



Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

SOUTH
WOOD
COUNTY

NOVEMBER 2017

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." – Jesus, Matthew 22:36-40

Love INC Example Results "Treasure Valley"

We often get the question, what type of results can we expect from a Love INC affiliate in our community and when will we start seeing results locally?

At a recent training session at the Sheboygan County location, Love INC of Treasure Valley in Nampa Utah, an affiliate in operation for over twenty years, shared program results. Since 2002 they have seen notable results for those who completed programs in Affirming Potential and Financial Literacy. They quantified the amount and type of transformation by balloons. The results are literally transformative (see below)!

Read the number of families and lives that have been transformed over the years. As our own local Love INC grows

and matures we will see this type of change and transformation in our community. These changes do not happen overnight. It is a long process. Amazing results take time and only come with building relationships, trust, and walking with those in need. Mobilizing churches to transform lives is our mission and purpose. This data is evidence of the effectiveness of the Love INC model coming to our community as well.

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2017 Melody of Love Balloons

403 green balloons = \$10,000 each, representing over \$4,000,000 paid off

134 blue balloons = Number of pay day and title loans paid off

177 red balloons = Improved or saved marriages

160 black balloons = Families who avoided bankruptcy

179 gold balloons = Individuals who improved or increased employment

267 white balloons = Families who were Tithing 10% upon graduation

144 pink balloons = Families who give back by serving or donating

91 orange balloons = Families who paid off all credit card debt

106 purple balloons = \$5,000 each representing \$510,000 in savings accounts

62 yellow balloons = \$5,000 each representing \$310,000 saved in public assistance

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Thank you for the opportunity to speak with your group.

- Bethlehem Lutheran
- Catholic Deanery
- **Christian Life Fellowship**
- Church at Wazeecha
- Cranberry Clergy
- Crossview Church
- **Faith Reformed**
- **First Baptist**
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- Trinity Lutheran
- United Way of Inner Wisconsin
- **Victory Christian Outreach Center**
- Wis. Rapids United Church of Christ

Bolded churches have signed the Statement of Understanding

Making Progress

We have made a lot of progress since 2015. There is a lot of work to be done, but we celebrate our journey thus far.



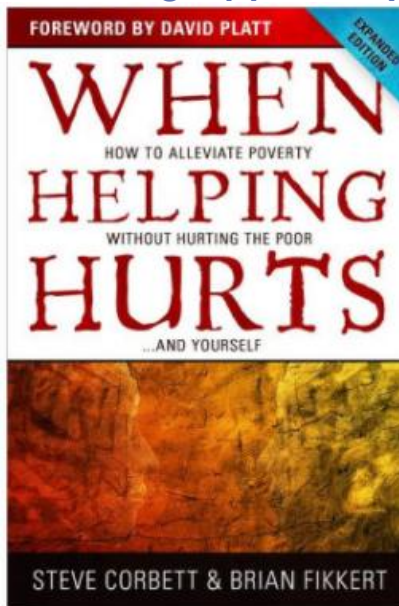
Partner Opportunities:

- St. Luke's Lutheran Thanksgiving community meal is in need of volunteers, contact Jonna Kronholm at kronholm@wctc.net
- Faith Reformed Church is the drop site for Operation Christmas Child shoebox Christmas gifts.

Thank you

Thanks to all of those that contributed to the Sunrise Rotary "Dancing for a Cause" fundraiser. The Love INC dance team came in second place and secured several hundred dollars for the Love INC ministry.

Learning Opportunity



If you are looking for a good read this holiday season or a good gift, consider the book "When Helping Hurts" which is one of the foundational reference sources for transformational ministries such as Love INC based on redemptive compassion.



Mission: To mobilize local Christian Churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ.

Values:

- Prayer
- Unity of the Body of Christ
- People in need
- Transformation in the lives of people and communities
- Churches living out the two great commandments to love God and love their neighbors
- Building Christ-like relationships
- Connectedness of the Love INC movement
- Excellence
- Continued growth in our capacity to meet people's needs

Prayer:

"Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." – Mathew 6:10

Heavenly Father, we pray that You would use our lives and our work for the building of your kingdom here on earth. May Love INC be faithful to Your will. Amen.