



Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ

# Helping Churches Help people

October 2009

## Our 1 hour Fundraiser Breakfast

October 7<sup>th</sup> is our Fall Fundraiser Breakfast at Bethany Baptist Church 713 S. Hill Park Dr.

Please come support the ministry in person if you can! Arrive at 6:45 a.m. and the breakfast will start at 7:00 a.m. sharp!

We will be showing our new video made just a few months ago. Please bring a friend if you think they would be interested in supporting the ministry financially or through our volunteer opportunities!

Please RSVP by Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> so we will know how much food to order by emailing Sherry at [shephinisey@aol.com](mailto:shephinisey@aol.com)

Thanks so much for your partnership in ministry!

## Love's Treasury Grand Opening! [www.lovestreasury.com](http://www.lovestreasury.com)

Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup> Love's Treasury will have a special guest! Her name is Penny Lent and she is helping us to kick off our grand opening with discounted new books, and a gift with purchase as well as autographing those books she contributed to creating! Join us from Noon to 5:00 p.m. at 9116 Gravelly Lake Dr. SW in Lakewood for our store kickoff! There are four specifically Christian books Penny contributed to/edited/published and can bring to sign, which she'll donate 100% of the sale (including the wholesale cost) to Love INC.

**Every Bookstore Grand Opening sale (& online) gets a FREE Long Beach Guidebook, retail \$12 w/tax, 112 pg on sights, events & history, by Birdie Etchison.**

**50% OFF Local Author's Books + Autographs: In store only:**

**It's Not About Me, for Teens, by Max Lucado, 165 pages, retail \$12, including tax, on **SALE 50% OFF!** Limited Copies. "Discover God's plan in some pretty amazing stories of real-life teens, who made the shift from 'me-centered' to a 'God-centered' life."**

**Real Teens, Real Stories, Real Life, by T. Suzanne Eller, 251 pages, retail \$14, on **SALE 50% OFF.** Limited Copies. "These 43 teens' stories show disappointment, heartache and failure, until they met the life-changing God who loves them."**

**Writing Smarter, not harder, YOUNG Author Edition, (K-5 workbook) by Colleen L. Reece, 62 pages, 8.5" X 11", retail \$9 with tax, on **SALE 50% OFF.** No Limit.**

**Writing Smarter, not harder, (Teen to Adult workbook) by Colleen L. Reece, 62 pages, 8.5" X 11", retail \$15 with tax, on **SALE 50% OFF.** No Limit.**

Local author Penny Lent will donate 100% of these sales and autograph for FREE! She has written/contributed to 12 books and is editor/publisher of 21 volumes.

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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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*"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."*



## What is the problem?



People in the community have needs:

- Physical
- Emotional
- Mental
- Spiritual



Christian churches have resources:

- Material Resources
- Volunteers
- Services
- Spiritual Resources

## What is the solution?



**Love INC**

is the bridge between people in need and the Church.



Love INC is a network of churches working together to help our neighbors in need. We run the clearinghouse that facilitates the help. I think some misunderstand what it is we do. We are not the one's in our little office to physically help all the people who are referred to us by churches and agencies. We are only a bridge, one that connects those in need to churches who have told us ahead of time what they would like to do, to help those in need in their community. Without the Church there is no Love INC. It takes many volunteers with many different skills to meet all the needs of those referred to us for help. We are so grateful to so many churches who partner with us to meet needs. You truly are the hands and feet of Jesus in Pierce County!





## 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.-3:00p.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 helping 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**

## Love INC Announcements

Love INC has a need for 8 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 4 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!

## Volunteer of the Month: **Sarah Smith**



Sarah joined the Love INC ministry team in late July of this year. Like many of our volunteers she had heard a presentation about Love INC at her church. When Sherry asked for people to help the ministry of Love INC help those in our community, Sarah just headed to the front of the sanctuary with determination and told Sherry she would be part of that 5% of people who would respond to God's call. Sherry said, "They just clicked, energy-wise". Sarah and her husband Cal attend Edgewood Bible Church. They have been married 13 years and have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

Volunteering isn't new to Sarah, she also gives of her time and talents to St Francis House in Puyallup, also a nonprofit organization that helps those in need with clothing and household items. Sarah had been asking the Lord where else she could serve Him and then heard the presentation at church she knew her prayer was answered.

Sarah has an energetic, friendly and loving personality and has been a great asset to our ministry. She brings in a great smile every time she walks thru the door. She started out doing data entry and filing, but now is our volunteer bookstore coordinator. She is very busy and works very hard organizing, categorizing and taking inventory of the many books and showing other bookstore volunteers how to do inventory. We have about 2000 books that have been donated our first month of establishing the bookstore thanks to so many donors from different churches! Thank you Sarah for getting this venture off and running!!

Sarah tells us she loves being at the Ministry, serving along side others who are there with a heart to serve the Lord. Staff and volunteers are very loving and supportive of each other as we each do our different part in serving others in need.

Sarah says she feels very blessed to be at Love INC and suggests that if anyone is

## Spotlight on our staff: **Sarah Reyes**



In July, 2006, God sent me to Love INC through utter desperation of needing a part time job. My now ex-husband, was not supporting me and four children. I was in school, but the state required a 20 hr per week job in order to receive child care. I didn't have job experience, due to being a stay-at-home mom and a "shady" back ground. So here I was... mother of four, no job experience, shady back ground, stressed out woman, who was missing the purpose of life.

I had only been a Christian for three years and really didn't know what I had to offer to God. He had given me a new beginning, beautiful children, and a loving church family. I felt like the woman who only deserved bread and water.

I came to Love INC to do data entry and sat there at my desk listening to the Intake Advisors do intakes. When they got off the phone, I had all kinds of advice and resources to give them. It was then I realized I could do intakes, which is assessing and advising each clients need. Before I came to Christ, I was a lost soul, so I was able to relate to a lot of the clients. I feel as if God sent me to Love INC to use my skills along with the components of a compassionate heart, empathetic mind, and a devoted soul. I have made some wonderful connections with people from all walks of life. I love serving God at Love INC.

At the office, we have had volunteers come and go. I feel that every volunteer and employee that has stepped in the office of Love INC has felt Gods' hand and heart working here. The needs of Pierce County increase every year. Poverty increases, therefore, we need more volunteers to do God's work. Our Lord also got tired helping people, so he had some disciples to help.

Love In the Name of Christ has made major impressions on my heart and my children. My children have come with me, with their little hands carrying Thanksgiving baskets to families in need. They also have helped me shop and deliver birthday decorations for a baby's 1year birthday party. What a wonderful experience to have with my children! As we pulled away from the very obvious poverty neighborhood, my children became very humbled and felt compassion for the family we had just left. This is one of many beautiful experiences I have had at Love INC. I love this ministry and am truly grateful to be a part of Love In the Name of Christ!

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

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

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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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