



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ



The Link Spring 2010

Message from the Executive Director

What an exciting time to be a part of Love INC of Linn County.

We have hosted workshops that we might be better equipped to be about the business of helping others.

We are building ramps, moving folks, transporting, cooking , cleaning, visiting, serving

Loving in the Name of Christ

Throughout this newsletter you will find testimonies of the Church loving our community one person at a time. Come join with us that many more may experience His love.

Deb Powell

An Amazing Opportunity

Love INC has been given a new opportunity to really make a difference in peoples' lives. We have been asked to participate in a new program called the Adult Services Team (AST). The AST mission statement is to *Help homeless or near homeless individuals/families overcome or prevent the conditions of homelessness by facilitating access to comprehensive community-based services leading to stabilized lives.* To accomplish this multiple service providers meet twice a month to staff a person or family. During the staffing an individual action plan will be developed. Then a Love INC volunteer will be assigned to assist the participant in walking through their action plan. This assistance may consist of reminding the client of appointments, or taking the client to appointments, or becoming a lay representative for social security application process or ????? Participants are asked to meet with their advocate once a week, at least initially.

This is an amazing opportunity for the Church not only for the immediate blessing to the participants but in us becoming participating members of this interdisciplinary effort to end homelessness one person at a time. The other AST team members are Albany Helping Hands, Albany Police Department, Community Services Consortium, DHS Self-Sufficiency, Linn County Mental Health, Linn County Alcohol and Drug, Linn County Parole and Probation, Linn-Benton Housing Authority, Samaritan Health Services, and OCWCOG Senior and Disability Services.

Please help us encourage your congregation to step forward and become involved in this newest Love INC adventure as for it to be successful it is going to require many of us lending a hand.

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

Logs of Love

We are blessed to be a part of the wonderful Body of Christ rich with different beautiful expressions of His love. One of those expressions, David, loves to chop firewood. In his travels David saw many downed trees going to waste and an idea was born. He called Love INC to see if we knew any families that might be in need of free firewood. We did and gave him those contacts. He chopped, split, hauled, delivered and even stacked if needed. He called us back, "Didn't we know of anyone else that needed firewood?" We visited the

Community Services help with energy they have anyone that had the capability wood? They did and were blessed by One of those families living in town whose



Consortium who assistance. Did coming in for help of heating with many more people David's generosity. was a single mom only source of heat

was wood. She and her children were walking around the neighborhood gathering twigs during the cold spell last December. They received a cord and a half of split seasoned wood! Altogether twenty-five cords of wood were delivered to families in need this last year. David would like to assist more families next year. Do you have wood that you need hauled off? Are you handy with a chain saw? Want to chop, split, or stack wood? Give us a call 541-924-5683 and we'll put you in touch with David to see how you might be a part of blessing families in need this coming cold season.

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PARTNER CHURCHES

- Agape Family Fellowship
- Albany First United Methodist Church
- Albany Mennonite Church
- Albany Seventh-day Adventist
- Eastside Christian Church
- First Assembly of God of Albany
- First Presbyterian Church of Lebanon
- First United Methodist Church Lebanon
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- Grace Bible Fellowship
- Jefferson Evangelical
- Lebanon Mennonite Church
- North Albany Community Church
- Oak Creek Christian Center
- Oakhill Church of God
- Plainview Church
- Providence Vineyard Christian Fellowship
- Signs of Victory
- Southside Church of Christ
- Tangent Community Church
- The Shift
- United Presbyterian Church
- Valley Christian Center
- Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Albany
- Willamette Community Church

Announcements

Welcome our two new partner churches:

First United Methodist Church Lebanon Willamette Community Church

Kymm Chohan is our Prayer Coordinator. She is the vital link between Love INC prayer requests and our prayer partners. Thank you Kymm!

Dean Pindell, our wonderful Clearinghouse Coordinator, has retired. The call of the grandchildren and the lonesome fish in the stream just became too enticing. He does still volunteer at the office as an intake worker. Thank you Dean for serving as Clearinghouse Coordinator for that very exciting first year.

Harriet Malick is our new wonderful Clearinghouse Coordinator. Harriet has been a blessing in the office for the past year answering phones, making deliveries, and providing transportation. Thank you Harriet for taking on this new challenge.

Tony Disernia has become our resident IT angel bringing the office into the computer age. Thank you Tony!

 You can help make a difference in the lives of people in need.

- I want to help with a monthly pledge of ___\$25 ___\$50 ___\$75 ___\$100 ___ Other
- One time gift of \$_____
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Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

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You're Invited

...to come on down to the office and join the team!

We can use more phone volunteers to listen to the stories and pray for those that call the help line.

Our office is located downtown Albany upstairs in Two Rivers Market. The phone lines are open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

If you would like to learn more about this rewarding opportunity to be the voice of Love INC of Linn County give Deb Powell a call at 541-981-2119.



Saturday, June 19, 2010 8:00am shotgun start

Men of Promise Charity Golf Tournament

All proceeds to benefit Love INC of Linn County

For more information and registration: www.sheermanliness.org

July 23,24, & 25, 2010

Willamette Celebration

For more information: www.WillametteCelebration.org

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