



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

**Bringing Churches Together  
Helping People in Need  
Transforming Lives**



Fall 2015

## Love In Action



**From  
Rev. Doug  
McKinney**

In just seven  
and one half  
years the Love

INC movement in Littleton has grown from an idea, a board, and a half time executive director with a cell phone and a computer to the movement it is today.

Now, with six staff members in a larger office, a busy clearinghouse, and 11 gap ministries, we regularly mobilize hundreds volunteers from more than 29 churches. God has guided our path each step of the way opening hearts, minds, doors, and tearing down walls that often divide a community. Our work has focused on the things that unite us, connecting us with places God is already at work, while looking for gaps in services where the church can impact the community with service and love.

Throughout this time the key principle has been being intentionally relational, loving and Christian with every aspect of the ministry. When tasks before us seemed too overwhelming, we've broken big needs, big jobs, and big ministries into small manageable parts knowing God was always there to help us accomplish His work.

It's been an incredible journey for me, one that I would have never thought possible in such a short time. I've loved relating with our volunteers, pastors, leaders and clients.

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Please consider sharing your time, talents, and treasure with our neighbors in need this holiday season...



### THANKSGIVING

Feasts of Love is a Gap Ministry of Love INC dedicated to blessing families in need by providing items to prepare a Thanksgiving meal. This year, Feasts of Love will be championed by four of our partner churches: Genesis Presbyterian, Hosanna Lutheran, St. James Presbyterian, and Deer Creek Church! Here's how you can get involved:

**Make a financial contribution.** The cost of each meal basket is \$35. We will take your contribution and shop for needed items to complete meals. Send your check, payable to Love INC of Littleton, to our offices at P.O. Box 787, Littleton, CO 80160.

**Purchase basket items and deliver to Love INC.**

Items needed include:

Instant mashed potatoes	Canned green beans	Boxed stuffing
Canned corn	Canned cranberries	\$10 King Soopers gift card (for Turkey)

**Volunteer to deliver food baskets!** You can sign up to help take the meals to our clients by contacting Jessi Lambert at [jessi@loveinlittleton.org](mailto:jessi@loveinlittleton.org) or by calling the office at 303-798-0037. Deliveries will take place on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, between 11:00am and 2:00pm.

**\*Deadline for all financial and food contributions is Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>\***

The Christmas season is right around the corner. For many of our clients, this is a challenging time of year. Heart for Teens was developed to provide Christmas gifts to teenagers who come from difficult family circumstances. This year, Heart for Teens will be hosted at Deer Creek Church on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Our clients will have the opportunity to come and shop for gifts for their teenagers, get their gifts wrapped, and enjoy fellowship with other parents and our volunteers. We have seen this ministry touch people's lives in incredible ways!



Here is how you can get involved this year:

**Make a financial contribution.** Be sure to put "Heart for Teens" in the memo line, and make checks payable to Love INC of Littleton. All financial contributions will be used to purchase teenage appropriate gifts.

**Watch** for donation boxes, and the suggested gift list in our partner churches. You can drop your gift donations in those boxes, or deliver directly to Love INC offices.

**Volunteer!** There are several volunteer opportunities to help make the Heart for Teens Christmas Shop a reality. Volunteer opportunities include sorting and pricing gift items prior to the event, and various duties the day and evening of the event. If you are interested in volunteering for Heart for Teens, or would like to learn more, please contact Jessi Lambert at [jessi@loveinlittleton.org](mailto:jessi@loveinlittleton.org) or call 303-798-0037.

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

I've been amazed at the talent, countless hours, and the passion that our teams have given to bring dreams to reality.

I've been humbled at the ways God has shown up in every encounter. As I retire I ask for forgiveness for the opportunities I've missed, for the relationships I've hindered, and the limits I may have placed on what God has wanted to accomplish.

Thank you for the opportunity to lead this movement in its early years. I pray that God will continue to bless the Church in our community as congregations work together at being the movement of Love

In the Name of  
Christ.



#### ***From the Board President:***

##### ***Executive Director Search***

*Since Doug announced his retirement last week, the Board of Directors has started the search for his replacement. The job opening announced on several websites, and the job description was posted several job boards. A search/transition team has been reviewing over 35 resumes and applications to select a small number of applicants to interview. It is hoped that a new ED will be announced by mid December.*

##### ***Board and Staff Retreat***

*Last year, the board of directors made a commitment to hold strategic planning meetings along with the Love INC staff twice a year to review and plan the goals for the next six month period. Jeff Allen, Sr. Pastor at Faith Community, uses proven business planning tools to guide the board and staff in establishing key strategies and goals. The next meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 9.*

*--- Cynthia Dekker*



*Matthew 25:35-36 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."*  
NRSV

### ***Transformational Ministry***

Transformational ministry is about equipping people with essential life skills they need to be more self-sufficient, overcoming the challenges, pitfalls and problems they have chronically endured. This experience starts with Christ's love shared with each client participant through an trust relationship with a trained Love INC mentor in our Stepping Forward Program. Love INC is poised to take the next steps and is looking for people who want to actively engage in making this vision a reality. Carl Cleveland, the Transformational Ministry Coordinator, is forming a small development team to evaluate successful programs at other Love INC affiliates. Then we will identify and prioritize the elements of our Transformational Ministry, look at necessary resources, training, and support, and develop an implementation timeline. We will be sharing the vision with partner churches and learning about training already provided and encouraging facilitation of additional life skills training. Training will include financial management, parenting, healthy relationships, affordable nutrition, employment readiness, computer skills, Bible study and a variety of other life skills.

At the heart of this program are our mentors. Additional mentors will be recruited, trained in their role and continuously supported in their work with clients. Their task is to develop a trust relationship with their client, build a personal development plan with accountability, and coach that person, supporting them as they work through training classes and specific action plans. Full implementation will take time, hard work and many volunteers. If you want to know more, or would like to explore volunteering in this program, please contact Carl Cleveland at [Carl@LoveINCLittleton.org](mailto:Carl@LoveINCLittleton.org) or (303)470-1042.

God Bless and please pray for our Transformational Ministry program.

**Thank You  
Doug,  
for your years of  
service to  
Love INC of  
Littleton**

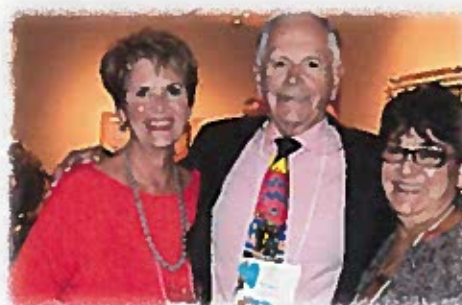
## Celebrating Another Successful Empty Bowl



Hosted at the Wildlife Experience, this year's Empty Bowl made history as the best one yet. Thanks to the efforts of nearly 60 volunteers, the evening was an unforgettable experience for our guests. We had over 20 local artisans provide hand-crafted bowls. The silent auction was full of unique, quality items that our guests had fun bidding on while enjoying the breathtaking artwork of the gallery. The soups, prepared by Chef Paul Huddleson, were delicious and hearty; perfect for a chilly fall evening! Guest speaker, Eric Alexander, imparted a riveting message of inspiration, setting the stage for a spirited live auction and special appraisal. The evening proved to be a wonderful celebration and rendered astounding support for Love INC's mission to mobilize the Church to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ!



Love INC thanks you for being an important component to the success of this year's Empty Bowl event! Through the generous support of community partners, event sponsors, church partners, local businesses, and Love INC affiliates, over \$80,000 was brought in. Final net income is still being determined. Thank you for making a difference in our community.





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