



Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

Message from the Executive Director

I am so honored and blessed to be working here and to see God's hand in this ministry. He is always many steps ahead of us, paving the way. We saw His guidance and direction as we were preparing for our Dessert/Auction Fund-raiser. We are especially grateful for the evening being full of fellowship with His people, and for His provision for the ministry of Love INC. He brought many people forward who volunteered to help. We would not have been able to do it without them. Over \$21,000 was received, which will go along way to helping us continue our mission. But more importantly, over 200 people came out to support Love INC. It exceeded our expectations and we praise Him for it! I know as long as I trust in Him, don't get in His way, or limit Him, He will continue to do great things through this ministry.

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The Board of Directors reluctantly accepted the resignation of Will Barnes. They would like to thank Will for his service and dedication to Love INC.

L'INC Letter

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Wayne's House— A Love Story

Are you looking for a heartwarming story amongst all the bad news we hear about? Well, here is one. On August 11th, 2010 Love INC was contacted by Meshak Drew, owner of Squalicum Builders, to ask if we could assist him in a project. A man by the name of Wayne (we are protecting his identity) had contacted Meshak, asking him for help. His existing house was old, unsafe, condemned by the city and scheduled to be demolished. Among other issues, he hadn't had working plumbing for a very long time. Wayne was hoping that Meshak could make his home livable on a very limited budget. We contacted the Wayne and we verified his story.

With much thought, discussion and prayer, Meshak and his wife felt moved to take on this project pro bono. He knew Wayne's home was not salvageable and his best hope would be to tear down the existing structure and start over. Meshak began contacting suppliers and businesses to see if they would be willing to donate building supplies for little to no cost, as well as others to see if they would be willing to donate their time and labor. Meshak concluded he could build Wayne a modest 720 square foot house for little cost. You can probably guess the end of the story. Yes, Wayne got a new home. From the time the old house was torn down to the time Wayne's new home was officially done, inspected and ready to be moved into was about two months! Most of the work was done on five Saturdays by many very dedicated volunteers. The weather even cooperated. At the house blessing, Wayne stated he never had a home where he felt he could invite anyone over let alone a new home. For the first time ever he was able to say "Welcome to my home!" We were very privileged to be a part of this project. There are many caring people and businesses in our community that we would like to recognize and thank for their contribution to "Wayne's House".

Meshak Drew and Squalicum Builders!!!!

Pastor Kurt Ingram and volunteers from **Roosevelt Community Church**

Brian and crew, Chad and Brent at **McFarlane Construction**

Robin at **Northwest Chip and Grind**

Steve at **Cowden Gravel and Ready Mix**

Andrew and Luke at **Hammertime Carpentry**

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Our mission is to mobilize the Church to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.

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Sterling Drive Church of Christ
Sumas Advent Church
Sumas Christian Reformed Church
Trinity Lutheran Church
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Word of Life

Budget Boot Camp

This fall's Budget Boot Camps, located in both Bellingham and Lynden, are wrapping up soon. The *good news* is that we had a full house, so to speak, but the *not so good news* is that we could have used two more budget coaching teams. Please pray that we will have enough budget coaches to meet the needs of those clients who want to attend the Winter 2011 quarter. Our list already has 15 names. Thank you to the following:

Haggen Food

Bellingham Covenant Church

Pastor Paul Petersen
Colleen Miller
BCC staff– custodian

Faith Reformed Church

Pastor Paul VanMaaren
Mary VanderWerff
FRC staff– custodian

Coordinators

Kirsti Charlton– Bellingham
Joan Lotze– Lynden

Budget Coaches

Barb Barr
Martha Blakely
Mary Carlson
Scott Davis
Don Galloway
Bob Holmes
Donna Holmes
Bonnie Lancaster
Don Lotze
Darlene Moore
Ruth Nelson
Karl Palmer
Corinne Roos
Dan Sanford
Bonnie VanFassen

Guest Presenters

Jim Schmotzer
Jill Faris
Julie Clarke
Dr. Melody Rhode

Celebration Dinner

Peggy and Carl Koskela

Child Care Provider

Sierra Scott

Registration

The next 12-week session for Budget Boot Camp **starts January 4th in Lynden and January 6th in Bellingham.** The sessions held in **Lynden** will be Tuesday evenings, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, at Faith Reformed Church, corner of 7th and Liberty. The sessions in **Bellingham** will be on Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, at Bellingham Covenant Church, 1530 E Bakerview Rd. Child care is provided. For further information and/or to sign up, please call Love INC at 671-6201.

Budget Coaches Needed

Here at Love INC we receive many calls from people who are not able to pay their bills, are facing eviction or their utilities being shut off. In addition, many people just need help with budgeting and making wise financial decisions. If finances and budgeting is of interest to you then please consider volunteering as a one-on-one Budget Coach. The need is great and the experience is rewarding. If you would like to help others and serve Christ in this way, then please call either Kae Unrein or Ginger Hansey at Love INC, 671-4055.

Furnished With Love

Whatcom Love INC's furniture ministry has been very busy giving away furniture to those in need. According to our furniture coordinator, Lynette Kenoyer, since reopening in May, 105 families have received 285 pieces of furniture. Donations from individuals make up about 1/3 of the items. The rest have come from businesses. We have been very fortunate to have Sleep Masters and DeWaard and Bode donate their gently used mattresses and to have Lynden Flooring/Elements Hospitality donate furniture from hotel and condominium remodeling projects they have been involved in. At this time we have 70 requests for furniture that we haven't been able to fulfill and we get new requests almost daily. If you have any gently used furniture you are planning to donate, please keep us in mind. It would be nice to fulfill most, if not all, of these requests by Christmas!

We have the opportunity to receive 200 beds from a remodeling project in Leavenworth, WA. However, we need a way to get them over here. If you know of any way that this can be accomplished, please call Ginger.

We at Love INC would like to wish you and yours a very Blessed Christmas.

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“Love INC...’for such a time as this” from Esther 4:14 was the theme for our fundraiser. We feel that Love INC is here especially for times like these and is needed now probably more than ever before. There is tremendous need in our community. Our calls and requests are up substantially in the last couple of years. We are so grateful for the churches and volunteers who are helping these people in need. However, we are always in need of more volunteers. If you feel God giving you a nudge toward volunteering here, please give Ginger or me a call. There are many opportunities available and one may be “just up your alley”.

Kae Unrein, Executive Director

Holiday Baskets/Adopt a Family

This is the time of the year when we try to have as many resources as possible to make the holidays a little brighter for our clients. There are people who, for one reason or another, are not able to take advantage of other resources in the community. Love INC would like to encourage churches, small groups, youth groups, etc to consider reaching out to families in need by preparing holiday food baskets or by adopting a family. You will truly be blessed by this experience. Let us know how you would like to reach out by emailing: office@whatcomloveinc.org



I want to help with a monthly pledge of \$ _____
 One time gift of \$ _____
 I have enclosed a check made payable to Love INC
 Charge my credit card (circle Visa, MasterCard or Discover)
 Card # _____ Exp Date: ____/____ Security No: _____
 Your Signature: _____
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Church Affiliation: _____

Meet one of our volunteers



Meet Helen Ausbourne. Helen has been a volunteer in our clearinghouse for over a year. She has lived in Bellingham most of her life and is a retired elementary school teacher. Her son, daughter-in-law and three grandchildren live in Skagit County. Helen belongs to Birchwood Presbyterian

Church where her favorite pursuit is studying God's word as part of a small group. Helen loves to travel and experience different cultures throughout the world. When she is not traveling, she is active in several ministries at church; activities in her neighborhood; and spending time with her grandchildren. Helen stated that she feels privileged to be part of the process of Love INC's mission of connecting people in need with the resources available through our local churches. She also stated that talking with clients and learning their stories has made poverty real to her. We are so happy that Helen is part of Love INC. Thank you for all you do, Helen.

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Western Concrete Pumping

Dick Campbell of **Bellingham Millwork Supply**
 Roger and crew from **Nolan's Roofing**
 Steve Wilson and guys at **Wilson Electric**
 Mick Fenn, Dana and Marcus at **Orca Plumbing**
 Clark and Bev Casey at **Northwest Insulation**
 Doug Van Beek's crew at **Van Beek Drywall**
 Shawna and Merrill at **All American Seamless Gutters**
 Jeff at **Heating Green**
 Rafe at **Maxwell Painting**
 John at **Mobile Floor Coverings**
 Dennis at **Mowry Tile and Stone**
 Rusty at **Ream's Flooring Installations**
 Dawn at **Custom Closets**
 Russ at **Russell's Window Coverings**
 Jim and Rick at **Interior Doors and More**
DeWaard and Bode Appliance
Christ the King Church (Deni, Tom, Bev, Bill and others)
Cherie Engman
Little Caesar's on Alabama
Haggen Food Stores

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