

NOVEMBER 2019

# Celebrate the HOLIDAYS



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

## DIRECTOR'S *Note*



This is the darkest time of the year and, for many, it can also be the darkest time in their lives. Many of our neighbors are only one unexpected bill or one unexpected loss away from a major crisis. The glad tidings that most of us feel as the holidays approach are instead replaced by fear, anxiety, and paralyzing depression. The joyous occasion that the celebration of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ should be, becomes a time of unrelenting stress. It is also a time that the Hope, Love, and Light that is Christ can be seen so clearly and shared with our neighbors.

In John 8:12 Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." In Matthew 5:14-16a Jesus calls us to be the light of the world. "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others."

Thank you for courageously living out your faith by lovingly caring for our neighbors in need. Thank you for shining Christ's Light so brightly in each time of darkness. Thank you for supporting and partnering with your Love INC ministry as, together, we share the Hope, Love, and LIGHT of Christ with all.

Rob McCormack, Executive Director

*"I've already benefited so much from this class. I've confronted my financial fears and have hope for my future. I'm on my way to improving my credit score and create an emergency account. I've paid off a debt and am working on a budget plan. THANK YOU!!"*

~ Student of Faith and Finance class

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## *Love* FOR THE LONG TERM

A family experiencing a difficult situation reached out to Love INC for help. They were in need of assistance to obtain technology to aid in their child's recovery from a horrible accident the child had suffered five years ago. During the conversation with the parents, it was learned that they had also reached out to Love INC for help when the accident initially occurred. At that time, they received the means for the father to travel to the specialized hospital where the child was being cared for. The family had faith that the same Love could be received in this new time of need. The mother revealed that they had received both Love and Hope each time they had reached out to Love INC. After a lot of research and a lot of prayer, the family was met by Love INC partner church volunteers who presented them with the technology their child required. Hugs were shared, tears shed, and relationships were deepened as Hope and Love were again provided in addition to the material items the family required.

**Love, given truly In the Name of Christ.**

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## Quarters 1, 2 & 3 - 2019

*Measurable Impact*



### Clearinghouse Activity

4,869 Calls, Emails, & Connect Cards



### Our Neighbors in Need

12,838 Adult & Children Beneficiaries

21,039 Adult & Child Needs Met

General Client Needs, Clothes Closet, Change Your Life, Crisis Support, Financial Assistance, Healthcare, Info Request, Household Items and Services, School, Spiritual Support, Household Support, Transportation



### Volunteers Serving Neighbors in Need

2,936 Volunteers Serving  
13,893 Volunteer Hours



### Referrals Made

1,347 Partner Church & Ministry  
232 Community Agency



**THANK YOU** to our VOLUNTEERS, SUPPORTERS, and SPONSORS who are so kind and generous with their time, talents, and finances throughout the year.

**YOU MAKE GALLATIN COUNTY SHINE WITH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST! GOD'S BLESSINGS** to you this **HOLIDAY SEASON!**

From the Board of Director & Staff at Love INC



"the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

Matthew 4:16 (NIV)

SAVE the DATE  
**APRIL 27, 2020**  
Plant The Seed  
CELEBRATING

*25* years

of bringing  
**HOPE**  
**LOVE &**  
**Light**  
to your neighbors  
In the Name of Christ

As we enter this time of holiday and year-end gift giving, will you please prayerfully consider financially supporting your Gallatin County Love INC ministry? The impact for Christ throughout the county continues to grow exponentially as more people move to the area, more people in need hear about us, and more volunteers enter relationships with our neighbors in need. **As all areas of Gallatin County Love INC stretch to meet these needs, your donation and continuing commitment to love your neighbor is much needed!**

**As the year closes, we're making our BIGGEST impact by launching another matching gift campaign! Wonderfully generous donors have offered to match up \$20,000!** How can you support GC Love INC? Please prayerfully consider helping us reach our year-end goal of \$100,000.

- Donate on GivingTuesday, Dec. 3, or by year end via [loveincgc.org](http://loveincgc.org) or by mail.
- Choose Love INC as your charity of choice via AmazonSmile when shopping for the holidays, or on special sale days such as Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

### Black Friday. Cyber Monday



**Giving Tuesday, December 3, 2019**



*a Partnership of Churches*