

LOVE



*"And now these three things remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13*

WINTER 2023

Gratitude, Good News, & Great Joy

As we enter this season, let us reflect on the work God has done through Love INC! *Psalm 66:5: Come and see what God has done... His awesome works for humankind.* A meaningful icebreaker to get to know folks involves sharing three numbers and why they are important to them. I think Love INC's three numbers should be: →



Love INC celebrates **15 years of service** to our south metro community this year! The **second Windermere Fire was in 2018** (*the Saturday before Thanksgiving*). That disaster was tragic and challenging, yet truly let the local churches shine... it also birthed the Navigation Ministry. Love INC has **45 Partner Churches**, with Catholic, Orthodox, Non-Denominational, and many Protestant congregations. Though different; together we unite to put God's love on display!

The Gathering on October 13 celebrated all God has done through Love in the Name of Christ over the year. Thanks to South Sub Church for hosting, as well as to many church, individual, and business sponsors. You'll see stories in this newsletter and can watch videos of the special testimonies by visiting our website or by QR code.



Join us for special events in December (*Renewed Treasures and IMPACT*) as well as the Love INC (*office*) Christmas Open House.

We are grateful to each one of you who prays for, serves at, and donates to Love INC. God has truly multiplied your gifts.

Kathryn



Newest Board Director, **Don Sheely**, asks for a response to our prayer, volunteer, and financial needs as **Linda Malone**, shares the Love INC Board's heartfelt thanks.



Decade of Service Honorees **Bob West** and **Joyce Beach** stand for their recognition as **Gary and JoAnn Van Iwaarden** - as well as **Grace Ellsworth** - receive hugs from friends. (additional Honorees are **Joyce Brooks**, **Kay Carter** and **Anita Pollock**)

Love INC Littleton Founder, Rick Pfaffmann, and first Executive Director, Rev. Doug McKinney shared this great exchange on our 15th anniversary.

Rick: "Remember that first day? Marge, Trudy, you, and me in the 'office' in the back of **Centennial Covenant**. Our first "customer" was a distressed man wanting \$20 for breakfast. I borrowed \$20 from you to take him to breakfast but he walked away when I wouldn't 'just' give him the money. Great first lesson in **Redemptive Compassion** and I didn't even know what that meant at the time."

Doug: "I recall us collectively thanking God for that encounter and the message for us in his response. Littleton is so fortunate to have Love INC. It truly is The Church at its best. Love INC is about the only way a community can accomplish Redemptive Compassion and It has been a gift to work with you Rick!"



Littleton's recognition at the National Love INC Gathering in September and a photo from our 15th anniversary in the **Connection Center**.



NAVIGATION CLIENT, **MARY (CENTER)**, CELEBRATES VICTORIES WITH HER NAVIGATOR, **EVELYN (LEFT)**, AND TEAM.



"**IMPACT** IS PRACTICAL. IT'S STRAIGHT-FORWARD SKILLS AND MEANINGFUL TO THE STUFF WE ARE GOING THROUGH. IN '**HOW WE LOVE**' I LEARNED HOW TO RECOGNIZE MY FEELINGS AND DEAL WITH THEM." ~ **TIM**



Engaging Christians and local Churches to transform lives and communities

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I'M SO HAPPY AND BLESSED TO HAVE THIS FAMILY BACKING ME BECAUSE I COULDN'T HAVE DONE MY DREAM WITHOUT YOU. I THINK I AM THE BIG WINNER IN THIS WHOLE THING. LOVE INC IS AN ORGANIZATION I THINK THE WHOLE WORLD SHOULD KNOW ABOUT. IT MAKES PEOPLE GO FROM ZERO TO THE HIGHEST POINT THEY CAN BE." ~ **AMA ORR**



NAVIGATOR **MARJORIE HOFER** IS ALL SMILES WITH CLIENT, **LUPITA**, WORKING ON HER LIFE'S GOALS AND DREAMS.



"I HELP AT THE **DIPES 'N WIPES** MINISTRY. I MET A KID ONCE AND WE SHARED A BIT ABOUT EACH OTHER AND WE REALLY BUILT EACH OTHER UP. MY ANXIETY IS A HARD THING IN LIFE BUT I FEEL LIKE VOLUNTEERING KIND OF FILLS UP THAT HOLE IN YOUR HEART THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN EMPTY." - **CONNOR**



VOLUNTEERS GAVE **MERT IOST (L-CENTER)** A FUN, TEARFUL AND LOVING SEND-OFF BEFORE SHE HAD TO MOVE OUT OF STATE.



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I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP. THE DONATED **FURNITURE** IS BEAUTIFUL AND I REALLY CAN'T BE GRATEFUL ENOUGH! THANK YOU FOR TELLING ME ABOUT '**BOUNDARIES**.' I'M SIGNED UP FOR THAT CLASS AT IMPACT AND SO EXCITED ABOUT LEARNING! ~ **APRIL**

APRIL (LEFT) IN HER '**BOUNDARIES**' CLASS AT **IMPACT**.

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LOVE INC IS A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE ANSWER TO JESUS PRAYER, 'FATHER, MAY THEY BE ONE THAT THE WORLD WILL KNOW THAT YOU SENT ME.' LOVE INC PROVIDES A VEHICLE THROUGH WHICH WE CAN LIVE THAT OUT AS THE BODY OF CHRIST AND PARTNER WITH OTHER CHURCHES TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO BY OURSELVES. ~ **PASTOR REV. WAYNE DARBONNE**



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SHANA (LEFT) FOUGHT CANCER AND FOUGHT FOR HER CHILDREN. HER FAITH GOT STRONGER AS SHE SAW GOD PROVIDE. WE DID RESEARCH TOGETHER AND THEN SHANA DID THE WORK. ALL PRAISE TO GOD. ~ **CYNTHIA DILLON**

In the Name of Christ

**God's Love
on Display**



ROXANNE SLOTNICK (LEFT) WAS CHOSEN BY RENEWED TREASURES VOLUNTEERS TO RECEIVE THE **SERVANT HEART AWARD**.



"THE PEOPLE AT IMPACT ARE AMAZING. THEY SPOKE TO ME AS IF I HAD A VOICE. THEY WANTED ME TO SUCCEED SOMEHOW. THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF AN UPWARD TRAJECTORY FOR ME." - **TERESA**



"I LOVE HOW THE STORE IS CLOSE TO GOD. IT MAKES ME SO HAPPY!" ~ **GRACE**



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WITHOUT **MARNI WETZEL** NUDGING US TO RELAUNCH **NAVIGATORS**; CYNTHIA WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN MATCHED WITH SHANA. WE WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN WITNESS TO A LIFE TRANSFORMED, AND THERE'D BE NO STORY TO SHARE WITH YOU TONIGHT. ~ **TERRY BATE**



Join us for these great events

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



Christmas Open House

celebrating on

COLORADO GIVES DAY
TUES. DEC. 5, 2023

IMPACT

A Transformational Ministry of



WINTER TRIMESTER STARTS
THURS. JAN. 18, 2024

the Church Partners Luncheon

CONNECTING CHURCHES
WED. FEB. 28, 2024



Hors d'oeuvres & Desserts: 3-6pm
Love INC Littleton Office
at 5745 S Bannock St. (Littleton)

Dinner (5:45pm) & Classes (6:30pm)
South Fellowship Church
at 6560 S Broadway (Littleton)

Lunch & Fellowship: 11am-1pm
Church location TBD

Love INC is in need of new Drivers as well as heavy-lifting Volunteers at Renewed Treasures.
Do you or someone you know have an interest in serving? Sign up at loveinlittleton.org/join-us



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