



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...

Q: How many needs were met by Love INC volunteers in 2004?

A: One thousand five hundred and seven!

That's a lot of love!
It was another great year of service to people in our community!

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A Network of Generosity

Good things happen when everyone gives

What would it be like if churches, social service agencies, businesses and people in need all worked together to find creative solutions for unmet needs? That's exactly what is happening through Love INC of Benton County. One example of this type of networking is found in Love INC's new Medical Equipment Lending Program. Consider these stories:

A call came in from Samaritan Home Health Services, saying that they had a client with a bone infection in his leg. He had been struggling with this for a couple of years and needed to have his leg elevated. A hospital bed would be perfect! The nurse knew of a bed that people were willing to donate and called to ask if we could provide the manpower. She also said that the gentleman who needed the hospital bed wanted to give his bed to someone who needed it.

Love INC "just happened" to know of a single mom who didn't have a bed. So, one Saturday morning about 12 volunteers from Grace Christian Fellowship, Corvallis Evangelical

Church and Knollbrook Christian Reformed Church met in northwest Corvallis. After taking the hospital bed apart, they transported it in two pickups to the man's house. They had to first take his queen size bed out of his house and carry it down two flights of stairs. Then the hospital bed could be carried up the stairs in pieces and reassembled. It was quite a challenge as the stairs were narrow and the bed was heavy.

The queen size bed was taken to a thankful woman, and then Northwest Hills Community Church delivered sheets for both of the beds from their church's Linen Closet.

Two people were grateful for new beds and many people had the opportunity to give, to serve, and to show God's love.

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Love INC volunteers get the job done!



From The Director

Serving in all Seasons

On June 25, our help line rang and the voice of a sweet elderly woman explained that her heat pump had broken and she could not afford to replace it. Since she lived in a single-wide mobile home, with no trees around it, the temperature in her house was reaching into the 90's! We called Community Services Consortium who explained that the heating portion of her heat pump still worked and that they were not able to help with cooling systems.



A gentleman from Faith Christian Fellowship went out to check the heat pump and discovered that it basically could not be fixed. A window air conditioner would help, but she would have to buy one, and they are fairly spendy.

On June 27, I received a phone call from a family asking whether Love INC could use any items left over from their yard sale. Lo and behold! They had a window air conditioner that had not sold! My husband, Ken, installed it the next day.

A couple of days later we received this note from a cooler and grateful client, "Thank you, thank you for the window air conditioner and for putting it in for me. It is wonderful to be sitting in the front room as it is pleasant now. You are truly wonderful to do this for me. ...Thank you and bless you ..."

The summer is long gone and the holiday season is past, but the needs of people in our community continue throughout the year.

How can you or your church group be a blessing to someone this winter? We may know of a need that you can meet.

Wilma Van Schelven

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Another gentleman, Mr. Harris, was in need of a walker with a built-in seat. Other medical equipment was available through Love INC, but no one had donated this specific type of walker. Cathryn Passmore heads up Love INC's Medical Equipment Ministry. Her Sunday School Class at Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship decided to have a bake sale to raise money for the walker. The bake sale was a success, the kids had a chance to help someone in our community, and Mr. Harris was delighted with the new walker.

The Medical Equipment Ministry is filling a gap in our community. Cathryn has received these comments from Samaritan Home Health Services:



Cathryn Passmore coordinates Love INC's Medical Equipment Ministry.

- *Many thanks for all the wonderful work your organization does for our patients.*
- *Love INC is a wonderful organization—thank you!*
- *I really enjoy working with you all—you are so efficient and flexible.*
- *I can't tell you how wonderful it is to be able to refer people to you—I especially appreciate the equipment.*
- *Thanks for all you do to make this community a better place. Your work has a great impact on the lives of many people.*
- *I'm grateful for the assistance your organization provides to those in need in our community. Thanks so much.*

If you have medical equipment (walkers, canes, bedside commodes, transfer benches, folding wheelchairs) that you would like to donate, please call 757-1311. There may be someone who needs the very item that you can provide! (Special thanks to the Book Bin for providing storage space for this ministry!)



Left: Mr. Ron Harris gets around more easily now, with this new walker.



Below: These students from Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship baked cookies to raise money for the much needed walker for Mr. Harris.

Worship and Pray!

Mark your calendars

Church of the Valley "Raise our Praise"

Worship Celebration

Sunday, February 13, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
 First Baptist Church, Corvallis (9th and Monroe)
 Join the body of Christ from across the
 Mid-Willamette Valley, gathering under one roof
 to lift praise to the Lord.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 5, 2005 at noon
 Come to this important annual prayer gathering
 on the lawn of the Benton County Courthouse.

Global Day of Prayer

Sunday, May 15, 2005

Be one of millions of Christians who will take part in
 prayer gatherings around the world on this day.
www.globaldayofprayer.com
 (Watch for details for our local gathering.)

"You're doing a wonderful job!!! In what I consider a very demanding area of ministry, I always see you full of faith and vision—it is very apparent that you know Who's on your side! We're certainly blessed to labor along side ...

Love INC!!"



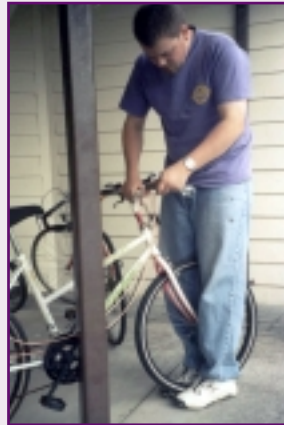
*John Moa, Pastor
 Grace Christian Fellowship
 Corvallis*

You Can Help...

Payroll Deductions Did you know that you can contribute 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 Love INC as a recipient organization. Check it out!

30-Hour Famine It's not too late for your church youth group to participate in the Famine in February. Each year, World Vision gives 25% of the money raised in Benton County to Love INC to help people in need in our own community. Don't know about the Famine? Call the Love INC office, 757-1311, for a free promotional video for your group.

Can You Repair Bikes?



More people like Daniel Colvin (left) are needed to repair bikes. Many bikes have been donated and there are people who need them. Even one hour a week as a

volunteer would help. A workroom and tools are provided. Call Love INC at 757-1311.

WANTED

Caring Christians! Hands-on Ministry!

An opportunity to reach your neighbors in need!

As simple as answering the phone!
 Love INC Phone Volunteers Needed!

- Answer phone calls for help
- One half day a week
- Training provided
- Great fellowship
- Meaningful service
- Call Karen at 757-1311

We need YOU! Please call today!

Participating Love INC Churches and Ministries as of January 2005

Calvin Presbyterian Church
 Campus Ambassadors
 Corvallis Chinese Church
 Corvallis Evangelical Church
 Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship
 Crescent Valley Evangelical Free
 Crossroads Christian Fellowship
 Emanuel Iglesia Cuadrangular

Faith Christian Fellowship*
 First Baptist Church of Corvallis
 First Baptist Church of Philomath
 Grace Christian Fellowship
 Grant Avenue Baptist Church
 Kings Circle Assembly of God
 Knollbrook Christian Reformed
 Korean Presbyterian Church

Lifespring Foursquare
 New Life Fellowship
 New Wine Open Fellowship
Northside Church*
 NW Hills Community Church
 Peace Lutheran Church
 Philomath Church of the Nazarene
 Philomath Community Church

* new participants

Prince of Peace Community
 Seventh Day Adventist Church
 Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran
 Suburban Christian Church
 Varsity House
 Victory Christian Center
 Westside Community Church
 Westwood Community Church

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F.A.R.M. Program Grows in 2004 (Feeding And Reaching Many)

In its second year, the Love INC F.A.R.M. Program saw a dramatic increase in livestock donations. Once again, the donated livestock provided meat for local food banks, shelters, soup kitchens and church food pantries.

	Number of Animals Donated	Pounds of Meat
2003	6	1,200
2004	22 3/4	4,000

For more information about donating livestock or giving financial contributions for processing and packaging, call Love INC, 757-1311.



Love INC volunteer Fern Jones helps to encourage livestock donations at the Benton County Fair 4-H auction.



Jason Lampi tries to tag a donated steer.



What does a ton of meat look like?

We're On the Web



We are happy to announce that Love INC's web site is up and functioning. Special thanks to Josh Hansen for his many hours of donated labor and expertise. Thank

you also to Peak for providing Love INC with free email and web space. See us at www.yourloveinc.org

News Flash! You can now donate to Love INC online, directly from your checking account. Use the link on our website to Network 4 Good. (If you don't want to make the automatic \$5.00 donation to Network 4 Good, be sure to opt out when you enter your donation.) Giving's never been so easy!

Health and Safety Hint

by Wilma Van Schelven

Dead Bolts and Peep Holes

Benton County seniors, take action to protect yourself and your home. Safe and Secure Seniors Independent (S.A.S.S.I.), a program in partnership with the Corvallis police and fire departments, provides free home security and fire safety inspections.

You can have your windows and doors checked for safety and your smoke detectors tested. Gain information on personal safety and emergency services. When needed, dead bolt locks and peep holes can be installed. For information on S.A.S.S.I. call Retired Senior Volunteer Program at 753-9197.

This free home check is available to seniors of any income level.