



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Love Letter

Love INC of Benton County

In Cooperation with CitiChurch of Corvallis

Our Mission ...

To mobilize Christians to show the love of Christ by reaching out to people with needs in the communities of Benton County.

Look What You Have Done...

In 2005, 1,326 volunteers gave a total of 2,476 hours directly to those people who had needs met through Love INC. More than \$97,000 worth of new products were donated to the community through Love INC. These included school supplies, new medical equipment, meat, gifts for Christmas and food boxes.

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Creative Assistance for a Mom in Distress

A single mom with 7-year-old twin boys called the Love INC office. Her name was Theresa, and she was struggling. She had no family support and was wondering whether we could provide some furniture and a ride for her and her boys to get to church. Theresa was so grateful when Love INC volunteers delivered a donated couch and a chair and made plans to provide rides.

A week or so later Theresa called back and asked for prayer. She was scheduled to have major heart surgery. We offered to bring meals during her recovery. Love INC Church Ministry Coordinators swung into action and volunteers delivered meals for almost a month following her surgery. Three or four meals per week were sent by four different churches. A volunteer from one church repaired flat tires on the boys' bikes. Another church paid for them to go to day camp.

However, that's when a setback occurred. Before Theresa had finished recuperating from heart surgery, she had to have additional surgeries to remove infection from bones in her feet. Now, she was not only still

weak from the heart surgery, but she couldn't walk as a result of the foot surgery. Could we possibly continue to arrange meals? Theresa again expressed her gratitude when faithful Christians from several local churches continued to cook and deliver food for her and her boys.

In the meantime, the boys needed to go to summer school and they needed someone to accompany them on the walk to and from the school. Theresa tried walking with them (as it was only a few blocks) but she opened her wounds in the process and simply couldn't do it. Could we help bring the boys and pick them up four days a week?

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Theresa and her twin boys appreciate Love INC in a very real way.



From The Director

A few weeks ago I received an unexpected letter from a man named Jim. It read:

“You probably don’t remember me, but without knowing it, you had a profound impact on my life”. I read on in disbelief through a long letter. He continued, “In many ways you were the one who planted the early seeds of the recognition of my need for Christ. What could be viewed as a chance meeting was indeed a divine appointment, arranged by God, which left an enduring impression on me.

Back in the spring of 1967, I had the opportunity to spend a day with you. You invited me to spend a Sunday afternoon and evening with your family. I left that day with an image of a Christian family and Christian love indelibly imprinted on my heart. I knew there was something here that I badly needed. However, it took ten more years and in November of 1977 I was led to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

I’m now married to a wonderful Christian woman and have two wonderful college age kids who both love the Lord.

I share these things only to bring thanks to God that he has been able to use even me to expand His Kingdom, and to thank you for planting those small mustard seeds some 38 years ago. I wanted to give you a word of encouragement that even a brief encounter with another person can have an impact for eternity.”

I don’t remember the man who wrote this letter. I do remember wondering at times whether what I do makes any difference. Even now there are times when I get discouraged and question whether what we do has any permanent impact on people’s lives. There are times when we help the same person for years and don’t know why we keep doing it.

Jim’s life was impacted and he went on to bring eternal blessing to others (– read his last paragraph again!). What we do makes a difference! Even a simple thing like inviting someone over for dinner can change a life. Let’s keep our eyes and hearts open for times when we can bless someone. We may not always hear back from them (even 38 years later!), but we can be encouraged knowing that God can use even little things to change a life.

Wilma Van Schelven

Wilma Van Schelven
Executive Director

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Then an interesting phone call came in to the Love INC office. Someone had an electric wheelchair to donate. Did we have anyone who could use it? We immediately thought of this young mom. We called her and she was ecstatic! She could use it to “walk” her boys to school herself!

Perhaps you saw Theresa’s picture in the newspaper – with one boy on the front of the wheelchair and one on the back? This mother is so grateful for our help—it will be at least six months before she is totally able to cope on her own again but life has more hope—simply because people cared enough to help in such a variety of ways!

Love INC National Core Values

On August 30, 2005 the National Love INC Board of Directors approved core values for the Love INC national organization, with input from board members and directors of the 125 local Love INC affiliates.

“Core values give us a common platform across Love INC to explain who we are as an organization and what we stand for,” said Love INC President Robert Odom. “The core values also give us benchmarks to strive for in all we do”.

Love INC of Benton County embraces these 10 Core Values:

1. We are Christian. Everything we think, say, and do is in the name of Christ.
2. Prayer is an integral part of who we are.
3. We follow Christ’s example of valuing the poor and needy.
4. We value unity of the Body of Christ.
5. We value transformation in the lives of people and communities.
6. We value churches living out the two great commandments to love God and love their neighbors.
7. We value building Christ-like relationships.
8. We value the connectedness of the Love INC movement.
9. We model excellence.
10. We value continually maturing in our capacity to meet people’s needs.

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Fifth Anniversary!

Love INC of Benton County has been open for five years! It's hard to believe that we have been working here this long—connecting Christians in local churches with needs in the community. The Love INC Board and Staff want to thank all who have given their prayers, financial support and volunteer hours. **May God continue to be praised through this ministry in our community.**



Office volunteer Janine LaFever, Board President Jim Reynolds, Board Member Beth Lambright and Clearinghouse Coordinator Karen Combs, along with others, celebrated the fifth anniversary of the opening of Love INC of Benton County. God has been so faithful to bring us this far.



Mr. and Mrs. Pratt proudly show off their updated bathroom. Their leaky bathtub needed to be replaced. United Way provided the funds to purchase the bathtub from Habitat for Humanity's building surplus store; Benson's Interiors Inc. donated the new floor and volunteers from Bellfountain Church, Faith Christian Fellowship, Corvallis Evangelical Church and Suburban Church installed the new bathtub, fixed the plumbing, rebuilt the floor and tub surround and laid the vinyl.



New part-time Assistant Clearinghouse Coordinator LaCherrie Carlson (second from right) enjoys getting to know Love INC church volunteer coordinators at a tea honoring them in January. Pictured here (left to right) are Esther Jabs from Northwest Hills Community Church, Terri Siddoway from Philomath Community Church, La Cherrie, and Iris Cornwell, a volunteer who helped bake scones and hostess.

Participating Love INC Churches and Ministries as of February 2006

Bellfountain Church	Faith Christian Fellowship	New Life Fellowship	Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran
Calvin Presbyterian Church	First Baptist Church of Corvallis	New Wine Open Fellowship	Suburban Christian Church
Campus Ambassadors	First Baptist Church of Philomath	Northside Church	The Well
Corvallis Chinese Church	Grace Christian Fellowship	NW Hills Community Church	Varsity House
Corvallis Evangelical Church	Grant Avenue Baptist Church	Peace Lutheran Church	Victory Christian Center
Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship	Kings Circle Assembly of God	Philomath Church of the Nazarene	Westside Community Church
Crescent Valley Evangelical Free	Knollbrook Christian Reformed	Philomath Community Church	Westwood Community Church
Crossroads Christian Fellowship	Lifespring Foursquare	Prince of Peace Community	
Emanuel Iglesia Cuadrangular	Living Faith Community Church	Seventh Day Adventist Church	

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NEEDED!

A building that is about 2,000 square feet (or larger)!

Love INC has outgrown its existing facilities for the bike ministry and durable medical equipment ministry. Because of space limitations, the bike ministry has been very restricted during the past few months. (Also, the roof leaks where it is currently housed). If you know of a building that would be available for our Love INC offices and ministries, or perhaps even better, a building that could be moved to our current location, please call Wilma at 757-2707.

A sofa bed or futon...

for a family who have two teen age children who have the two bedrooms and the parents sleep on the floor in the living room. They'd love to be able to have a bed that can be folded up to be a sofa in the daytime.

Office volunteers...

who can come for a shift either once a week or once every other week. A shift is from 9:45 - noon or 1:00 - 3:15

Payroll Deductions

You can give to Love INC through your United Way payroll deductions at



work. Even though we may not officially be a partnered agency, you can still choose to have your money given to us. Also, you

can now give on-line at our website at www.yourloveinc.org. Just click on the "Donate Now" link on the left of the page.

Mark your calendar!

Church Ministry Coordinator Lunch April 25 Noon - 1 pm. Knollbrook Church

If you are a CMC or have thought about being one, come and join us for a delicious lunch. We have the opportunity to share best practices and to learn from each other.

Global Day of Prayer

June 4 5 - 8 pm. Corvallis Church of the Nazarene on north 99W (Nazdome).
Come and pray with your brothers and sisters for our community, our country and our world.

Volunteer Appreciation Bar-b-que

July 14, 2006. Location to be announced.

All our volunteers and donors are invited to come and be appreciated at a delicious bar-b-que. This event was a lot of fun last year. Lots of food... lots of talking... lots of thanks. It's great to get together with others who also have the same vision for reaching our communities.

