



MOBILIZING LOCAL CHURCHES TO TRANSFORM LIVES AND COMMUNITIES IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

Love Story

Deidre has had many struggles throughout the years. She seems to lack relationships with people who are positive and encouraging, plus deals with PTSD from past abuse. Deidre had lost her spouse and was feeling vulnerable and overwhelmed. She was now faced with making decisions on her own.

Deidre received some assistance through Wood County; however, she was still struggling. A good friend pointed her to Love INC. As our Intake Specialists talked with her, they noted "she was feeling scared" and remembers her saying that even though she had been through so much, she was still grateful to be alive, and was praying and living day by day.

After listening to her story and assessing her needs, she was approached about connecting with a Stephen Minister (a lay person who is equipped to provide high-quality care to people who are hurting). She agreed, and a relationship was quickly formed with her Stephen Minister. The Intake Specialists continued to follow-up with Deidre and through those calls a relationship with her grew as well.

Most recently, her car was in need of repair. It was causing her a great deal of anxiety because she felt dependent on others to be able to meet her needs. Deidre called the Connection Center and talked with us about needing to purchase a reliable vehicle, but thought she was lacking the funds to do so. She had a limited amount of money and asked if we had a volunteer who might be able to help her find a vehicle that was reliable and within her price range. She felt she was inexperienced at knowing what was in good condition.

So, we ask, and they deliver! A volunteer came forward and was willing to assess cars with Deidre. We spoke with her on the phone and prayed with her that God would provide what she needed. The very next day we had a wonderful couple from a partner church come forward with a vehicle that they no longer needed. They said they could sell it to her for a price that was way below the value of the car, and in a range that would allow her to pay for it in cash! What a blessing!! We had volunteers assess the vehicle, provide transportation to get the vehicle, while Deidre was loved on by all of those volunteers.

When we followed up with Deidre days later, she was still giddy about the wonderful blessing God had provided and the people he put in her life. She was beyond grateful for the help!

December 2020



Connection Center Data for October 2020

We received 37 requests for assistance in the Connection Center in October.

- Financial Need - 14
- Services - 9
- Material Needs - 13
- Unknown - 1

Our Intake Specialists and our Client Care Coordinator are always busy in the Connection Center. They receive phone calls, requests, questions, and complete an intake process that may take up to 1 hour when a request is made. Over a two week count, the Connection Center also made 134 outgoing calls. Those were calls for referrals, verifications, follow up, and emotional support. Our Intake Specialists have been doing a wonderful job of helping our Client Care Coordinator follow-up with clients, and just love on them. Thank you to all of our Intake Specialist volunteers for all you do for those hurting in our community!



May the God of Hope Fill You With All Joy and Peace

Free Online Redemptive Compassion Course

Love INC National, in partnership with Love INC of Treasure Valley in Idaho, is excited to bring you a free, 2-hour Introduction to Redemptive Compassion course. The philosophy, insight, and encouragement of Redemptive Compassion has been promoted to and embraced by many Love INC affiliates as a core understanding connected to our mission. It is a foundational training tool for churches and individuals seeking to help people effectively. It's a different way to help!

We live in a world of urgent physical, emotional, and spiritual need—and we want to help. But good intentions are not enough. While Americans are very generous, much of what we donate is either wasted or actually harms the people it is targeted to help. Through LOVE INC we have been learning the difference between “charity” and a “biblical compassion for people”—a developmental compassion that helps and does not hurt.

This course will explore reasons why common methods of assistance may not be best for those we are helping. Begin the course to start your Redemptive Compassion journey here: <https://bit.ly/3nKHgDR>

Prayer: May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach, so that through the endurance taught in the scriptures and the encouragement they provide, we might have hope. Romans 15:4

Legacy Foundation Grant

Love INC of South Wood County received a generous 3 year grant from the Legacy Foundation. The grant was written to pay for capital projects which were needed at our building. With the funds received from the Legacy Foundation grant, we will be able to completely replace our parking lot, replace all vintage 1973 windows in our building with energy efficient windows, add air conditioning to the building, and replace one of our furnaces which is on its last leg. Our hope is to have enough money left over from the capital projects to add 1 staff position.

We will continue to seek funds from our partner churches and ministry partners to pay for the 3 current staff (full time Executive Director, Client Care Coordinator-32 hrs, Volunteer Coordinator-20 hrs) and other operational costs, which total over \$100,000 annually. God has always provided, and we trust that He will continue to provide for this ministry. AMEN! If you would like to contribute to our ministry, click the donate button below. We accept credit cards, Paypal, or bank withdrawals. God Bless.

Donate

Join Our Team New Positions at Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ of South Wood County is growing!! We have just posted two NEW positions on indeed.com. We will be hiring an Office Ministry Assistant and a Church Mobilization Coordinator. You may also find the ministry descriptions on our Resource page at <http://loveincswc.org>. Please pass this information along to all who may be interested. Those interested may apply on Indeed or send their resume, cover letter, and references to DaNita Carlson at danita@loveincswc.org.

Immediate Volunteer Needs

- **Video Editors** - We are in need of individuals who are interested and have skills to edit video clips for a Love INC of SWC future videos.
- **Furniture Assessors** are needed for our new Household Items Ministry! Furniture Assessor would meet with the client to create a plan, making sure items are appropriate and will fit the space.
- **Data Entry** - Beginning in December, we need people interested in data entry. Duties include adding past and present clients, donors, and our volunteers into a new database. All data entry will be take place in the Love INC building.

If you are interested in any volunteer opportunities, please email Wendy at volunteer@loveincswc.org.

