



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)

Summer 2010

From the Executive Director
Rev. Doug McKinney

We Value the Connectedness of the Love INC Movement



In the past four issues of "Love IN Action" I've lifted up one of our 10 core values. The Connectedness of the Love INC movement is a core value that has had a profound impact on our growth in the Littleton area. As one of now 150 affiliates of Love INC's movement, our locally governed Love INC benefits from the best practices of all. These best practices in the clearinghouse, with the board, the executive director, personnel, church relations, gap ministries, and client services have fostered our rapid growth. With 18 partner churches and a number of participating churches, Love INC can deploy 600-plus volunteers in a variety of ways to be Christ's hands and feet in the community. Our Love INC team looks daily for ways to foster loving Christ-like relationships

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The Ministries of Love INC of Littleton

Since the opening day, October 29, 2008, Love INC has offered services to people in need that were not readily available in our community. Our mission is to mobilize the church to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ. With this mission, Love INC matches people in need with resources to help.

Love INC volunteers help with:

- Transportation to medical appointments
- Shopping assistance
- Home cleaning
- Minor home repair
- Financial and Budget counseling
- Mentoring/coaching
- Help in finding work
- Moving assistance
- Packing assistance
- Thanksgiving meals
- Christmas Meals
- Visitation in home

Unique with Love INC's process is the commitment, through continued contact with clients, to work step by step through a number of issues in their lives. Our purpose is to help them get back on their feet. Two Love INC gap ministries, Dipes N' Wipes and Haven's Hope, supply diapers to families who are struggling in the community. Without these two ministries children and families would suffer. Another gap in services is a unified way to assist the homeless. Love INC's Homelessness Task Group works with non-profits and agencies in three counties to address gaps in services needed to assist the growing number of homeless in the SW metro area.

Love INC's clearinghouse connects clients with church food banks, ministries, community services and government agencies that are here to help. Working to complement not duplicate services our goal is to connect clients with the best service available and to fill the gap when identified. Love INC has worked with over 1600 needs and filled a number of gaps in services in its 19 months of service.

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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community agencies and with our clients and it seems to be working.

Margo Pasha, Steve Graber and I attended Love INC’s very spiritual and uplifting national convention recently where Love INC was presented as “the Movement.” As a newer affiliate, our Love INC is at a level one of this movement. Our goal is to live into and move forward. Level two Love INC affiliates offer a relational ministry with numerous gap ministries and ongoing skills classes for clients in need. Level three Love INC affiliates transform communities with a community development model. At the conference, Love INC shared that some affiliates are moving to a fourth level in which Love INCs have a campus with transitional housing and several services on site. Our level one affiliate is finding ways to begin living into this vision and we are accomplishing that with the Love INC model, one step at a time. We are taking steps toward relational ministry with the mentoring program offered by Haven’s Hope and with a mentoring pilot program that is in the works by a St. Andrew United Methodist group. We are taking steps in community development with the great work of our Homelessness Task Group.

One thing that is for sure in our connection with each other is that we Love one another as Christ has loved us!

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Doug McKinney

You are invited to participate in the Agape Invitational Golf Tournament



When: Monday August 16th, 2010

8:00 a.m. Shotgun start
 11:30 a.m. Family Golf Clinic—
 Red Zone Kids Challenge
 1:00 p.m. Lunch, Prizes, Awards, with Luncheon

KEY NOTE SPEAKER Lt. Governor Jane Norton

Where: Glenmoor Country Club in Cherry Hills Village
 Your registration will help support Love INC and other charities. Register

online at:

Entry fee:
 Register by July 1st, 2010
 \$150 Individual
 \$600 Team
 Register after July 1st:
 \$200 Individual
 \$800 Team

Fee includes: breakfast, player gift pack, green fees, cart, driving range awesome prizes, and a Colorado BBQ!

Welcome New Board Members

We welcome two new board members to Love INC.

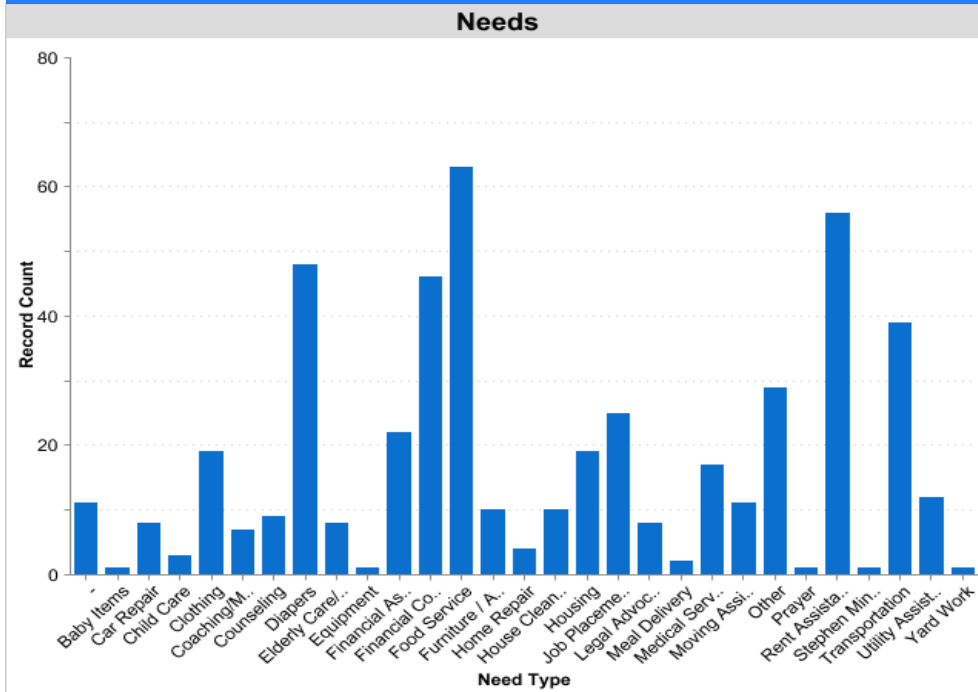
Carl Cleveland of St. Luke’s United Methodist Church comes to Love INC with an organizational development and HR background. Carl is the owner of Profit Builder and a partner in a new venture, “The Center for Integrated Leadership”.

Lisa Fellows of St. James Presbyterian Church, is the COO of Alcohol Monitoring Systems and formerly of JD Edwards. Lisa has worked in service with several community non-profits over the years and has skills in management, organizational development, and finance.

These two spiritual leaders are both Stephen Ministers in their respective congregations. Read more about our Board of Directors on the website.

Meeting Needs in Littleton

Love INC has addressed an average of 100 needs per month since January 2010. The chart below lists needs by categories. Some needs can be addressed in just a day while others involve several days, and many people.



Volunteer Opportunities

Love INC breaks large Complex needs into manageable places where individuals can make a difference. Look below at the ways you can help Serve.

Ongoing:

- ♥ Help clients pack prior to a move
- ♥ Provide transportation to medical appointments
- ♥ Administrative support
- ♥ Grant writing
- ♥ Inventory control
- ♥ Sell items on Craigslist or E-bay

Third Saturday morning of each month you can help with Haven's Hope:

- ♥ Set up and take down tables, chairs
- ♥ Prepare coffee/snacks/cleaning kitchen
- ♥ Mentoring and praying
- ♥ Help parents to the car with diapers
- ♥ Child care
- ♥ Inventory control and distribution
- ♥ Agency contact and client contact/phone work

Southern Gables Hosts Diaper Drive

Young adult groups at Southern Gables Evangelical Free Church held a Diaper Drive for Love INC's Dipes N' Wipes Gap ministry that is held at St. Herman Orthodox. The results?

3720 diapers
9556 wipes (102 packs)
\$110.00 cash and checks



Love INC appreciates these donations for Dipes N' Wipes and encourages other groups to hold a shower or a drive from the congregation. Love INC also supports Haven's Hope, a diaper ministry that serves clients in Jefferson County.

Thank you to ALL of our volunteers who make ALL of this possible!

Steffanie Nolen Joins Our Team

Steffanie Nolen, one of our volunteer financial counselors, has joined Lori Groat as a Love INC clearinghouse coordinator. Steffanie will work Monday afternoons, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Lori, who had to reduce her hours because of her coursework at CCU, will continue to work Mondays and Tuesdays.

Steffanie graduated from Spring Arbor University with a BSW degree and is enrolled in a MSW program this fall. She presently is employed in the Homeless prevention program with Jewish Family Services and has done internships with the Denver Rescue Mission and Project 127. Active with her husband Nick at Valley View Christian Church, Steffanie is excited to share Christ's love with people who might have the greatest need.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For Love INC Volunteers

Financial / Budget Counselors

July 13, 7 pm

Connections Room of
South Fellowship Church
6560 S Broadway, 80121

Just FAITH

Workshop

August 14, 8:30-noon

St. Luke's United Methodist
Church

8817 S Broadway, 80129

Founder of the international program, Jack Jezreel, will present an overview of the 30-week program.

Cost \$15

From an Intake Volunteer. A Love Story

The story of an elderly man who needed rides to frequent medical appointments touched my heart. When I spoke with him listening to his need, I told him he reminded me of my father, a World War II veteran. I could hear him smiling over the phone. He was apologetic that he had this need for rides, as he wasn't the typical homeless or hungry client with whom we spoke. He lived comfortably with his daughter who had a car but was busy working and shuttling her children from activity to activity. Not to worry, I assured him—our system is designed to pair people who have all types of needs with volunteers anxious to help. When we set this client up with a volunteer to provide him transportation, we made a perfect match. They were both World War II veterans who were now trading war stories during their time together. These octogenarians had each made a new friend.

Sale Brings Community Together!

June 6-12 was an amazing week at Faith Community Church as it quickly transformed Sunday, June 6 after worship to a place for a huge sale as trucks from 7 different churches brought items from their congregations. Volunteers from most partner churches, under the direction of sale coordinator Melanie Linnebur, worked every morning through late afternoon to prepare. On Friday morning when the sale began the church looked like a heavily stocked boutique. In spite of the heavy rain Friday afternoon and all day Saturday, \$4642 was collected to support Love INC. Thanks to all who served!

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