

FAITH



"Stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." 1 Corinthians 16:13

SPRING 2024

CHANGE, GROWTH, AND GOD'S GUIDANCE

"Change is inevitable; growth is optional." My friend, Carl, often reminds me of that quote from John Maxwell. Throughout the Bible God commanded change (as with Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Ruth, Mary) and then saw His Kingdom grow as a result!

When I was young my family moved to a new city about every two years. Those changes were both difficult and exciting...finding new friends, learning from new teachers, living in a new place. God used those early experiences to form who I am today. Love INC has gone through many changes in the past year. Now, with a dedicated and talented staff (see fun photo on pg. 3 and staff list on pg. 4), we are eager to leverage this strength and **grow as a transforming force for our neighbors and community.**

Love INC is grateful for the hundreds of volunteers from dozens of churches who fulfill our mission in a myriad of marvelous ways...and we invite you to join us on Friday, June 14 for our first-ever Summer Soiree!



Love INC is also grateful for the faithful leadership of the Board of Directors. We thank Justin Ensign for six years of dedicated service including two years as board chair. (pictured front right)

As we shared with church leaders in February, Love INC is here to serve and support them to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. And as we shared with donors in April, Love INC is positioned for growth and in need of more drivers for the Connection Center, more space for Renewed Treasures, and more capacity for IMPACT.

Please pray with us for God to continue to offer opportunities to change and grow to best serve The Church and our community.

Kathryn



Church Partner Lunch

What would 100+ pastors, ministry leaders, and community partners never predict about the Church Partner Lunch? Being invited into a rousing **Rock Paper Scissors** competition! But they rose to the occasion. And over a lovely lunch, they also rose to the challenge of connection and community. New friendships formed and fresh conversations opened as they heard more about Love INC's mission. And bonus breakout sessions on **homelessness** and **suicide awareness**, led by local experts, offered a chance to dialogue about relevant issues in our community. As one local pastor remarked,

"Those who spoke during the lunch clearly communicated the passion they feel for this ministry and the value Love Inc brings to our community."



IMPACT Celebration

The IMPACT Family celebrated the end of Winter classes in early April with a delicious meal, delightful class photos, and beautiful testimonies of what God has been up to in each class. We were excited to honor two Volunteers through Excellence in Service awards, **Anne Heathman and Miriam Ulmer**. And kudos to **Stacey Brand and Cynthia Dillon** who did a great job with their first official trimester of classes and their first celebration as Co-Managers of IMPACT. What a blessing all of our leaders, volunteers, students, and families are to the IMPACT ministry!



RT FAMILY FEUD



Renewed Treasures

Store volunteers work tirelessly: sorting items, stocking shelves, caring for customers. This March, Linda Jeffries (Store Manager), hosted an extra-special appreciation lunch for these dedicated volunteers, complete with the **first-ever RT Family Feud competition!** The event was full of laughter and smiles and some prizes too. Staff and volunteers look forward to a summer of growth with plans in the works for **potential expansion** which would increase floor space and give shoppers an upgraded experience.

“ THAT WAS WONDERFUL. NO ONE PRAYS WITH OTHERS ANYMORE. YOU BRIGHTENED MY DAY!
-CONNECTION CENTER CLIENT

Connection Center

The Connection Center holds many stories. This year those stories include client calls, a new coordinator (Welcome, Evan!), and one very special story of God's perfect timing. Food delivery volunteer, **Raina** (right in photo), happened to visit **Toni** moments before Toni collapsed with heart trouble. After an ambulance ride, major surgery, and weeks of recovery, a thankful Toni invited Raina to sit and visit. The two smiled as they discussed God's provision. And Raina reported, "I'm just glad I was here that day. Toni's got a lotta life left in her!"



Vision Breakfast

On Thursday, April 18th more than 120 friends gathered for the 3rd annual Vision Breakfast. Dedicated supporters and many new faces shared breakfast and heard updates on various Love INC ministries. True stories of **stress to strength** was the focus of the event, as well as how God works in each story. We are thankful for the support of multiple new vision carriers (who made a 5-year pledge) and donors and their gifts that allow Love INC to continue to transform lives and the community in the name of Christ.





ENJOYING A FABULOUS STAFF



LEARNING NEW THINGS



CELEBRATING TOGETHER



CREATING CONNECTIONS

“ I WASN'T REALLY IN A GOOD PLACE WHEN I STARTED, AND I HAVE TO SAY THIS IS AN AMAZING CLASS...IT SAVED MY LIFE. IT'S BROUGHT ME BACK TO THE LORD AND BACK TO LIVING AGAIN.

-IMPACT PARTICIPANT



SERVING SIDE BY SIDE



RECEIVING GIFTS & BUILDING COMMUNITY THANKS TO RUNNERS ROOST



AT TIME OF PRINTING, WE CANNOT YET ANNOUNCE THE HOPEFUL EXPANSION OF RENEWED TREASURES! STAY TUNED...





Join us for our
upcoming events...

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




*Volunteer
Appreciation
Summer Soiree*

FRIDAY
JUNE 14, 2024

**Renewed
Treasures**

A Resale Ministry of Love in the Name of Christ

*Anniversary
Celebration*

WEEK OF
AUGUST 12, 2024

IMPACT

A Transformational Ministry of



*Fall Trimester
kickoff*

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

**THE
GATHERING**



God's love on display
in our community!

*Celebration
Event*

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 4, 2024

Evening of food, fellowship,
& fun for our current
volunteers

Littleton United Methodist
5894 S Datura (Littleton)

Stay tuned for a special
event, celebrating the
store's 12th year.

Renewed Treasures
6512 S Broadway (Littleton)

New session of IMPACT begins
with **dinner** (5:45pm) and
classes (6:30pm)

South Fellowship
6560 S Broadway (Littleton)

Program and
Dessert Reception

South Suburban
7275 S Broadway (Littleton)

*Love INC is in need of additional Drivers as well as Renewed Treasures volunteers.
Do you or someone you know have an interest in serving? Find out more at loveinlittleton.org/join-us*



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