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GALLATIN COUNTY

LOVE INC

LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST



MOBILIZING LOCAL CHURCHES TO TRANSFORM LIVES AND COMMUNITIES IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

DIRECTOR'S *Note*

Thank you for your tremendous support of your Gallatin County Love In the Name of Christ ministry. Because of you, we ended 2018 by surpassing our end-of-the-year matching campaign goal. Because of you, we have seen growth in the furniture and vehicle ministries as well as launched a new partner church volunteer initiative offering two regularly scheduled volunteer orientations each month to equip and to provide you with more

opportunities to be involved. We live in a place where our surroundings are a splendor of creation that sing to God's Glory. Yet, many of our neighbors are struggling and in desperate need. **It is because of you**, that those who are in need are met by caring Christians who courageously share the Love, Light and Hope that is Jesus Christ, while helping our neighbors in need move from barely surviving to thriving. We truly have an awesome and loving God! Thank you for investing in your Love In the Name of Christ. Please come and celebrate at the Plant The Seed Fundraiser, Dinner, and Silent Auction on April 8th.

Rob McCormack

Please help us be better stewards and communicate more effectively by sending your email address to general@loveincgc.org.

POWER OF LOVE *through Volunteers*

A partner church volunteer working in the Love INC Clearinghouse began a relationship with a mom who tearfully reached out for help. This woman had recently moved to Gallatin County and was starting over with very few resources or possessions. Over a few weeks, several volunteers entered her life to provide some relief from her situation while sharing the Hope and shining the Light of Christ. She stated that she was overwhelmed by their kindness. The detail that was most amazing to her, she said, was that the volunteers were from different churches coming together to lift her up and help her get through a tough time. She declared, 'Where I am from, the churches don't talk to each other let alone volunteer together. I am in awe at the love and kindness that was given to me and that so many churches work together to help me and others in need.'

*Save The Date***24th Plant The Seed Fundraiser, Dinner, and Silent Auction**

- Mon, April 8, 2019
- MSU SUB Ballrooms
- 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.



The keynote speaker will be Dr. John Patterson, long-time volunteer and former Gallatin County Love INC Board Member.

PLANTING *Seeds*

Love INC is excited to announce that we are offering two regularly scheduled Volunteer Orientations each month to equip and empower you: both orientations will be held at the Love INC Building the **first Tuesday of the month from 1-2:30 pm** and the **first Thursday of the month from 6:30-8 pm**. For more information and to sign-up, please contact Molly at (406) 587-6395 or ministries@loveincgc.org

CURRENT *Needs***Volunteers** (loveincgc.org/volunteer)

- People to sort donated items
- Drivers and movers with trucks
- Mechanics for Vehicle Ministry
- *Your gifts and talents*

Change Your Life Classes

- Meal providers
- Childcare providers

The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:40 NIV

4th Quarter 2018

Measurable Impact



Clearinghouse Activity

1,479 Calls, Emails, & Connect Cards



Our Neighbors in Need

2,111 Adult & Children Beneficiaries

7,050 Adult & Child Needs Met
General Client Needs, Clothes Closet, Change Your Life, Crisis Support, Financial Assistance, Healthcare, Info Request, Household Items and Service, School, Spiritual Support, Household Support, Transportation



Volunteers Serving Neighbors in Need

739 Volunteers Serving
3,380 Volunteer Hours



Referrals Made

414 Partner Church & Ministry
47 Community Agency

CHANGE YOUR LIFE *Program*

2018's Change Your Life program saw 40 volunteers from 14 different partner churches walk alongside and share the hope of Christ with 31 participants. They learned to track spending, make budgets, handle conflict in a healthy manner, and how to eat healthy while on a budget.



Not only were the lives of the participants changed in a positive way, but the dedicated partner church volunteers who gave their time and efforts to build relationships and share Christ's love were also transformed! Over 50 additional partner church volunteers supported the classes by providing childcare, cooking, and serving the fellowship meals. What a tremendous blessing for all involved.

Hosting a Change Your Life class provides a church many additional opportunities to serve our community right within their doors. This spring, Dry Creek Bible Church will again be hosting Faith & Finances and Bozeman 7th Day Adventist Church will begin hosting two Change Your Life classes: Faith & Finances and Resolving Everyday Conflict. Holding the classes in multiple locations on separate days allows more people in our community to benefit from these transformational classes! We welcome additional churches in Belgrade to host the fall classes or summer Love Your Kitchen.

"This class has taught me to keep track of everything I spend and I discovered where to cut costs"
~Faith & Finances Participant

MINISTRY *Update*

As the number of our neighbors in need continues to grow, the need for caring Christians to walk alongside them also grows. It is through your willingness to live out your faith in Christ, that those in our community who reach out are met by loving people. Now is the time to again call for new volunteers from our partner churches and to re-equip, empower, and support our veteran volunteers.

Therefore, this year we have launched a new Vision-Casting and Volunteer Orientation Initiative for both new and veteran volunteers. We are now offering two orientations monthly at the Love INC business office. They will be held on the first Tuesday from 1-2:30 pm and the first Thursday from 6:30-8 pm (except July, August, and December). Additional opportunities to attend an orientation will be provided at Love INC partner churches. Please contact us to learn more or if your church would like to host an orientation. Because of you, our Gallatin County neighbors can see the love of Christ in action and begin to thrive!



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