



**Love INC**  
Love In the Name of Christ

# Love INC of South Albuquerque

*Helping Churches Help People*

## Love News

December 2009

### Message from the Director

We are quickly approaching the end of 2009. The Christmas season is a time for many of us to revisit with family, reflect on what God has done through us and for us during the year, and rejoice that God's Son became flesh, lived among us and died for our sins. As I looked at the snow falling recently, I was reminded of the less fortunate who are alone, homeless, hungry, or without family to celebrate the birth of our Savior. God's promise in ISAIAH is this: if we feed the hungry, shelter the poor and clothe the naked, "your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, your righteousness shall go before you and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard". My most cherished gift this Christmas will be the growth that Love INC has experienced because of the thousands of volunteer hours contributed by our churches. You are truly helping us transform lives and our community In the Name of Christ. We can hardly wait to see what God has for us in 2010.

#### Deliveries to Clients Accomplished

35 deliveries were made in the month of November  
Thanks to all those who donated items, helped pack, talk with clients, and deliver!

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

*Isaiah 9:6*

### Volunteer of the Month - Ashley

I started volunteering for Love INC in February 2009. I had recently moved here with my husband, who is in the Air Force, and we move frequently. Love INC has been a blessing to me through meeting other volunteers and being able to help people who are in need. I began helping with intakes, which is the interview process we go through with our clients. I currently help with scheduling furniture and household deliveries, as well as working with the Love INC Board of Directors on special projects. It has been truly rewarding to see Love INC grow as more and more people are discovering who we are and what we do. I will be reducing my hours at Love INC as I prepare for our new baby, and can't wait to see what else God has planned for me.

### Holiday Schedule

Love INC will be closed from noon on December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Have a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year*

*"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.*

*Psalms 126:3*

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

- Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
- Carlisle Community Baptist Church
- Centerpoint Fellowship Church
- Christ Church
- Desert Light Christian Church (*Brethren in Christ*)
- Family Church
- Faith Bible Church
- First United Methodist Church
- Grace Church
- Highland Baptist Church
- Hoffmantown Church
- Iglesia Hermosa Church
- Joshua's Vineyard
- Mars Hill
- Morning Star Missionary Baptist
- New Horizon Church
- Sandia Church of the Nazarene
- Sandstone Community Church
- St. Johns United Methodist Church
- Trinity Baptist Church

**Save these Dates**

January 19 - Home repair planning meeting, 11am, 8011 Central, complimentary luncheon to follow

February 20 - Serve from the Heart – Fundraising event, 11:30-2:30, Volunteers will serve Clients a meal at First United Methodist Church

**Current Needs List**

Bowls Full Sheets Blankets (Twin & Full)  
Towels Forks Beds Chairs\*

\*We are in constant need of chairs, providing one chair for each member of a family can amount to a lot of chairs.

**INTERVIEW WITH A CLIENT- Helen**

by Linda–Love INC volunteer

In our continuing feature on highlighting a special individual, this month I would like to introduce you to Helen, a client of Love INC. I met Helen this past Monday for the first time. I was in for a delightful surprise – instead of focusing on her, she proceeded to tell me about a volunteer who came to help her with her home repairs back in February. His name is Travis.

Her face lit up as she shared her memories of the many Love INC volunteers that came to help her; it became instantly clear that Travis had done as much to lift her spirits as he had done in repairing her roof. Although there was a significant amount of time between her initial request to Love INC, and when volunteers became available, things came together in God's timing. For example, the day the volunteers showed up to clean her yard was Helen's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday and it had not been planned that way. All the volunteers, including Travis, came into her life at a time when she was having a very hard time emotionally, and their arrival lifted her spirits tremendously. Many times a client will have a special spiritual connection with a particular volunteer and that indeed happened between Travis and Helen.

Many Love INC volunteers continued to help Helen over a period of a couple of months by cleaning the yard, hauling trash to the dump, and assessing her cars that she donated to Love INC. This was a real team effort. It was only after sharing her interaction with Love INC that she shared the details of her life with me. What was planned as a short interview, ended up being a couple wonderful hours of conversation. And as this story demonstrates, Love INC volunteers provide much more than furniture, household items, and minor repairs. Love INC is about relationships.



**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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