



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Love INC of South Albuquerque

Helping Churches Help People

Love News

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Message from the Executive Director

A 13 year old son of one of our volunteers presented a school paper to his classmates describing his experience in helping his dad and others deliver some furniture and household goods to some needy families.

He started with these words: "Last night you probably went to sleep in a nice warm bed and when you woke up this morning you opened a dresser and took out clean clothes. You had breakfast, got into a car and your mom or dad drove you here. There were people in Albuquerque who didn't sleep on a bed last night, who didn't open a dresser but instead picked their clothes off the floor in the corner of their room. They didn't have anything to eat for breakfast and are hoping for a little food today." After describing his day with dad he concluded: "I have been to the warehouse many times and seen that we could have used an extra pair of hands to help organize and deliver furniture to families.

There are hundreds of people trapped in poverty with only a handful of people willing to help. Matthew 5:16b says, '...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.' You have a choice. You can either turn your back on God and the people who need help or you can obey God's command and step up with a willing heart to serve."

With volunteers like Daniel, you can understand me when I say what a joy it is to watch God's church step outside of itself to love others.

Josh Speakman

Repairing Hearts and Homes for God

by Anna Storks (volunteer)

Travis Greenwood is one of Love INC's Home Assessment Team of volunteers. Each volunteer goes to the clients' homes to help with various repairs such as fixing heaters, doors, plumbing, roofs, etc. Travis Greenwood does repairs and feels the main goal is to use the repairs as a springboard to make contact and share God's love for the client.

Travis states that most of the clients are elderly, or widows, with health problems or have ongoing issues from drug abuse. He volunteers one day a week or as his schedule allows. Most of that time involved in conversation with the client. The client usually begins by questioning what organization Travis is from, what the purpose of Love INC is and why Love INC volunteers will help when other organizations refuse. Answering these questions allows Travis to begin discipleship, or in his words, "to bridge the gap between people in distress and God."

Travis remembers his first job for Love INC was with the "Dream Grandma," a lady approximately seventy-five years old and very friendly. She explained that she watched evangelists on television, that she does pray, and she has simply felt rejected by the church because of her family situation. Travis explained that being Christian does not provide immunity from trials, and left her with an open invitation to accompany his family to church.

Travis concludes that the best thing that can happen during a home repair is to arouse interest and curiosity in God. "Home repair is a great way to bring God into their home... Witnessing to people is different than I thought it would be- it isn't as hard... The people are always friendly, you feel really good when you walk away from a house you helped, the people are always grateful."

Our mission is to mobilize the Church to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.

To Love INC volunteers,
Thanks for the surprise you gave me, also
thanks for letting me work for you here at
LOVE INC. I really do enjoy being here
everyday, because I learn something new
everyday. Thanks for loving me so much
Love Carol
(e-mail from a faithful volunteer)

Partner Church's

- St. Johns United Methodist Church
- Grace Church
- First United Methodist Church
- Faith Bible Church
- Christ Church
- Sandia Church of the Nazarene
- Joshua's Vineyard
- City on a Hill
- Sandia Chapel
- Hoffmantown Church
- Family Church

Save The Dates:

- Love INC Information Session
April 9th 11 AM – potluck to follow
- Intake Verification Volunteer Training
Thursday March 12th at 11 am -
complimentary luncheon
- APS Spring Break is Family Ministry Week
Call for more info
- Love INC Yard Sale – May 2nd, 2009

Steward of God's Goods

By Debbie Rider (volunteer)

Lois Moscow manages the Furniture Ministry Development group at Love INC. Before that time, she had lived in New York, where she was a corporate traffic manager for fourteen years. She has been a widow since 1988. Lois has a passion for ministry.

She became involved with Love INC after moving to Albuquerque, after living in her car for six weeks. She had some downturns in her life, including problems with her health, which had left her penniless. Lois has always had a heart to help others from the time she was living in a beautiful home in New York to the situation that happened to her in Albuquerque. Because Love INC was the first group to reach out and help her, she asked if she could volunteer in their ministry. She felt that, "in her heart she wanted to be able to find a network to help others, and that Love INC was a perfect fit."

Her goal in the Furniture Ministry Development group is to try to serve people as fast and efficiently as possible. Clients who have previously been sleeping on the floor will call in tears to thank Love INC for providing beds. It is then that she says, "Thank you Lord...We did some good."

Because of her previous experience at being homeless herself, Lois has a special heart for others in similar circumstances. She feels that, "The Lord allowed me to be homeless for six weeks so I can relate to and understand people who are in need."



You can help make a difference in the lives of people in need.

- I want to help with a monthly pledge of ___\$25 ___\$50 ___\$75 ___\$100 ___ Other
- One time gift of \$_____
- Choose Love INC as your designated United Way employee contribution.

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