



Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ

# Helping Churches Help people

November 2009

## A note from the President

To Love INC Supporters

We are thankful to you for your continued support. We continue to grow and are in need of more volunteers. It is such a blessing to work in the office and hear about miracles and how God is expanding His Kingdom.

There is also a need for additional board members. Contact Sherry if you feel God working on your heart. We don't have to leave Pierce County to serve God.

The big fundraiser of the year is approaching--January 22, 2010. My prayer is that many people will attend and financially support Love INC. Put it on your calendar today.

Sharon Colyn  
President of Love INC Board

## Table Hosts needed for our Annual January 22<sup>nd</sup> Fundraiser Dinner

We are in the process of recruiting 50 Table Hosts for our Annual Fundraiser dinner. This dinner is crucial to helping us raise the funds we need to operate in 2010. Will you consider being a host? A host will be given a packet of information and invitations that you personally give to enough people to fill a table of 8. There is no charge to you or your guests if we are able to get the dinner sponsors we need to cover the costs of the dinner.

Our theme this year is "Reflecting Christ's Glory". Please contact Sherry Phinisey at 253-468-6236 or email her at [shephinisey@aol.com](mailto:shephinisey@aol.com) if you'd be willing to partner with us and fill a table. It would be awesome to have each church host one or more tables and we would fill the Puyallup Fair Expo Hall with the body of Christ from every denomination, truly Reflecting Christ's Glory for our community.

**This year alone we have received calls from over 2562 families. We've had 2 ask for appliances, 8 asking for baby food or diapers, 2 for car repairs, 26 for clothing, 52 for food help, 57 for gas vouchers, 150 were given one way bus tickets around the city, 19 asked for help with mortgages, 817 asked for help with eviction prevention (rent) and 1071 asked for help keeping their utilities on. 97 people called asking for shelter, who didn't have a place to stay. 3 people asked for wood to heat their homes. In total we were asked for more than \$908,231.52 and we were able to help with about \$118,208.72 through agencies and churches.**

The needs are so great, but our God is greater and when the Body of Christ comes together, each doing its part, there is nothing we can't do! Together we do so much more than any one of us alone.

Please continue supporting the work of networking our churches, and meeting hundreds of needs, answering hundreds of prayers of our neighbors.

"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18

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

# Board of Directors

Ministry Update November 2009

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## Help for the holidays might come from a caring Christian like you!

Would you, your small group, or your fellow employees like to help someone have a blessed Christmas in these challenging times? Love INC can connect you with someone who needs help at Christmas. Love INC receives the calls and referrals of those through our ministry area who need holiday help. Love INC clears these requests and will check with other churches throughout our area to assure that services are not duplicated. We will provide gift ideas for you that are reasonable (\$25 or less) and appropriate for each person you are helping.

Love INC hopes to have the information about individuals and families in need of adoption by December 1<sup>st</sup> so can do your shopping early!

1. Sign up as soon as possible with Love INC
2. Indicate your desire to help with gifts, food baskets or both
3. You'll receive the name of your family on or soon after November 25<sup>th</sup>.
4. Shop for the gift items and food items
5. Deliver the gifts and or food baskets to your assigned family
6. Enjoy Christmas with your family, knowing you have truly blessed others!



Please provide Love INC with the information listed below.

- I/we would like to adopt \_\_\_\_ families for Christmas or a maximum number of \_\_\_\_ individuals.

Church/Business/Individual Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact us below:

[www.loveincpiercecouny.org](http://www.loveincpiercecouny.org)  
Client Referral # 253-531-2366

[www.lovestreasury.com](http://www.lovestreasury.com)  
253-301-9752



**“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.”**



Please check one of the following:

- We will provide gifts for each member in the family.
- We will provide a food basket with items for the holiday meal.
- We will provide gifts for each family member and a food gift basket.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Signing and returning this form indicates your commitment to provide the items listed above.)

Mail this to: Love INC  
9116 Gravelly Lake Dr. SW #B4  
Lakewood, WA 98499

Or email to: [sherry.phinisey@loveincpiercecouny.org](mailto:sherry.phinisey@loveincpiercecouny.org)

## God has heard... and remembered your gifts to the poor

On the front cover there is a paragraph that talks about the needs people expressed when they call us. It talks about the volume of people who are calling on the churches for help.

We wish you could see the faces behind these numbers. Perhaps then you could feel the same urgency we do when we talk to neighbors in need. We wish you could hear the desperation in the voices of the people who call. However, we trust that if you ask God, he will put their cries in your ear so that you can better understand the plight of the poor. It's a unique gift, and we encourage you to ask God for it.

The largest population we serve is single moms with children. Housing is becoming a bigger and bigger issue in affordability. Many people in our community are a paycheck away from being homeless. Let even the most affluent of us remember to say "But for the grace of God, that is me."

The next statement is, "Lord, the person's suffering, (illness, straying children, financial condition) could easily be my own suffering, why have you blessed me so? The concluding action would be to thank God for your blessing, and ask God what can you do to help someone else today.

It's natural to wonder about God's selection process. We know that Mary found favor with God, but we don't know why. Isaiah wasn't specifically asked to be God's messenger but when he witnessed God's glory, he cried out "SEND ME, SEND ME!"

Cornelius was another person who was chosen by God for a specific purpose ~ he was the first gentile Christian! The Bible is pretty clear in telling us why God honored Cornelius in this way. Twice in Acts 10 Cornelius is commended: "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God". Vs 4 ; "God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor" vs 31;

In Joyce Meyer's new book, "Love Revolution", I was reading the first 5 or so chapters last night and thought, finally a well known person writing what Love INC is all about. She didn't say Love INC, but Love, in the name of Christ is a revolutionary concept for every Christian. We need a Love Revolution. "It makes us stop living our normal selfish type lifestyles, always focused on ourselves and being intentional about really representing Jesus to those around us by letting ourselves be inconvenienced once in a while as we put others first." "Be willing to change your plan and be inconvenienced, and be willing to give some time and money if necessary to help meet the need. But don't try to do everything yourself when there are others who can help too." She also shared, "God said he would give a new heart and He will put a new spirit in us and will take the stony heart out of our flesh and we should become sensitive and responsive to the touch of God." "We become lazy, passive or selfish and need to deal with those issues at times, but as believers it is impossible to have the heart of God and not want to obey Him and help people. Joyce also said, "I guess the question is: How much do you want it? Do you want to do His will more than you want to do your will?"

Over the past 8 years God has brought to the ministry many people who want to be channels for Him to flow through, not reservoirs that hold everything we have for ourselves. We try to meet the needs of our neighbors through networking the help of those in the Church. It has been such a blessing to be a part of, with so many catching the vision for making a difference in their community, and especially outside the walls of their congregation. I still get surprised once in a while by a church who asks to be taken off our mailing list.....only God knows. We don't take it to heart. We just do what we know to do and trust God for the rest.

Bill Hybels shared at a training one time, "It is not good enough to talk about injustice and watch DVD's about it, he said that we must allow poverty to touch us, to involve us...that the smells and realities of survival become a sense that we never conveniently forget. We should be called to action by the great love of God. This is where our love in action, our worship with our whole lives come into play".

Say with us today, "Lord, I offer you my eyes, ears, mouth, hands, feet, heart, finances, gifts, talents, abilities, time and energy. Use me to be a blessing everywhere I go today!"

Joyce also said, "The church at her finest is when she first and foremost is loving God, with all that she is....and then the Church stands with arms outstretched to serve a hurting community and a broken world, connecting people to Jesus and all that this means. Not judging or criticizing the poor, but simply loving...and loving is costly, and is a verb...not a noun. Together we can truly stand in the gap for those who have no voice... to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength... AND to love our neighbors as ourselves." I couldn't have said it better myself!

Sherry Phinisey



## Love's Treasury

### Love INC's pre-owned Christian Bookstore

Please bring your treasury of Christian books that you have used and no longer are reading to our office to share with someone else, and at the same time, helping us to help those in need who call us for help. Our office is open Monday – Thursday 9:30 a.m.- 4:00p.m. in Lakewood at 9116 Gravelly Lake Dr. S.W. # B4 Lakewood WA 98499.

If that is too far, maybe you are from the east side of the county, call Sherry at 253-468-6236 for an address in the Puyallup School District area and she will give you another address you can use.

**Maybe your church can hold a book drive and collect them at your church!** Then one person can deliver them all to us. I just know there are thousands of books on shelves not being used anymore that were very helpful in bringing people closer to God because I have met so many awesome Christians who are growing in the Lord all the time!

**If you'd like to be a volunteer for our bookstore, helping to inventory or stock shelves contact Sherry at the above phone number too! It's a great way to be the first to see the great selection of books coming in all the time!**

**This is an internet test: 2<sup>nd</sup> hand Christian books Lakewood, pre-owned Christian books Lakewood, discount Christian books all at [www.lovestreasury.com](http://www.lovestreasury.com) come see us!**

### Other Love INC announcements:

Love INC has a need for 6 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 3 people to 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!

We have 2 openings for bookstore volunteers to help with inventory and stocking of the shelves.

**Love INC is also in need of people or Men's ministry teams who can lift and deliver donated furniture (Beds and Dressers) from our storehouse to client's homes. One Saturday every other month would be a blessing, or whatever works best for the delivery people! We currently don't have any volunteer teams who can deliver so clients who need furniture must go without if we can't find people to help.**

Please contact Judy Becker at [officemgr@loveincpiercecounty.org](mailto:officemgr@loveincpiercecounty.org) or call 253-531-2365 for more information about any of the above volunteer opportunities. This is not an organization, but a movement of God!

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

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

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

*City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_*

*Donations can now be made directly on our website at [www.loveincpiercecouny.org](http://www.loveincpiercecouny.org)*

**OR**

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

*Kindly make checks payable to Love INC and mail to:*

*Love INC, 9116 Gravelly Lake Dr. S.W. Lakewood, WA 98499*

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