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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*



We are very thankful for the volunteers, business sponsors, silent auction providers, and attendees who made the 23rd annual Plant The Seed Fundraiser, Dinner, and Silent Auction a success. A special thanks to the Journey Church Worship Team, Pat Busby (MC), and Warren Hiebert for his inspirational words.

The night was blessed with wonderful fellowship, a nourishing meal, and God's treasure. We were just shy of our fundraising goal of \$120,000. The Lord provided what He knows we need with plans to provide in other ways.

Blessings,

Sheila

Sheila D'Amico
Excutive Director



POWER OF LOVE: *Gifts of Love*

Our furniture volunteers have been especially active over the past months. Two Love INC moving groups moved 20+ furniture items in one weekend benefiting 7 families. Through donors and volunteers, the Furniture Ministry helped more than 60 different households in Gallatin County.

The Furniture Ministry offers a great opportunity for small groups to do service projects. We are currently looking for small teams that can assist with furniture moves once a month on a regular basis. This will allow Love INC to plan more consistently and move even more furniture to neighbors in need.

To get involved in this hands-on ministry, call 406-587-6395 or email helpcenter@loveincgc.org. We'll get you trained and rolling!

CURRENT *Needs*

Volunteers (loveincgc.org/volunteer)

- Furniture movers
- Household movers
- Skilled craftsmen for home & appliance repairs
- Clearinghouse summer phone coverage with various days and times available
- Allies/Coaches for Change Your Life classes
- Food ingredients and childcare for Love Your Kitchen class (starts mid-June)

Furniture (loveincgc.org/resources)

- Twin mattresses & box springs
- Small kitchen tables & chairs
- Dressers

Computers (loveincgc.org/resources)

- 5 years old or newer
- 13 neighbors (clients) need laptops
- 8 neighbors (clients) need desktops

PLANTING *Seeds*

A Faith & Finances participant had been praying for a financial and spiritual mentor. God provided 'a perfect match' through her new relationship with her Faith & Finances Ally.

BLESSED *Deeds*

90 bags of clothing, linens, and items were sorted and organized for our neighbors in need through cooperation with MSU Residence Life, First Lutheran Church, and Love INC for the third straight year.

WELCOME *Partner Church*

Welcome Big Sky Christian Fellowship into the partnership of churches! Pastor Brian Van Eps, the church staff, and the congregation are committed to creating a Love INC Ministry within their church.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15 NIV

1st Quarter 2018

Measurable Impact



Clearinghouse Activity

1,103 Calls, Emails, & Connect Cards



Our Neighbors in Need

2,196 Adult & Children Beneficiaries

6,281 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

812 Volunteers Serving
6,040 Volunteer Hours



Referrals Made

599 Partner Church & Ministry
99 Community Agency

CHANGE YOUR LIFE *Program*

Love Your Kitchen class will start mid-June for seven weeks at Springhill Presbyterian Church. Students will learn how to cook and eat healthy while on a budget. Each participant will have a coach to guide them through hands-on food prep which will give them practical experience and the enjoyment of eating foods they have prepared!



Four students completed the **Resolving Everyday Conflict** course mid-April encouraged by their volunteer coaches who walked alongside of them throughout the class. Participants mentioned they learned to accept their own emotions, that they can't change people, and that they are eager to share what they learned with their family.



"Every class was such a blessing and I am going to miss coming to class!" ~Resolving Everyday Conflict Student

Faith & Finances classes finished mid-May; seven participants graduated from Bozeman Church of Christ class and five participants graduated from the Dry Creek Bible Church class. Participants were supported by Allies and mentioned they gained a greater awareness of their spending habits and to think carefully before purchasing.



"I have never known how to budget or set financial goals, which I have learned in this class!" ~Faith & Finances Student

The first **Faith & Finances Alumni Gathering** was held in early May as a way to support our participants once they have completed the course. The class was attended by 20+ participants and Ally supporters. The alumni participants were encouraged, reminded to be intentional about their finances, and to put good habits into practice on their way to acquire financial stability. Thank you to the guest speaker Tyler Cotterell.

VOLUNTEERS *Equipped & Empowered*

New orientation is offered to all veteran and first-time volunteers. Volunteers will be equipped and empowered through the updated volunteer orientation to serve the community through their Love INC Ministry.

The orientations can be held at your church, the Love INC Building, or with individual and small group meetings. All volunteers are encouraged to attend an orientation. Contact Rob at ministry@loveincgc.org to schedule an orientation or to find out when a volunteer orientation is already scheduled.



DONATION *Receipt Information*

We are continuing to be good stewards of the Lord's funds He provides through your joyful giving.

Therefore, as of **June 2018 we will no longer be issuing monthly donation receipts** and will issue one end-of-year donation receipt statement by January 31, 2019. If you'd prefer an emailed statement, please contact Tammy at accounting@loveincgc.org.

We are so thankful for your support of Gallatin County Love In the Name of Christ.

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