



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 recent survey of 1000 regular church attendees reveals some challenges for Love INC. When asked “what is the primary function of your church”, 89% responded “to meet my spiritual needs”. Only 11% thought that the church’s primary function should be to reach the lost.

If Love INC is going to be helpful in mobilizing the church to transform lives and our community In the Name of Christ, God’s Church needs to revisit the Great Commission which I like to quote out of Luke chapter 24:45-47. “Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, *Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*”

The Church needs to reach the lost and show God’s love to believers by meeting the needs of the less fortunate where they live. Because of the many blessings that God has bestowed on our clients by church volunteers, referrals for new client requests are increasing. To those of you who are serving, thank you. For our friends who have not yet connected with us, please come see what God is doing with ordinary people with a heart to help churches help people.

Josh Speakman

Bringing Joy by Serving Others

by Crystal Rothganger (volunteer)

In April and May I was part of a team that did clean-up for two precious ladies. Arthur May and her daughter were both unable to walk due to knee replacement surgery and other health conditions. We arrived in the morning and cleared leaves, brush, pruned bushes and picked up trash. After we completed the front yard, I went inside to pray with them both. A caregiver also joined me in prayer as I asked God to heal her legs. Everyone was moved by the spirit of God and there was weeping.

My next encounter was in May when I returned to clean up the backyard with a group of 4 people. I was pleased to see that Arthur May was up and about and filled with joy upon seeing us again. God was faithful to provide for this lovely woman and it was a blessing to give my time to see joy on her face.

Church Groups are a Success!

In the past month we have seen the success of church groups and the awesome experience of working together for Christ’s Glory. Sagebrush Church designated Love INC as a recipient of their 2nd Saturday ministry in June. Over 60 people, some with trucks and trailers, came to help deliver and 25 needy families received furniture and household items that day in less than 3 hours.

One of Family Church’s “Community” groups has committed to helping quarterly during their regular meeting on Wednesday evenings. They are starting with deliveries, but say they will do whatever is needed. If you are part of a small church group and would like to find ways to serve....please call us! This is a great opportunity to show Christ’s love by serving in groups.

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

Partner Churches

- 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
- Highland Baptist church

Save The Dates:

July 8th 11 AM – Information Sharing,
Volunteer Appreciation & Potluck
Luncheon

Join us at our office and small items warehouse located at 8011 Central NE for a wonderful time to hear from several volunteers what Love INC is all about. It is a great time to learn more about Love INC and the many opportunities to serve. We will begin at 11 AM and follow with a potluck luncheon about 12:15 pm. Please call the office to RSVP if you would like to attend this event.

Reflecting Christ's Glory!

By Sara Money (Clearinghouse Director)

In April, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend Love INC's National Conference in Minneapolis with two board members and a volunteer. This National Conference is designed to be a time of worship, learning, prayer, celebration, and a deepening of each person's walk with God and others. This was accomplished by wonderful speakers, and music artists like Selah and the North Central University Chorale. This is a conference than anyone who would like to be involved more with Love INC can attend.

For myself, this was a great opportunity to meet people from all over the United States (including Alaska) that have the heart to serve Christ by serving the poor and needy. It was a time to be spiritually fed, trained, and have fellowship with other Christians. Every moment of every day is a time to "Reflect Christ's Glory" in all that we do. It is becoming more and more important to reflect His glory now more than ever. Our world, our country, and our communities are experiencing unprecedented challenges, and the number of people in need is growing rapidly.

We need to reflect Jesus Christ in a way that is crystal clear to others. This is what Love INC is all about. Love INC offers meaningful ways to help the poor and needy by talking with clients on the phone, helping with yardwork or home repairs, and delivering household items and furniture. Each individual client is helped by several volunteers and it is a beautiful way for others to see Christ in each action. As they see Him through our love and actions, His glory is made tangible in their lives.



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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