

Love INC mobilizes local churches to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ. "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18

SUMMER/FALL 2016

Here's What God's Been Doing at Love INC!

Because of YOU, records are being set! Last year...over 340 families were ministered to! How? It took over 4,750 phone calls in/out of the clearinghouse! *Thank you church partners, volunteers, donors, agency and business partners!*

*And so it continues...*last month, our partner churches **collectively contributed \$5,000** to bless 35 neighbors in need. Plus, our partner agencies also gave \$1,500 in assistance (we actively work with over 30 community agencies)!



Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

Prayer Needs & Yipees

They came from the east and the west...!

Kudos to the Bonita-area Pastors, who hosted a prayer breakfast at The Stage earlier this year which was attended by over 40 community and church leaders. Besides a great hot meal and delightful music, the Pastors prayed for our community leaders. In addition, prayer requests were received by those in attendance. And....since it was such a success, next year's event is already scheduled for May 4, 2017!

Pray with us on Tuesdays from wherever you are!

Our new corporate weekly prayer time is Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. *Can't get by the Clearinghouse at that time?* Let us know and we'll tell you how you can join us over the phone! Just call the Clearinghouse (405-8595) and tell us you want to pray on Tuesdays. We'll get you connected!

Your prayers mean the world to God (and to us)! Thank you for praying for:

*Our partner churches, their leadership and staff (especially with "season" approaching)!

*The upcoming election - God's will for every office and issue being voted upon. For all Christians to educate themselves, pray and VOTE!

*The November 19th yard sale: good weather, lots of great buys, plenty of workers, ministry to the community.

*For more volunteers, drivers, budget coaches, prayer partners and donors so Love INC can go to a new level!

*For a Love INC affiliate in south Naples and in Fort Myers

God is on the move...!

- **Welcome, THRIVE COMMUNITY CHURCH, our new partner church, located in Estero at the southeast corner of Estero Parkway and S. Tamiami Tr.**
- Reverend Bradley Rogers joined First Presbyterian Church (Bonita Springs)
- Pastor C. J. Hill joined First United Methodist (Bonita Springs)
- Reverend Robert Douglas was ordained at St. Mary's Episcopal Church (Bonita Springs)
- Congrats to Fuego Fresco, Gulf Shore Life Center and Legacy Church which have moved to new locations!



We're out and about in the community. The staff and volunteers constantly wave the Love INC banner at special events of our partner churches, agency meetings, governmental events, and dozens of gatherings in our community. We'd love to share at your church, organization or gated community. Just call Tonya.

HOW YOU CAN HELP IN MANY WAYS MOVING FORWARD:

We're looking for

- ... yard sale volunteers (before, during and after the November 19 event)
 - ... Clearinghouse volunteers (Mon-Fri mornings & Tues evening), we especially need bi-lingual volunteers
 - ... drivers to help take neighbors to doctors appointments
 - ... budget coaches
 - ... donors to invest in Clearinghouse operations (thank you to all who are so faithful!)
 - ... business partners to help meet Client needs
- Just call 239-405-8595 X3 or email: BWyer@loveincswfl.org

ATTENTION Amazon shoppers... Painlessly Help Love INC when you're shopping!

A portion of your qualified purchases can be donated to Love INC! Go to: smile.amazon.com Select a charity, search for: Love INC of South Lee & North Collier Community or go to www.loveincswfl.org click onto "news". Happy shopping!

See you at these special community-wide events! (Tell others!)

October 17 7:00 p.m.	Prayer before Election	St. Mary's Episcopal Bonita Springs
October 21 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Harvest Fest	Hope Lutheran Bonita Springs
November 1 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.	Volunteer Training	Love INC Clearinghouse
November 19 8:00 to 1:00	Yard Sale – Love INC Fund Raiser Come sell! (form PAGE 4 and at loveincswfl.org) Come buy! Come volunteer!	Estero United Methodist (East side of 41 at Lord's Way – just south of Broad- way)
November 23 7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve	First Presbyterian Church, Bonita Springs

Love Story: From being abused to being a responsible mom

Suffering a life of abuse, this single mom had one child, who ended up in foster care. With the support of one our partner churches, she was determined to finish the court-ordered items in order to get her child back even with another child on the way. She was working, but just couldn't save enough. With the help of two churches and one private donor assisting with rent, she now has a subsidized apartment and can provide a home for her children.

Love Story: Two generations transformed

The single-Mom told our Budget Coach: *"No matter how hard I try, I'm short every month."* Yet, learning budgeting tools during sessions attended by our client and her young daughter, now they DO have enough money each month! The daughter now has her own allowance and no longer begs Mommy for money at the Dollar Store – she spends her own money!

"You're open in the evening?"

Yup! In order to serve our neighbors in need, the Clearinghouse can receive calls on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Volunteers needed for this time, too! Call Beth.



A typical day at the Clearinghouse.
Volunteers from multiple churches helping
neighbors in need!

For more information contact:
Love INC. 239-405-8595
Monday – Friday 9 AM to Noon, Tuesday 6-8 PM
www.loveincswfl.org



**“TREASURES FOR LOVE”
FUNDRAISER**

**PROCEEDS
TO BENEFIT LOVE, INC.**



**Saturday, November 19, 2016
8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Estero United Methodist Church
8088 Lord's Way Street
Estero, FL 33928**

**For more information call the Love, INC Clearinghouse
(239) 405-8595**



TREASURES FOR LOVE

Love INC of South Lee and Collier Counties is hosting a fundraising yard sale on:

Saturday, November 19, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Estero United Methodist Church – 8088 Lord’s Way Street, Estero, Fl. 33928

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Cell Phone _____

_____ E-mail address _____

Type of merchandise I will have for sale: _____

I agree to the following:

- I will set-up my space between 7 and 7:45 a.m. and stay open until 1:00 p.m. Tear down cannot begin until 5 minutes after closing.
- My language, dress, and behavior will be appropriate for a church facility.
- I will clean my space and remove all garbage/debris to the dumpster located in the parking lot. My merchandise is appropriate to sell at a Christ centered fund-raiser.

_____ I would like a paved outdoor space (2 parking spaces) for \$10.00 and I will bring my own table/tent/umbrella. A donation of 10% of sales to Love, Inc. is suggested, not required.

_____ I would like a paved outdoor space (2 parking spaces) for \$15.00 in the shade and I will bring my own table/tent/umbrella. A donation of 10% of sales to Love, Inc. is suggested.

*Please send the check for your space Signed _____
with this application made payable to
Love, Inc. You will be notified via email
of your space # assigned. **Return by 10/16/16.**

Space # Assigned: _____ Cost: _____ Check _____

Paid: ____/____/2016 Cash Received from sales donations: _____

Notes: _____

*Mail this Form and Check to: **Love, Inc., PO Box 2543, Bonita Springs, Florida 34133 - 239-405-8595**