

# THE LOVE CONNECTION

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## You have not, because you ask not

By Sherry Phinisey

Ok, ok.....so I'm asking

**May I please come and talk to your church, or to your deacons, or to your women's groups, or men's groups or High School Youth Groups about helping us help our neighbors in need.**

With the huge state budget cuts, more and more people that were / are borderline self-sufficient are needing help and calling our phone center. March is historically the highest volume month each year. In 2009 we got over 500 families calling in one month!

We need more churches who are willing to help with service needs, when the client has the need. Love in action weekends are nice done once a year by some churches, but people need help with various things all year long. We need people to help the other 51 weekends of the year.

We need people in the churches to hear about what we are doing, because we know when we have a chance to talk to them, that people always step forward to help. God always makes provision to meet people's needs and most often it is through his body, the church.

We need people to help us stock the personal

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care pantry on an ongoing basis, so that we can help the families who are just not making it month to month with all the basics. I know people will help if they know of the need.

I need people to help us get the word out about our prom dress ministry so that girls that can't afford such dresses, or families that are barely making it, can see their kids participate in the school functions like everyone else.

We need churches that will help us help the people they refer to us. Even if it's only \$100.00 a month, when added to a few other churches pledges for clients that can build to an amount that can keep someone from losing their apartment and not be homeless. It's a lot more cost effective in the long run than having someone lose their apartment and go into a transitional housing program where you have to subsidize their rent for up to two years.

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## Need an idea for a service project?

By Sherry Phinisey

Hey I just got the coolest recipe from a gal at Calvary Community Church for making Laundry Detergent and thought it would be a cheaper way to provide laundry soap for our clients if people would help us. I know some of you will be looking for service projects in the coming month so wanted to put this one out there!

If people would save their old laundry bottles for a month or so prior to a group making the soap for a service project and the church could just put new labels on the bottle with an invitation to the church for the families who get the soap...what do you think??

## Homemade Laundry Detergent

1/3 bar Fels Naptha Laundry Soap, grated  
6 cups water  
1/2 cup washing soda  
1/2 cup borax

Heat 6 cups water and soap in a large pan until dissolved. Stir in washing soda and Borax. Mix and heat until dissolved. Boil 15 minutes. Remove from heat. (It will have the consistency of honey.\*) In a 3 or 5 gallon bucket, add 1 quart of hot water, then add the soap mixture. Mix. Add enough cold water to make a 2 gallon mixture. Mix until well blended. Let sit 24 hours. The soap will gel\*. Use 1/2 cup for each load.

Makes 2 gallons. (Approximately \$ .40 per gallon)

\*If the detergent doesn't gel or reach honey consistency it will still work.

## Notes:

Stir before each use as this soap does separate. Detergent can be stored in a liquid detergent bottle. Just shake it up each time you use it.

This detergent will not suds up in the washer, but it is still getting your clothes clean.

If you have extra hard water the soap may not clean as well. Add 1/2 cup borax or washing soda to the load and that may help.

If you do not like this laundry soap, you can still use the Fels Naptha bar for spot cleaning and to rub on stains. The Borax and Washing Soda are great to add to your regular detergent for extra cleaning.

## Love's Treasury 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Christian Bookstore Specials

*"Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers. ~Charles W. Eliot*

We have numerous women's suits and nice office or church wear and we have for March expanded our display to a second room at the store for this sale. We have sizes from 6-30. We need to get your help telling people about the store. Most suits are selling for under \$25 regular price so 20% off that is an amazing deal!!

Being a small ministry we couldn't afford the prime locations right on the busy Meridian in Puyallup, but we have a very nice sized store just one row back in the business park from the street. Our address is on the coupon below.

Spread the word for us on your **FACEBOOK** Account and print off the communication page and we will give you 30% off your purchase! How's that for partnering in ministry!

Love INC of Pierce County is on Facebook. Friend us!!

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### March Coupon Discounts

**20% off**

***All Clothing and the following Special Book Categories:***

*Gift books, Promises~ Prayer, Meditation & Devotional Books*

*with this coupon.*

***At Love's Treasury Christian Bookstore***

*10213 139<sup>th</sup> St. Ct. E. Puyallup*

*(Off Meridian and across the street from Firgrove Elementary School in the business park 2<sup>nd</sup> row back from the Meridian)*

## The New Personal Care Pantry

With the State budget cuts taking affect, people in poverty will be hit hard. Those currently getting TANF financial assistance of \$453.00 will be reduced to \$368.00 a month and those that got GAU of about \$339 will not get any financial support. In an effort to be of some help we are creating a new "GAP" ministry in the development of a Personal Care pantry that will have items people can't purchase with food stamps such as:

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Laundry Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Female Hygiene Products, Diapers, Baby Wipes, Body Soap. We'd like to ask donors and churches to consider "Adopting a Product" pick an item and donate that item monthly to help us stock the pantry for those clients who are calling on the churches for assistance. To get these items people will still call our helpline and then will be given a voucher to pick up the items at our Christian Bookstore. People will not be able to "Come in and just shop" for items. Bags will be put together with the items they asked for and brought over to the bookstore for the people to pick up.

I have put together a half sheet insert that can be sent out to put in the churches bulletins to help promote the gap ministry. Just email Sherry at [execdir@loveincpiercecounty.com](mailto:execdir@loveincpiercecounty.com) for the bulletin! Thanks

*Coming soon Thanks to a new volunteer with great technical skills you will be able to order online personal care items and for them to be a recurring purchase monthly and be automatically sent to Love INC's pantry and save you a delivery trip, a trip to the store and Love INC will also get a financial donation for each item ordered through this new site! Can't wait to see this in operation!*

Leave His imprint on someone's life! Love INC is you, the Church, reaching out to people in need with the transforming love of Jesus. YES, I'd like to share my treasure and "Adopt a Product" for a person in need. Just buy that one product each time you take a trip to the grocery store and deliver to us at the bookstore.

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Soap
- Diapers (variety of sizes)
- Baby wipes or other baby cleaning items
- Household cleaning supplies
- Shampoo
- Female Hygiene products
- Body Soap
- Toothpaste or toothbrushes

Items can be delivered to our Christian Bookstore Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. 10213 139<sup>th</sup> St. Ct. E. # B1 Puyallup, WA 98374



## Love INC's 2011 Board of Directors

Serving on our Board of Directors this year are:  
 Jeff Ott, President from Centerpoint Christian Fellowship  
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 Mark Anderson, Treasurer from Puyallup Nazarene Church,  
 Karen Asbjornsen, Secretary from Lighthouse Christian Center,  
 Leslie Giba from Real Life Family Center,  
 Timothy Acker from Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church.

## You have not.....continued

**We need more Christian Books for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Christian Bookstore** and we also accept donations for **Home School material** that you've used, or not and aren't using any longer. We can help home school families get material at a much reduced rate than purchasing it new and we have access to a lot of home school families in our churches who need to know about us. Help us get the word out.

**We need to get the word out** about the really nice women's clothing at amazingly reasonable prices, and about our Christian Bookstore **to get more visitors into the store** and all the proceeds made help us with the expenses of running a ministry that helps the churches help our neighbors in need.

So you can see, **for me to get the word out, I must be able to get in the door!** So I am asking, help us build this ministry, help us strengthen this network of helping churches, so that as the body of Christ works together to help our neighbors in need we will build a stronger base and more support to better help people.

We are the bridge. We know who the needy people are. We also know throughout the body of Christ there are many, many Christians who have hearts to help. We are just trying to connect the two. **If you aren't the one who decides who talks to your church groups, please forward this to the right people. I'd like to be able to schedule at least two groups a week, all year long!**

**Thanks in advance!** We are blessed, to be a blessing. 😊

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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 make a donation to help keep the Christian Bookstore serving \_\_\_\_\_*

*I'd like to make a donation to help you purchase personal care pantry items. \_\_\_\_\_*

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

*Charge my credit card for easier processing:*

*Card # \_\_\_\_\_*

*Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_*

*Your Name \_\_\_\_\_*

*Email address: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_*

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