." If the church is to become the salt it was ordained to be, particularly in light of the limitation of governmental resources and our societies headlong rush toward materialism, Dr. Gulker's (the Love INC) message is one that the church must not only hear, but then step out in faith to do. It is a refreshing approach that offers unlimited possibilities. It is an idea that I believe comes through the Holy Spirit."

1John 3:18, TLB Little Children, let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them and show it by our actions.

Being a part of Love INC, it has been a privilege to really come in contact with (and I may be partial) the cream of the crop of the caring Christians. I believe that Christians do care about the needs of people around them ~ the elderly people who can no longer completely care for themselves, single parents who need material assistance and personal support, people who are disabled, unemployed, and homeless.

We come to the Church with a structure of ministry that helps connect people in need, with Christians that care. There is tremendous potential in the Body of Christ to respond to the needs of people in our society. It is our goal to help them connect. We exist to foster the engagement in ministry between the Church and their neighbors in need not replace the Church in meeting needs.

We are a clearinghouse of resources and through the phone center we screen the calls that are referred to us to ensure the needs are specific, legitimate and manageable.

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Our mission is to mobilize the Church to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.

Talent Tithe Updates

Love INC has asked that members of local churches become involved in responding to individual and family needs which arise, or currently exist, in the area surrounding their churches. Our church has agreed to participate in this program because we believe it will give each church member a precious opportunity to put his/her Christian faith and love to work in the service of those in need.

Love INC will refer neighbors with legitimate and manageable needs to the trained contact person from our church. This contact person will give you the opportunity to provide the service you indicate on this inventory.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Church _____

Note: If you are unable to help when called upon, you may simply decline that opportunity.

Available hours: (please check)

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Mon	_____	_____	_____	Fri	_____	_____	_____
Tues	_____	_____	_____	Sat	_____	_____	_____
Wed	_____	_____	_____	Sun	_____	_____	_____
Thurs	_____	_____	_____				

I AM WILLING TO VOLUNTEER IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: (Please Check)

- Assist with Shopping one or two times a month
- Assist people in filling out various forms (Seniors)
- Transporting people to medical appt once or twice a month
- Deliver food occasionally with adequate notice
- visit shut-ins, elderly, or disabled or handicapped
- Visit and encourage people who have no family/ friends to help
- Respite care for a single parent or those living with handicapped person
- Companionship for the elderly
- Transport Furniture in your Truck
- Do yard work for disabled and elderly
- Share skills: Auto Appliance

- Money Management counseling (we can train you)
- Plumbing Carpentry Painting
- Provide short term emergency housing
- Help family with meal planning and cooking from scratch
- Tutor Children
- Tutor Adults (English as second language)
- Donate baby supplies
- Donate Beds, dressers, Linens & blankets
- Temporary baby-sitting or child care
- Financial aid (rent, utility bills, medicine)
- Make Holding Crosses (We have the templates)
- Make Bags for the holding crosses (We have samples)
- Phone Angel caring friend for someone who is alone
- Volunteer to help at Love INC call center in Lakewood
- Volunteer to help at Love INC's Christian Bookstore in Puyallup
- Other talents, skills you want to help with _____

Please Mail to: Love INC

10213 139th St. Ct. E. #B1 Puyallup, WA 98374

Who's calling for help.....

About a month ago I took a call from Mary (not her real name) for help with her utility bill. This lady called Love INC four other times since 2005. I noticed that she was a single adult with two kids ages 11 and 16. Her sixteen year old, now had a 2 week old baby.

This client had exhausted her maximum months for state assistance. She paid \$0 for rent and really had no great expenses. I had a long week and at first I was judgmental. I bounced off the situation to our office manager. See I didn't want to enable this lady and just get her bill paid.

I think God pulled on my heart and reminded me about the kids and how they had no part in this situation. I then decided to get the help anyway, for the kids. As I called one of our networking Churches, I told them the whole story, even my opinion. We both agreed to get the help.

I called Mary back to tell her that the bill was being taking care of, I shared my own experience with her. I shared about being raised on welfare and never being taught about making and reaching goals. I then shared how I have children and have chosen to break the cycle. I want my children to succeed in life, so I'm working and trying to go back to school, and have a great support network in my Church to come along side of me. I told her that our children will do what we do. She then shared how she has been doing a GED class and has failed her math test three times, and that she needed to hear what I said to her. I told her to never give up, that rewards will be great. I'm so glad that God tugged on my heart. My lesson in this is to not be afraid to be assertive with some clients, because it can be the push that someone needs. She also let me pray with her. Thank you Jesus!

Sarah Intake Advisor

A big **THANK YOU** to Excel Business Systems in Tacoma for their generous donation of a Canon Image runner c3200 Color Laser Printer & Copier! Mark and Scott have treated us like royalty!

We are so thankful for helping us save money with this instead of our old inkjet printers.

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If your church is in Pierce County, we can partner together, if you want to. I've had some lay leaders say, Well it's great that you are in Puyallup, helping the Puyallup Churches, but that's not our community. (I'm glad you can't see my face right now ☺) Love INC's clearinghouse IS A PHONE CENTER. It's not long distance anywhere in the County I don't think and just an FYI, our P.O. Box is in Puyallup, our Furniture Storehouse is in Tacoma and our Clearinghouse phone center is in Lakewood! If you have a phone we are just a call away. Oh yeah our new 2nd hand Christian Bookstore is on South Hill between Puyallup and Graham!

Ok, now that I've done my venting ☺ "Create in me a clean heart Oh, God, and renew a right spirit within me." Love INC is a bridge for the Christians who want to help, to their neighbors in need. Why does your church need a bridge? Ask the people in the pews how many homeless people they can name? Odds are, unless you are one of our Freezing Nights churches and helpers, people can't name any, because they don't know any. Love INC recruits Church volunteers. Then, when people are referred to us for screening by agencies and churches, we screen the calls and then refer them to agencies that are set up to help with certain things already, or with Churches or people in the churches who have told us ahead of time what they are able to help with. That is where the Talent Tithe Sheet comes in. See page 2. Sorry about the order of things here, but I have more room to write on page 4 than page 2.

Church leaders: Please consider having a time where you can share with the congregation about the Love INC network and assign a point person to work directly with us, if you don't already have one. That point person will be our contact person. If training is needed we would love the opportunity to train folks on how we can best work together. Just call the office to set it up. The point person would then present Love INC to the congregation or Sherry Phinisey, our Executive Director would welcome the opportunity and introduce the Talent Tithe sheets on page two. This opens the door to ministry opportunities for people who may not have found their place to serve and their opportunities, to mature as God's love shine forth because they are a conduit of that love to those in their community.

Individuals: If you are getting our newsletter, you know about the ministry. Please update us on what you'd like to be available for by filling out the Talent Tithe in your newsletter and mailing it back to us. Judy in our office will give you training and "Best Practices" for certain types of opportunities that can help those who call us. Together, we can do so much more than any one..... of us alone!

Blessed to be a blessing,
Sherry Phinisey

Love's Treasury 2nd Hand Christian Bookstore ‘Features in August’

We have over 180 VHS Leadership and Self Help training tapes! Some are listed below:

Mentoring Engaged and Newlywed Couples
Simply Romantic Secrets
Kingdom Life: Jesus' Way to True Happiness
The Ministries of the Holy Spirit
Pat Robertson teaches: The Holy Spirit in Your Life
Making Love Last Forever
Leadership Video Seminar
Evidence for Faith
The Leading Edge
Intimate Encounters
Speaking Solid Ground
Life on the Edge
Woman: Now and Then
Lessons From the Early Church: Romans 12:6-8
The Soul Winning Series
Jesus: A Biography
Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living
No! The Positive Answer
Jesus Home Video Package
The Body: Being Light in Darkness
Homes of Honor

Parrott & Parrott
Mark Whitlock
John MacArthur Jr
John MacArthur Jr
Pat Robertson
Gary Smalley
Brown
Josh McDowell
Johnny Derouen
David & Teresa Ferguson
Rick Hicks & John Trent
James Dobson
Jill Briscoe
Lloyd Jones & D Martyn
Ron Hood
Lor Productions, Inc
Charles Swindoll
Josh McDowell
New Life Resources
Charles Colson
Gary Smalley

We look forward to sharing all

Our Treasures with you! Come in and visit us at

10213 139th St. Ct. E. # B1 in Puyallup

We are off Meridian, across the street from Firgrove Elementary School

*Clearinghouse Information of families calling us and
Volunteers helping to meet the needs for the 1st half of 2010*

- *Partnering Churches: 149 (that help us help people)*
- *Other Churches in the county on our Mailing list: 347*
- *Organizations we network with: 187*
- *5 office staff paid the equivalent of 2.5 FTE for a 40 hour week*
- *Manpower supplemented by volunteers (see below)*
- *Calls Received: 1515*

(FYI: for every call received it takes at least 4 calls from our office staff to verify the situations, call churches to coordinate assistance and follow-up with clients) over 6060 calls to help these families in 6 months.)

- *Needs met: 613*
- *Unmet needs: 197*

(Unmet for various reasons, got help in the past, didn't return our calls to do the screening, asked for plane tickets out of state, or no help available for their excessive financial requests)

- *Adults in the households of those who called us: 2024*
- *Children in the households of those who called us: 1604*
- *205 times people volunteered at the Phone Center*
- *They put in 1544 hours of volunteer service*
- *Church Volunteers that served on behalf of Love INC: 629*
- *Church Volunteer hours: 318*

Announcements

Judy in our clearinghouse center needs volunteers to help with data entry of client info into our online database that the churches have access to.

Sarah and Lisa would love to have help with doing the intakes for clients. If you are one who likes giving people advice all the time, (that's a good thing here ☺) **This is our most needed area and the toughest, unfortunately.** **Please consider helping us.**

Sharon would love some help with our New Fall Auction Event. If you'd like to help us solicit for auction items we'd appreciate it so much! If you'd like to put together a basket of goodies sponsored by you or your church that would be great too! Call the office at 253-531-2365 for more info.

Sherry is looking for volunteers to help in the new Puyallup 2nd Hand Christian Book and Thrift store!

She also needs someone who will take clothes that we aren't selling to our local Graham Churches clothing bank for us on Friday mornings once a month.

She needs people to help scanning book information that we will use for our bookstore website inventory, and people who will help on the store floor sell items and representing Jesus to the folks coming in! The days help is most needed are Wed & Saturdays.

We are looking for donated Home School Curriculum, Prom Dresses, Musical Instruments, All sized Career Clothing,

If you can help with any of these things Contact Sherry at 253-468-6236. Her new email address is: ExecDir@lovein Piercecounty.com It's so fun to add a walk in ministry component to Love INC!

If your church would like to have Sherry come and talk to the leadership team or your congregation about how your church can get involved with more outreach please give her a call at 253-468-6236. We await your invitation!

This is not an Organization, it's a movement of God!

We recognize that a piece of your heart is included when you write that check and we appreciate and guard your trust, support and your partnering with us to make a difference in our community.

**Yes, I will help meet the financial needs of Love In The Name of Christ as indicated below:*

Special Gift of \$25___ \$50___ \$100___ \$250___ \$500___ Other \$_____

I'd like to help with Love's Treasury Ministry

___ I'd like to sponsor a child for a prom dress (\$25.00 will cover the dress and the cleaning)

___ I'd like to sponsor a child for a musical instrument (\$40.00 will cover maintenance, repairs, pads reeds)

Charge my credit card for easier processing:

Card # _____

Expiration date _____

Your Name _____

Email address: _____

Billing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone number _____

Donations can now be made directly on our website at www.loveincpiercecouny.org

OR

Please fill out the coupon and return it with your TAX DEDUCTIBLE financial gift to the address below:

If you'd like to mail your donation kindly make checks payable to Love INC and mail to:

Love INC, 10213 139th St. Ct. E. #B1 Puyallup, WA 98374

Thank You, for being an answer to prayer! Love In the Name of Christ is a 501 (c) 3 corporation and your contributions are completely tax deductible. You will receive a tax receipt letter thanking you for your gift!