



LOVE IN ACTION

Connecting Churches  Living Love

March 2018

IMPACT Celebrates our First Graduating Class!



In June of 2017 Love INC opened the IMPACT Campus thanks to our partner churches, staff, board and volunteers.

On March 1st, 2018, we celebrated the graduation of four of the participants who began their journey with us to reach their God-given potential. It was wonderful to hear their stories of transformation! Let me share what one of the volunteers, Davene Coutts (Highline Community Church), had to say about the evening:

What an impressive night the first IMPACT graduation was on March 1st. The participants who took the hands reaching out to them at the first IMPACT course in June 2017 were inspiring. They hung on for nine months, changing their lives in the process as they walked with their coaches through classes on money management, boundaries, and purpose and potential, etc.

One, formerly homeless participant, now has a home and their life in order; another participant nearly became homeless due to sudden health and expensive medical issues, but now has a new home and financial stability. A couple worked through communication issues and financial issues to gain more control of their lives. A shy child, who was in IMPACT childcare during the adult classes, found a new confidence in meeting people. A woman discovered a self-assurance which changed her demeanor so much that it even was noticed positively in her workplace.

This inspiring evening included the many volunteers involved--from coaches to teachers to meal preparers to other supporters and LOVE INC staff--who cheered as this first group of IMPACT participants set the standard for the future. They appeared confident and smiling on the stage and appear to be able to face the future with more confidence in themselves and their abilities.



Graduates shared their journey in IMPACT through a panel presentation and received graduation certificates. Seen pictured above with their coaches.

The next semester kicks off on April 12th

We're offering 4 courses (*Purpose and Potential 1, Money & Me, Boundaries, and Training for Effective Parenting*) and we'd love to have you explore/audit any of the courses being offered. Please call (303) 794-5683 to RSVP for courses, to become a participant or to serve as a volunteer. Checkout our website to learn more.

"They don't judge us, they just help us. We always have someone on our side." - IMPACT Participant

The 2018 Pastors' Lunches

Faith Community Church
2-26-18 hosted by Pastor Jeff Allen



St. Luke's UMC 2-28-18
Hosted by Revs Ryan Canaday,
Jessica Rooks & Sallie Suby-Long



Centennial Covenant Church
3-1-18 Hosted by Pastors
Steve Thulson & Ron Mol



Easter Greetings!

Jesus called us to be ONE in John 17:23, where he prays for his followers "so that they may be brought to full unity." In John 13:35, Jesus teaches "by this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." When the Love INC board and staff chose our new tagline, *Connecting Churches ~ Living Love*, we wanted it to reflect these and other biblical principles about serving in love.

Connecting Churches!

Love INC exists as the local mission outreach for local churches. Currently, **32 church partners provide "local missionaries"** to serve the community with the love of Christ. And in late February, we had a chance to bring these churches together! Praise God for the 25 churches which sent 41 pastors to our pastors' lunches. Truly, **the Body of Christ was gathered**, with great variety of denominations, and great unity in purpose.

Living Love!

Every month, **nearly 200 volunteers provide a variety of services** for our community: driving, coaching, child-care, cooking, working in the Clearinghouse and in the office...and much more. We'll be celebrating these generous individuals at our Sow the Seed Appreciation Dinner on Friday, April 27.

Celebrating Christ's work in our communi-  *ty,*

Our thanks to these 12 churches for collecting diapers & incentives in 2018

- Centennial Covenant Church ~ Columbine United Church ~ Faith Community Church
- Genesis Presbyterian Church ~ Littleton Christian Church ~ Littleton Seventh Day Adventist
- Red Rocks Fellowship ~ Mountainview Christian Church ~ St Luke's United Methodist
- St Mark Catholic Church ~ St Philip Lutheran Church ~ West Bowles Church

"Thanks to a Love INC event today, I got to eat lunch between a Catholic Priest (Father Ron from St Frances Cabrini), and an Orthodox Priest (Father John from St Herman). It was quickly evident that we were united by a common faith in our ONE KING JESUS and shared a desire to see lives transformed by HIS love. I felt the pleasure of heaven! What an insane privilege."

- Pastor Mike Wright (center)
Littleton Christian Church

Ps. 133:1 "How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony!"



The Clearinghouse is growing!

In February, we welcomed 22 families into the Love INC family through our Intake process, consisting of 36 adults and 19 children. With that number growing our client base each month, we needed to expand the Clearinghouse team.

We now have **15 volunteers** that faithfully give of their time, each week, to serve our clients and their families. We have even expanded to making afternoon calls one day a week. We are so excited about what God is doing in our Love INC community and we couldn't possibly do it without you.

Thank you your love, generosity and support while we walk in this mission together. Together, WE are ALL Love INC! - Ann Donelson (*Clearinghouse Coordinator*)

*Lois Grix, a new Clearinghouse volunteer
(Cherry Hills Community Church)*



“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up” - 1 Thessalonians 5:11



An IMPACT Love Story from Renewed Treasures

“I’d had a couple shopping in the store several weeks ago that were IMPACT participants. The woman was excitedly moving around the housewares section gathering pots, pans and mixing bowls. When I started to chat with the participant, she shared her excitement with me, **‘they’re teaching me how to cook!’** She had several recipes and was picking out pans based on what she would need to make certain dishes. She even flipped through some cookbooks. They were taking *Nutrition on a Budget* and they were using their incentives voucher to follow through on what they needed to apply what they were learning. I was so pleased and happy for them and I felt it was a completely different experience working with a Love INC client and a voucher.



It made me excited about doing the **Redemptive Compassion** training and even more excited about the IMPACT program!” – *Peggy Fretz, Renewed Treasures Volunteer (St Luke’s)*



Welcoming New Board Members & Staff

New Board Directors

Dan Beekhuizen (*far left*) Keesen Landscape Management, President
Edrey Santos (*2nd from left*) Littleton Adventist Hospital, Chaplain
Bob Heisser (*far right*) The Sequel Group, Managing Partner



Information about Love INC is just a click away!
www.loveinlitleton.org
Love INC of Littleton(FB)
#loveincimpact

3 Ways you can support Love INC!



KING Soopers Contribute to Love INC when you shop for groceries or buy gas at King Soopers by using a reloadable card. Contact Love INC to get your reloadable card.

You and a guest are invited to the

Sow the SEED

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER AND PROGRAM

Please join us as we gather together to celebrate the seed God is planting as we practice **REDEMPTIVE COMPASSION** in our programs and hear about the growth we’re beginning to see through **IMPACT**.



Friday, April 27th

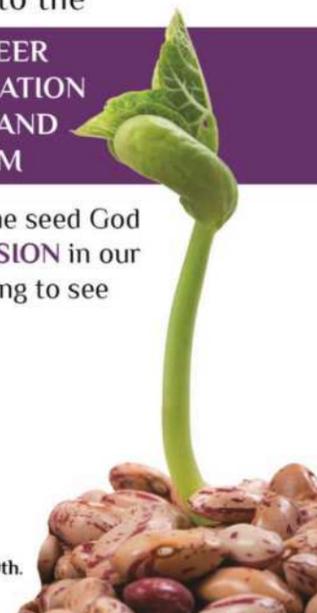
5:30 – 8:00 pm

Dinner at 6:15

Program at 7:00

Waterstone Community Church
5890 S. Alkire St., Littleton, CO

RSVP to volunteer@loveinlitleton.org or call 303-798-0037 by April 19th.



Love INC’s ~ Core Value # 6 We value churches living out the two great commandments to love God and to love their neighbors



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Current Resident or:

Special Gift from
Renewed Treasures enclosed!

Love INC Board

Patti Ward, Board Chair
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Rick Pfaffmann, Treasurer
Dan Beekhuizen, Director
Shirley Bjornseth, Director
Bob Heisser, Director
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Love INC Staff

Kathryn Roy, Executive Director
Nancy Barker, Operations Coordinator
Ann Donelson, Clearinghouse Coordinator
Jamie George, IMPACT Director
Dana Harris, Renewed Treasures Store Manager
Kris Thulson, Volunteer Coordinator

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 5 ~ Redemptive Compassion 11:30
April 11 ~ Love INC Orientation—1:00
April 12 ~ New IMPACT courses start at 6:30
April 16 ~ Redemptive Compassion 10:00
April 23 ~ Love INC Orientation—6:30
April 27 ~ Sow the Seed— 5:30
May 9 ~ Love INC Orientation—1:00
May 21 ~ Love INC Orientation—6:30
October 13 ~ The Harvest

Life Changing Compassion



LOVE OTHERS BY:

- Driving clients to essential appts.
- Serving at Homeless Day Site
- Providing Life Coaching
- Working at Resale Shoppe
- Connect people with resources
- AND MORE

Redemptive
Compassion
at Work

BE LOVED THROUGH:

- Senior Fellowship
- Life Skills training
- Debt Reduction classes
- Receiving rides & assistance
- Diaper ministries
- AND MORE.....