



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Helping Churches Help people

August 2009

Thank you

Dear Supporters of Love INC,

I want to say Thank You to all who contributed to our rummage sale. This was a new venture for fundraising and the support was tremendous.

Thank You too, to all who helped with the set up and on the days of the sale. I felt so blessed to see the cooperation and working together of God's people from many different churches.

In His Service,
Sharon Colyn
President of Love INC Pierce County

Love INC cutting Staff payroll by 50% effective July 16th

I had to tell our staff two weeks ago, that we have to cut our salary expenses by about 50% of our already predominantly part time staff. We currently have 6 people on the phones who work with over 300 families a month that are referred to us by networking churches and agencies.

This staff is so dedicated to local missions work and helping the churches help those in need. About 1/2 of them are continuing to work as many hours as needed, even though they will only get paid about 8-15 hours a week. They've said they will volunteer the rest if need be. I've told them, that I believe if we step out in faith and continue to work, even though we may not get paid, that if extra money does come in, it will go to those who put in the extra hours.

Every year has been a step of faith for us, now every day is a step of faith even moreso.. I believe God will provide. He always has. He moved one donor to call me and say she would start giving \$400 a month to help us. I got a call from Calvary Community church who is increasing their monthly giving and sending two months of donations 5 times higher than normal! Praise God! Bonney Lake Community Church said they would increase their giving and see what more they could do! Many of their folks offered to help in the office. Praise God again! About 9 churches said they'd help with the 2nd hand bookstore, donating items or recruiting volunteers to help. Which will help us to raise money. Praise God again!

I had an email from one church who hadn't supported us in the past but was considering trying to help. They wanted to know what I was doing to rectify this situation so it wouldn't happen in the future? That one caught me off guard. You really never know who is going to give and when they are going to give when you run a non-profit and all your money is through donations. We are trying to help the same amount of people with a lot less paid hours... that's what we are going to do. I'm trying to recruit more volunteers to help us because not all the staff can come in if they aren't paid for it. They will have to look at other ways to get the income they need to support their families. Our single mom with 4 kids can't make it on less than \$700 a month.

I've always felt a worker for God is worth a fair wage if that's their full time ministry, career, just like a pastor or church secretary. We were created by the church to help them help the hundreds of needy people in our county. We didn't create this, ourselves and then try to get the church to buy into it and support us. We are a local missions team, a group of churches created, we are being the hands and feet of Jesus to those in the shadows of our own steeples. We are being salt and light into our community of believers and non believers. We are feeding His sheep, helping people in their time of need. Won't you consider what your potential is to help us? We truly are blessed, to be a blessing!

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

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Ministry Update August 2009

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Client Referral # 253-531-2366



"If your Church Leadership team would like to network with other area churches please give Sherry Phinisey a call 253-468-6236 and we will come talk to your ministry team about ways we can work together to make a far greater "Kingdom" impact on our community together than any one church can make alone."



We are considering a plan to open a "Love's Treasury" Pre-owned Christian Books & Gift store.

We are trying count the costs as well as see what type of things we could get through donations to make this a viable revenue stream so we can generate some of our own income and not rely totally on donations. We are looking to see if we could get the following items donated:

A Commercial Site ~ Wood to make book shelves (ACX)
17 sheets 1/2 inch ACX plywood, 5 sheets 3/4 inch ACX plywood

A Utility Cart so heavy items can be rolled around to stock the store and not all moved by hand.

Heavy duty dolly A Cash Register Glass display cases

Used Christian Books

If you are willing and able to donate any of these items please contact Sherry at shephinisey@aol.com or call her at 253-468-6236.

Thank you **Bonney Lake Community Church** for allowing Sherry to do a presentation to the congregation on July 26th. Pastor Jeff, you are such an encourager! God knew I needed to be at your church that day. Thanks also to the 18 people who signed volunteer sheets to help us help those in need!
What a blessing you are!



Thank you Connie Wold from Puyallup Nazarene Church who answered the call to help me with bookkeeping!!!
Thank you Lord!!





October 7th we are hosting a Love INC fundraiser breakfast at 7:00 am at Bethany Baptist Church. If you would be willing to be a table sponsor and invite 7 guests to come learn more about Love INC and support a ministry that makes a difference in our community for the kingdom, please call Sherry at 253-468-6236. We will be showing our new ministry DVD! It is \$150 to sponsor your table guests.



October 24th will be our first ever Bowling Fundraiser at Daffodil bowl in Puyallup from 1-4 pm. This will be a battle of the churches! Put together your best team of 6, your most creative team of 6 and have fun hanging out with a bowling alley full of Christians from churches around the county. The team entry fee is \$ 200.00. It will help cover our costs to rent the alley and bowl 3 games and have some fun prizes. We are hoping a little will be left over for the ministry if we get enough teams signed up. We can have a total of 30 teams. To sign up, Fill out this form and mail it with your check by October 15th to: Love INC 9116 Gravelly Lake Dr. S.W. Lakewood, WA 98499



Bowling Fundraiser

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Church Name _____

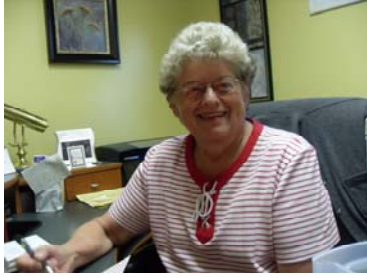
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After you send in your registration and entry fee you will

Volunteer of the Month: Sharon Rehms



By Sjannie Jaquish Volunteer Coordinator

Sharon attends Calvary Baptist Church in Tacoma where she is a very active member. She serves as a deaconess on the Deacon's board , organizes the church Food Closet and visits the elderly and shut-ins through their Visitation ministry. Many of these elderly people have blessed her in return. As if that isn't enough, she had been thinking about doing volunteer work outside the walls of her church. In 2007 she heard about Love INC through church and her pastor Bob Brown about the linen bank we were trying to put together, she knew she could do that.

Thanks to Sharon Our Love INC linen bank is now available to our clients. She regularly sorts and updates the shelves, sometimes bringing in supplies herself. She wraps every set of sheets with ribbon! In addition she also comes in every week to use her handwriting skills to write cards of encouragement to our clients. These cards have been a blessing to so many when they least expected a word of encouragement Thank you Sharon, for giving of your time and compassion.

Sharon has been married to the love of her life Harry for 47 years ! Together they have raised 3 children , Greg, Ken and Pam who in return have given them 5 wonderful grandchildren. Congratulations Sharon and Harry !!

She thanks God for finding Love INC for her, a place where she feels she can truly serve Him. A place where the staff and volunteers are likeable and their love for the Lord shows in what they do.

She says that she feels good about helping others in need and recommends anyone to call our office. We will find a place for you too.

Spotlight on our staff Joan McCullough



Through the years, I've volunteered for many years in many organizations, but it wasn't until I came to Love INC that I felt I really was making a difference.



In 2005 I was introduced to Love INC at their January Fundraiser and I knew then that I had to be a part of it's ministry. I had already been retired after working over 35 years in New York in a demanding, high pressured job & felt that GOD had more work for me to do, but now working for him instead.

I moved from New Jersey almost 10 years ago & immediately joined Christ Episcopal Church where I serve in the choir, Eucharistic Minister, including bringing home communion to those unable to attend church, Lector & in June 2008 was inducted into the Daughters of the King, an order in the Episcopal Church.

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There are so many people in need, especially here in Pierce County, and alone I can't do too much, But with so many church partners, I am able to do my part to help.

I have worked every position here at Love INC through the years & can fill in if anyone is absent that day. Our staff is like a family that loves and cares for each other & we especially look forward to our Thursday Potlucks which not only gives us an opportunity to share each other's goodies but to sit around the table to enjoy each other's company & just to relax for a little while to get away from the stress that accompanies many of the calls we get each day.

At the present time, I am doing Follow-ups. I call the client approximately 2 weeks after they were given resources to call to help their need. It means so much to the client that we called to see how they are doing...if necessary, they are given more resources to call if their need wasn't met. It may be time consuming but very important to the client as we keep the relationship open for them to keep in touch with us for future need.

I truly feel that God has given me an opportunity to share my gifts with those that I don't know as He asked us all to do. I am so glad that I walked into that Fundraiser 4 ½ years ago because it brought me closer to God through all that I meet in His Name.

When I'm not working at Love INC, I love spending time with my new granddaughter, Madison Grace whenever possible, knitting, crocheting, chatting with family & friends back East & also playing with my Papillions, Angel & Sassy.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We need Queen and full sized Sheets and blankets! If you can donate new or like new ones please contact us at the number below. We could also use rolls of ¾ inch ribbon, we like to wrap the sheets in ribbon as a gift for those in need and not just someone's hand me downs.

Love INC has a need for people who like to talk on the phones to help us help those in need. There are a variety of stations (areas where different tasks are done), some involve clients and some involve verifying information with Landlords or utility companies. We could also use a lot of help with people who can use the computer and help with data entry. Please call us if you'd like to be a part of this fun and adventurous ministry!

Love INC is also in need of people or Men's ministry teams who can lift and deliver donated furniture from our storehouse to client's homes. One Saturday every other month would be a blessing! Together we can do so much more than any one of us alone!! We have one group who has been able to help so far. We need more.

Donations are still being accepted for a **monthly rummage sale** that we will have to try to raise money for the ministry. Donated Clothing and baby items will be dispersed to our church clothing banks and our baby & kids bank ministry. Beds and Dressers for our furniture bank and linens for the linen bank. The household items will be kept to sell. We would also love to have your Christian Books you aren't using any more!

Please contact Sherry Phinisey at shephinisey@aol.com or call 253-468-6236 for more information about any of the above. **This is not an organization, but a movement of God!**

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City/State/Zip _____

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Thank You, for being an answer to prayer!

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