



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ
of Littleton

LOVE *IN ACTION*

The Love INC of Littleton Newsletter

A community of believers ...of one heart and mind ...that there would be no one among us in need (Acts 4: 32-34)

Fall 2011

From the Executive Director
Rev. Doug McKinney

**“Best Local
Non-profit in
Littleton”**

*The Littleton
Independent*



Love INC started off 2011 with a simple goal of moving each aspect of our ministry to the next level. We’ve made amazing progress toward that goal yet there are places where work is needed to move to the next leave. We know that client needs will be great and that we will be challenged to locate a resource or mobilize a volunteer to meet every need. Love INC is blessed with volunteers whose motivation is to help. While volunteers can’t always solve every client’s need, they do make a difference.

It is good to step back and celebrate where God is at work in empowering volunteers, mobilizing churches and helping clients. Each day a volunteer rings our bell as a celebration of success in the life of one of our clients. We are constantly made aware of the way many miracles that God has done.

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Two Distinctive Love INC Events Raise Awareness

October is a month of awareness for unity. From World Communion Sunday to the World Food Day and the Great Hour of Sharing, it is a time to better understand poverty and homelessness. Love INC of Littleton engages churches and the community through two distinctive events to raise awareness for COMPASSION, to foster the need for SOLIDARITY and to celebrate the SOLUTIONS the Love INC movement brings to the community.

Love INC is SERVING UP LOVE at our second Empty Bowl event from 6-9:00pm Thursday, October 6, at Pinehurst Country Club hosted by Suzie Wargin of 9News sports.

- You will select your own hand-crafted bowl
- Enjoy up to 10 gourmet soups
- Hop to upbeat live entertainment
- Bid on over 150 unique auction items, including excursions and services
- Meet clients and volunteers of Love INC who witness to the power of love
- Celebrate the benefit of churches working together



With \$25 of each \$35 ticket going to support Love INC’s work in the community, your presence will be a powerful witness to God’s love at work in Littleton.

“Youth In Action: Understanding Homelessness and Poverty and Responding to the Need” On Love INC’s third anniversary, October 29, over 400 students and youth leaders from 18 churches will meet at Redstone Park in Highlands Ranch to experience the cold, gain insight in dialogue and prepare items for the homeless. This 12-hour event for students will help them better understand living in poverty like over 2,700 Jefferson County and 700 Douglas County students experience every day. The youth will set up tents, hear from school district leaders and keynote speakers on homelessness and poverty as well as participate in a soup line for dinner. They will help prepare food boxes, homeless kits and make sandwiches while listening to local church music groups. Students will conclude the evening huddled with their own youth leaders to reflect on the experience before spending a crisp night under the stars.

Needs continue to grow in Littleton as they do around the country and the need to maximize our use of resources and work together has never been greater. As Love INC moves past our third anniversary we celebrate the ways in which churches are working together to love a community in need!

Our mission is to mobilize Churches in Littleton to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.

Message from the Executive Director

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The Littleton Independent newspaper recently conducted a poll inviting Littleton residents to share their best experiences with non-profits, restaurants, businesses, etc. This year's results named Love INC of Littleton as the "The Best Local Non-Profit in Littleton." As a newer non-profit in the community this is great news and worth celebrating.

As we gather churches and the community together for our Empty Bowl Event the conversations will undoubtedly center around the beautiful hand crafted bowls, the auctions items that we're bidding on, the fun music and the great food. The real story beyond the elements that make a great evening will be the contribution that each individual, each church, and each donation is making in the community. The relationship that Love INC fosters between churches, volunteers and clients are a defining difference for this organization. God is at work as Love INC brings churches together, and empowers volunteers to be the hands, heart and feet of Jesus to love our neighbors in need. That is what makes Love INC the best local non-profit in Littleton.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Doug McKinney

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Ducky Race Raises Support

In the sun and fun several friends of Love INC joined together with Littleton's Sunrise Rotary to float 2000 multicolored ducks down the overflow canal of Little's Creek in Sterne Park. Support came with friends around the country and with internet sales but mostly from family and friends who wanted to see the ducks float down that spillway. Bill LaRock, Love INC board member, helped develop this partnership which resulted in just over \$3,400 for Love INC.



A Love INC Littleton Love Story

"I know God is with me everyday."

This is a love story that started in 2010 when our Clearinghouse Coordinator, had the privilege of meeting Karen and hearing her story.*

Karen* experienced job losses, financial disruption, mental health concerns and stumbling blocks in raising a teenage son. She demonstrated a strong desire to seek treatment for her health concerns and wanted desperately to find permanent employment.

Her strong faith was evident as well as her intellectual gifts. Love INC quickly realized that a mentoring relationship with Karen and her son would allow Karen to make positive steps in her life.

Four months later Karen's medical concerns became serious. Love INC volunteers felt a strong connection with Karen and a desire to encourage her along in her faith walk and bring hope to her future.

The next month, Karen communicated more hopelessness and began feeling desperate. Many volunteers and Love INC staff felt concerned and connected Karen with an emergency medical team. Soon after getting her the proper diagnosis and medical attention, Karen had a new outlook.

Karen called and attributed Love INC's involvement to saving her life. She shared that she has a new relationship with her son because she has finally received medical treatment for her mental health diagnosis. Karen then said, "Do you remember when I said, 'God would not allow me to go through this, where is he?' Well, I know now he is with me everyday."

Even more amazing was Karen's statement that, "I will not be calling on Love INC so much because I am doing better. I would like your angels at Love INC to help others in need."

God has spoken to all of us and we are all thankful to share this journey with Karen and her son.

**Actual client names are changed to protect their privacy.*

Office Space Limitations

The 850 square-feet of office space worked well in the beginning of Love INC's ministry when most of the services rendered by Love INC were facilitated out of the call center. With our growth in numbers of volunteers involve, projects undertaken and formation of a number of gap ministries requiring donations the space has become very crowded. With the only meeting room also doubling as offices for the office coordinator and receptionist as well as the place where donations go— the need for more space has become critical. We are working on a creative solution to this office space limitation and will let you know when we have a solution in place.

Thank you Cindy Raap!

Cindy Raap, Love INC's clearinghouse coordinator, is leaving that role at the end of September and will continue working on projects for Youth In Action through early November. Cindy joined Love INC's staff a year ago and quickly picked up the spirit in the clearinghouse. She led a major undertaking by helping the clearinghouse move from handling paper files to a paperless system, fully utilizing our data information system. Cindy also helped with special projects including a toy ministry at Christmas, growing Haven's Hope and several educational endeavors. She moved into full time status in July. Thank you, Cindy, for your contributions!

Welcome Cindy Johnson!

Cindy Johnson joins the Love INC staff serving as the new clearinghouse coordinator on Mondays through Thursdays. As a long time member of Abiding Hope Lutheran Church, she presently serves as the coordinator of Deacons and helps in youth ministry. Cindy comes to the clearinghouse with experience in volunteer management, office and computer experience and Christian leadership. She is married to Wayne and has two teenagers, Adam and Jennifer.

Welcome Angie Steinhauer!

Angie Steinhauer joins the Love INC staff as our intern. Angie is in her third year at Iliff School of Theology and is working here through the Federal Works Study Program. She is also the Pastoral Intern at St. Luke's UMC in Highlands Ranch.

GAP MINISTRIES IN PROCESS

Here are just some ways individual churches are finding a need and filling it:

- ♥ One church has interviewed the principals and counselors of 20 Jefferson County Schools and is developing a ministry for Love INC Partner Churches to "Adopt a School" to help with the needs of each school.
- ♥ One church is exploring the possibilities of opening a Love INC Thrift Shop to offer services to clients, initiate a furniture and clothing ministry, and to raise funds to support this ministry.
- ♥ One church is exploring the needs of our elderly and is moving forward with plans to help seniors take the next step in their life.

EDUCATION

Understanding poverty is an important skill for Love INC volunteers. Programs are offered to church groups throughout the year on understanding poverty. Special programs have included a seminar entitled "Bridges out of Poverty;" participation and leadership in "The Power of Partnership"—faith groups, non-profits and government working together; Love INCs walking tour on homelessness; and "Youth in Action," an upcoming overnight event for youth from 19 churches at Redstone Park in Highlands Ranch, Oct. 29-30, 2011.



Deer Creek Church diaper drive

Diapers are a constant need for the clients of Love INC. Donations of diapers can be dropped off at our office Monday—Thursday mornings. When our diaper supply is low we purchase diapers out of our budget to make sure that we can meet the need.

Please Join Us Empty Bowl Event

To aid people in our community in need

Thursday, October 6, 2011

6-9 p.m.

Pinehurst County Club

6255 W Quincy Ave, Denver, CO, 80235

Susie Wargin Emcee ↻ Live Music
Gourmet Soups and Bread ↻ Silent Auction
Select Hand crafted Bowls
Unique Artistic Creations

A benefit for Love INC of Littleton.

Individual tickets: \$35.00

Reserved table: \$400.00

(\$25 of the ticket price is tax deductible)

Tickets available online at

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Or call 303-732-5925



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