



Dear Volunteers and Supporters,

Paul reminds us in Romans 8 that we are not to be slaves of fear, but claim the Spirit of Son-ship, through which we cry "Abba, Father." The staff and volunteers of Love INC have felt God's tremendous power over the past months, as we were challenged beyond our human abilities to respond to overwhelming need in our community as a result of the fire at Southview Place Apartments.

The challenges of the fire have also blessed Love INC. We have increased teamwork and respect in the community, and we have more people interested in volunteering. We knew that this crisis would require not only immediate, but long term support and we are seeking God's direction every day in the best way to achieve that.

Additionally, overwhelming individual needs come into our office every day. Our neighbors are reaching out by phone to seek support for the individual crises that plague their lives. Their stories are difficult to hear. Clearinghouse volunteers listen to them, pray with them, and seek to mobilize volunteers and the community to help them meet their needs. This is who Love INC is.

Thank you for helping transform



Kathryn

WE APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Love INC has much to celebrate because of our volunteers. On a snowy April Saturday, Love INC volunteers were thanked for their servant leadership at a beautiful Volunteer Appreciation Brunch hosted by St. James Presbyterian Church. The brunch was a time of gratitude and fellowship. Drivers, Clearinghouse Workers, Board and Gap Ministry Leaders gathered to celebrate the ways we are reaching out to the community with Christ's love. Love INC has been blessed with interest from new volunteers and we are eager to see how God will use each person's gifts to serve our community.



The next volunteer orientations will be on Thursday, July 21 at 1:30pm and Tuesday, August 16 at 6:30pm, locations TBD. Contact Susan at

Love Stories from the Southview Place Fire

"Thank you to the Love INC Volunteer who did my laundry. She made me feel like I was someone important."

"Look at this new outfit that was bought especially for me. I've never had such a nice outfit in my life."

"Love INC volunteers were like angels sent from above. If it weren't for you, there would have been nobody."

"If it wasn't for Love INC's assistance packing, moving and arranging storage, I would have been forced to leave all my things behind."

"You all have given me so much...please take these things to help others in need. You have made this tragedy tolerable with your outpouring of love and just being there."

"I was blessed by my opportunity to offer presence and support to fire victims. One resident expressed her awe, amazement and appreciation for everyone who was there for her and others in this time of great need."

"I had the honor of helping a lovely couple move out of their Southview Place apartment. They were the epitome of poise and gratefulness. I could see Christ's light shining right through them."

Labor of Love Vision

Labor of Love is a gap ministry that is offered by many Love INCs nationwide. Our Clearinghouse receives many calls for help with miscellaneous yard and housework needs and sometimes there are needs that remain unmet. Several churches are exploring a new vision for meeting these types of needs. **If you would like to join in this conversation**, reach out to Jessi Lambert at 303-798-0037 or

FOR EVEN THE SON
of Man came not
TO BE SERVED BUT
TO SERVE,
and to give his life as
a ransom for many.
— Mark 10:45 —

Love INC Ministries:

Clearinghouse

Call center for our community

Dipes 'N Wipes

Short-term diaper ministry

Feasts of Love

Holiday meals

Giving Heart

Homeless transitional day site

Heart for Teens

Holiday gifts for teens

Haven's Hope

Long-term diaper ministry

Love On Wheels

Transportation ministry

Prayer Warriors

Prayers for the Love INC
Community

Renewed Treasures

Community resale shop

Senior Access

Relationships & resources for
active seniors

Severe Weather Shelter Network

Homeless shelters on cold
weather nights

Transformational Ministries

Holiday Gap Ministries

In the midst of summer fun and activities, it is also that time of year to plan and prepare for the needs that will surface during the holiday season. **Feasts of Love** and **Heart for Teens** are two Gap Ministries designed to meet these needs and bring hope to those without in our surrounding neighborhoods. We are currently examining these ministries and exploring ideas on how we can enhance our efforts and integrate our greater mission of life transformation into the holiday exchange between our clients and volunteers. If you have an interest in joining the conversation or would like to learn more, please contact Jessi Lambert at 303-798-0037 or jessi@loveincittleton.org

Our Office Gets a Facelift!



In the midst of Love INC's ongoing work, volunteers and generous donors have come forward to help organize Love INC work space so that we can be more efficient. Thanks to all who have been, and continue to be, a part of this mini-renovation. Stop by and see how things

Volunteer Highlight: Barb Rudolf & Kelly Sushinski

Their mission:

Organize hundreds of volunteers, in a secure operation, to pack up and move out dozens of displaced seniors who don't have plans to move or a place for their things... and begin in 36 hours!

Barb and Kelly provided excellent

leadership and teamwork as they supported the pack-up and move-out of Southview Place residents. They organized the efforts of caring volunteers from Love INC, the LDS Church, Knights of Columbus and Boy Scouts, working seven 10-12 hour days in a row! This involved a creating a wall-full of move requests, ongoing phone calls to clients, coaching volunteers, and tending to the make-shift community center that the operation became. Barb and Kelly deployed volunteers into the building to simply get a feel for the overall operations, see who might like extra packing help and identify where counseling support was needed. They created a safe and meaningful environment for both volunteers and residents. And they achieved, through the volunteer service of so many, what most thought could not be done...The move-out ended on schedule.

Now that these intense efforts are over, Barb has transitioned to helping arrange the one-by-one move requests from residents who have found their next home. Kelly is hard at work organizing the 2016 Empty Bowl.

Thank you Barb and Kelly!



A FAITHFUL RESPONSE FROM AREA CHURCHES THROUGH LOVE INC

Hundreds of volunteers mobilized to support the victims of the Southview Apartment Fire

When the fire at Southview Place Apartments occurred on Wednesday, April 6 few could envision the magnitude of this problem. The 131 residents were displaced and inconvenienced, yet patient and hopeful. Of those, fourteen lived in the Red Cross Shelter for eight days or more...certainly uncomfortable for seniors with medical issues. **Love INC volunteers were there** to provide clothes and rides, teamwork and compassion.

When these residents were informed on Tuesday, April 19 that they would not be permitted to move back to their apartments, 131 Littleton neighbors became homeless. Additionally, they were told they would have to move all of their belongings out within 2-9 days! **Love INC volunteers were there** to pack and move, providing friendship, a listening ear, and manual labor, trucks, and storage units!

Now that the news reports about this fire have ended, there are still many residents that don't have a place to live permanently, and are now removed from their support network. There are numerous "small crises" in process. **Love INC volunteers are still working** with residents to provide ongoing support during this time of transition. They still need help finding housing, moving their belongings from storage, and unpacking. Love INC volunteers are also helping to organize a lunch gathering and put together a roster so that they can reconnect with some of their neighbors.

Love INC volunteers helped their neighbors in numerous ways by:

- ◆ Delivering a second set of clothes (*purchased new, according to the residents' wishes for size/style*)
- ◆ Doing laundry and driving to appointments
- ◆ Walking alongside those in the shelter by visiting with them and attending update meetings
- ◆ Conducting intakes of 36 residents in order to best identify emerging needs
- ◆ Organizing the move out of 36 complete apartments, and assisted with another 25-30

Fire Response by the Numbers:

- ◆ **33** churches sent volunteers to assist in various capacities throughout this disaster
- ◆ More than **300** shifts of volunteers spent more than **1000** hours packing and moving
- ◆ Dozens more volunteers spent more than **350** hours planning and organizing the relief efforts
- ◆ Love INC dedicated an estimated **\$21,195** in relief (\$15,205 actual and \$5990 in-kind)



At the Red Cross Shelter



Love INC meeting with clients



Volunteers at the move-out



6512 South Broadway
Open 9am-5pm Mon-Sat
720-446-1877

Anniversary Sale: August 22-27
The Entire Store is on sale! 50% off!

Volunteer to work at the shop! Meet new friends and help the community. Call Donna Nelson at 303-550-4555.

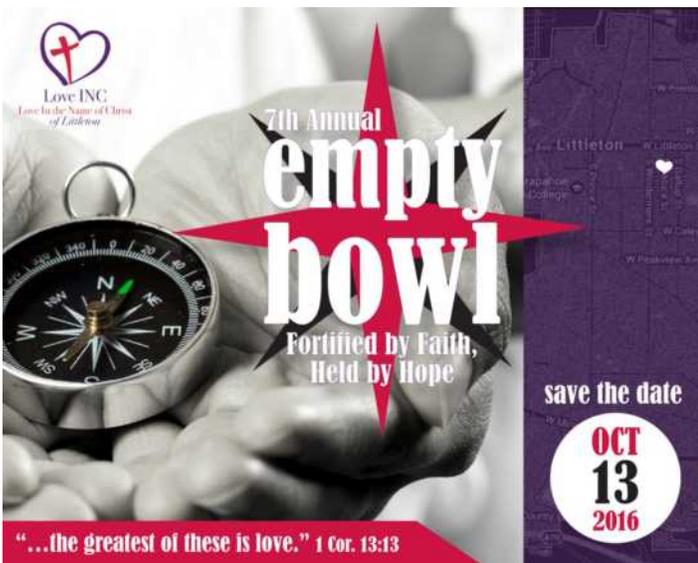
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- Cynthia Dekker**, Board Chair
- Reid McGrath**, Vice-Chair
- Paul Parish**, Treasurer
- David Anderson**, Secretary
- Shirley Bjornseth**
- William Choi**
- Jim Harris**
- Sherri Martinelli**
- Patti Ward**



Love INC of Littleton Staff

- Kathryn Roy**, Executive Director
- Colleen Campbell**, Clearinghouse
- Carl Cleveland**, Transformational Ministries
- Jan Dickinson**, Operations



YOU ARE INVITED!

Love INC Annual Picnic
Sunday, August 21st at noon
Clement Park, Shelters A & B

Come enjoy lunch provided by the Love INC



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