

a Partnership of Churches

GALLATIN COUNTY

LOVE INC

LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST



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

DIRECTOR'S *Note*



God is breathing tremendous life into your ***Love In The Name of Christ Ministry!*** Every day finds more neighbors in need courageously reaching out for help. They are met with the Love and Compassion of Christ, demonstrated through caring Christian partner church volunteers. These caring Christians enter into relationships and walk along side of them, helping them transform their lives from barely surviving to thriving. This year, many new volunteers have joined the ranks with veteran volunteers to serve our community and help those in need. What a blessing! God is Great!

We are thankful for the many partner church volunteers, business sponsors, silent auction item donors, and everyone else that attended or supported the 24th Annual Plant The Seed Fundraiser, Dinner, and Silent Auction. The event was a joyful time of fellowship and a celebration of your Love INC Ministry. Thank you also for supporting your Love INC Ministry through the 2019 Give Big Gallatin Valley event. The financial donations received have provided approximately one-third of the operating expense of the ministry, providing resources to help transformation occur. We truly have an awesome and loving God and it is a blessing to be able to share that love with everyone throughout our community. Thank you for your continued support of your Love In The Name of Christ Ministry!

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

CURRENT *Needs*

Personal Care Closet products and furniture movers. Love Your Kitchen needs: Greeter at each location, assistant to help with kitchen set up and clean up, allies, childcare providers, and ingredient providers.

PLANTING *Seeds*

Resolving Everyday Conflict participant: "This class was very personal to me. I was able to put it into practice with my son and my grandkids...such as letting go of offenses and taking responsibility for my part in a conflict."

BLESSED *Deeds*

Two families were blessed with donated cars presented by generous donors.

CHANGE YOUR LIFE *Program*

From a Faith and Finances Class Ally: "I would like to share a success story. I was very concerned for my participants' marriage when the class began. It seemed to me that the financial pressures were tearing this couple apart. Then I started to see hope, they were at least speaking to each other. Then I noticed they were talking about finances without anger. Soon they were setting goals. Now I see them implementing goals and setting boundaries with their children. At the start he didn't want anything to do with church. On Easter Sunday their whole family was beside me in church. Through this I have found new friends I truly value. This was my first session as an ally. At first, I thought we need to bring more information to our participants. But with hindsight I can clearly see that our participants need someone walking with them, not preaching to them."

*Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above,
coming down from the Father of lights... James 1:17a (NRSV)*

1st Quarter 2019

Measurable Impact



Clearinghouse Activity

1,481 Calls, Emails, & Connect Cards



Our Neighbors in Need

2,469 Adult & Children Beneficiaries

5,460 Adult & Child Needs Met
General Client Needs, Clothes Closet,
Change Your Life, Crisis Support, Financial
Assistance, Healthcare, Info Request,
Household Items, Personal Care and
Service, School, Spiritual Support,
Household Support, Transportation.



Volunteers Serving Neighbors in Need

894 Volunteers Serving
4,282 Volunteer Hours



Referrals Made

453 Partner Church & Ministry
Community Agency

CLEARINGHOUSE *Celebration*

Mr & Mrs N. have been homeless and diligently working through the programs at HRDC to get back into a home. The process can be long and takes lots of patience, determination, and cooperation. When the Love INC Clearinghouse received the call that they finally had a place to call home, it was a time of great celebration with them! They then requested help obtaining housewares and furniture for their new home. When partner church volunteers brought the items to the family, they felt so blessed not only to receive them, but that they were brand new. Belgrade Ace donated the new silverware and drinking glasses and will also be donating pots and pans to help encourage the family, to let them know their hard work has not gone unnoticed, and to demonstrate Christ's Love and Hope to them. Praise God for His provisions of a new home!

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VOLUNTEER *Orientations*

The new Vision-Casting and Volunteer Orientation Initiative has been fruitful in invigorating, equipping, and preparing our partner church volunteers to meet the rising number of needs in our community. In the first three months of the year, 14 orientations were attended by 136 volunteers with another 58 new volunteers planning to attend an upcoming orientation.

The orientation meetings are intended for all volunteers - both new and veteran.

At each orientation attendees receive:

1. a comprehensive overview of the opportunities to serve
2. a detailed explanation of Love INC's mission and vision
3. an update on how the Love INC ministry has grown, and the many services offered
4. an explanation of how the Love INC Partnership of Churches mobilizes to transform our community while helping our neighbors move from surviving to thriving.

One veteran volunteer said the following after an orientation, "It was a great reminder to me about what our focus should be when we serve. It is easy to get in the trap of 'get it done,' but that is not what Love INC is about. It is about walking alongside people, getting to know them, and shining the light of Christ."

Orientations are scheduled at the Love INC offices on the first Tuesday and Thursday of each month, as well as being scheduled at partner churches on an individual basis. Please contact the Love INC office to attend an upcoming orientation or to schedule one at your church.



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