

HOPE

*"When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient.
When you pray, be faithful." Romans 12:12*



FALL 2023

The Vision to Respond to God's Call

Hope with joy, patience with suffering, faithfulness in prayer... Paul's words are as true in 2023 for Love INC, as they were two thousand years ago. The **Love INC Board and Staff have planned and prayed** over God's strategic direction for Love INC in the future and are excited about the growth in our staff and capacity as we hope to hire four new positions by October! Recent staff transitions have tested our patience, even as we celebrate what God has for both Sean Ray and Ashley Jostes in their next chapters.

The Vision Breakfast fundraiser in April brought 170 people together, and resulted in **ten new Vision Carriers** making five-year pledges to support Love INC. Their faithful investment is now transforming lives with Christ's love. *(read the Duncan's story below)* The **Love INC National Board** chose our city for their quarterly meeting and was also present at the event. National Executive Director, Kirk VanderMolen *(right)*, recognized and thanked Love INC Littleton for being a leader in the nationwide movement.



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Ann Donelson continues to oversee many loyal Connection Center *and* Gap Ministry volunteers who are managing increasing needs in the community. We look forward to hiring a new *Connection Center Coordinator* to help Ann with the day-to-day activities. **Linda Jeffries** and new Assistant Manager, **Elvira Leach** *(left)*, lead Renewed Treasures with 70 volunteers sharing love and great items with customers. **Terry Bate** and dozens of leaders and volunteers are preparing for the fall launch of IMPACT on September 21 with five classes being offered for the first time! **Joey Schilling** has graciously gone above and beyond her finance role in supporting all of our staff and ministries as well.

Love INC volunteers are the hands and feet of The Church in our community, sharing Christ's love in tangible and meaningful ways. True hope and joy come from answering God's call to serve while sharing Christ's love with those who are being served. In one Spirit, we invite you to join us as we celebrate this fall at **The Gathering on Friday, October 13** at 6:30pm at South Suburban Church!

Thank you for sharing your gifts and faith-filled prayers for this ministry.

Kathryn

Meet Vision Carriers who Share Time, Talent, and Treasure

Bob and Brenda Duncan have been volunteering with Love INC since they moved to Colorado 2 years ago. Hoping to get more time with their grandkids; they both wanted to also find a way to spend their time and serve the community. Bob drives for the transportation ministry through the **Connection Center** and began helping our neighbors get to and from essential medical appointments with care and love. Brenda joined the team at **Renewed Treasures** and has found herself serving on multiple shifts a week. She has made some incredible friendships and enjoys lending her passion for doing puzzles as she makes sure each puzzle has all of its pieces before being sold. As **Vision Carriers**, Bob and Brenda have committed to a yearly donation over the next 5 years and felt that making the commitment was aligned with their volunteering.

"We give because we believe in the mission. We see the efficient work being done to connect the churches and we know that Love INC is truly offering a hand up to those we serve."



Engaging Christians and local Churches to **transform lives** and **communities** in the name of Christ

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"I am just so glad we got connected. With all your help and prayer, I have come a long way."

Daily Life Skills



was developed over the past year, in response to feedback from our IMPACT Family. The purpose is to help our clients take care of the tasks of living (*including personal relationships and how we live in community with others*). Daily Life Skills teaches us to be good stewards of our resources and assets. It also helps prevent adding more to our burdens: for example, keeping our car in good working condition means it is available to us when emergencies arise, or it won't break down in the middle of trying to get to a hospital or a job interview. One of our valued business partners, Jen's Auto Services offered a deep dive for the class where clients had the chance to learn all about basic car care in a hands-on environment. In addition, we were able to help a long term client, Mary (*above right*) with some necessary car repairs.



Renewed Treasures

The store had a busy spring and summer hosting great events for shoppers and volunteers to enjoy. The annual Mother's Day Tea in May included the popular fashion show that features store items modeled by volunteers and even some customers! The 11th Anniversary Sale in August was a great chance to bless shoppers with extra special deals and created even more opportunities to have conversations with Volunteers. The days were filled with prizes, smiles and fun!

Mother's Day Tea & 11th Anniversary Sale



The IMPACT Celebration

The community that we call the IMPACT Family celebrated the end of the Spring Trimester in fine style! Volunteers and Clients came dressed for the occasion in their finest (and funniest) summer hats and outfits. We enjoyed a wonderful meal, shared some heartfelt testimonies and graduated our 4 Life Skills classes. We also honored several of our amazing Volunteers through our Excellence in Service awards. The celebration was the perfect way to put a wrap on an amazing year of transformation through the IMPACT ministry!!

Back to School

Store Volunteer and Board Member, Linda Malone, lead the dedicated team at Renewed Treasures as they blessed 80 families and 195 students with free nearly-new and new school clothes. Backpacks and school supplies were provided by dozens of churches and community groups that gave generously AND volunteered that day! Families enjoyed live music from the Bowdens, lunch provided by Littleton Rotary, sno-cones, great activities, and volunteer Sherri Martinelli as Wild Sunflower the clown!





SUPPORTING FAMILIES

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THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR CALLING ME AND REALLY LISTENING TO ME. I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU. THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR ME. NOBODY EVER DOES THAT. THAT WAS SO SPECIAL.



THANKING FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS



CARING DEEPLY FOR ALL



HONORING GREAT CUSTOMERS



EQUIPPING VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

Connection. Renewal. and Impact



OFFERING LIFE CHANGING COMMUNITY



SERVING KIDS

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I WISH THAT I FOUND [IMPACT], THIS AMAZING, LIFE CHANGING, HEART LIFTING, ENCOURAGING ATMOSPHERE SOONER. I FINALLY FOUND PEOPLE WHO OPEN THEIR ARMS AND ACTUALLY CLOSE RANKS AROUND THE LONELY, THE SAD, THE OUTCAST (SUCH AS MYSELF)... JUST TO GIVE A HAND UP, TO GIVE JOYFULLY OF THEMSELVES... WHO OFFER LOVE SUPPORT AND HOPE.



GATHERING SERVICE GROUPS



DELIVERING FURNITURE AND HOPE



NAVIGATING SUCCESSES



Join us for these great events

RSVP with Love INC at 303-794-5683 [LOVE]
or visit loveinlittleton.org/events



the taste of IMPACT

PREVIEW OF FALL CLASSES
THURS. SEPT. 14, 2023



Dinner & Ministry Info (6-7:30pm)
South Fellowship Church
at 6560 S Broadway (Littleton)

THE GATHERING



God's love on display
in our community!

CELEBRATION EVENT
FRI. OCT. 13, 2023



Program (6:30pm) & **Dessert Reception**
South Suburban Church
at 7275 S Broadway (Littleton)

Renewed Treasures *Christmas*

WASSAIL & SHOPPING
SAT. DEC 2, 2023



Treats & Special Sales (2-4pm)
Renewed Treasures Resale Shop
at 6512 S Broadway (Littleton)

Do you or someone you know have an interest in serving our community?
Sign up for a **Volunteer Exploration** session at loveinlittleton.org/join-us



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