



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ
Lake County Southwest

WINTER 2018
NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF LOVE INC SOUTHWEST!

The body of Christ comes together at Love INC Southwest to simply love our neighbors as ourselves. Our unity in Christ quilts us together much like a beautiful quilt. Our diverse gifts and various backgrounds adds contrast and color. Our diversity allows us to serve our communities in deeper ways with lasting impact. Our unity offers community gardens, cooking workshops and bi-lingual congregations. New ways to love in the name of Christ!

Over the past year, we have witnessed delight over the simplest of gifts. Joy over just the basics many of us take for granted. We serve whoever reaches out for help. We have helped women fleeing domestic violence. We deliver love to those struggling with complications of addictions and mental health. It can feel overwhelming, but our good Heavenly Father knows, cares and uses the simple gifts of basic beds, linens and dishes to encourage our

neighbors with acts of compassion and grace. His love is tenacious, enough to give the ultimate gift of His Son. Undeserving, unwarranted and unappreciated, the gift of reconciliation through Christ is offered freely to the world around us. Such love.

As a symbol of our unity, diversity and shared purpose in Christ, we are piecing together a paper quilt for Christmas. Support our space for God's grace by sponsoring a square! Choose green, red, silver or gold giving levels and we'll add your unique contribution! We'll post a picture of the finished quilt representing our unity in Christ and mission. Join us as we work together to provide warmth and comfort in the name of our Lord Jesus.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas!

Kristen "Moxie" Johnson
Executive Director



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CHURCH SPOTLIGHT: WORKING TOGETHER TO DELIVER JOY:

85 Christmas Stockings!

Helping parents downsize can be an emotional challenge. When Nancy from St. Matthew's helped her parents transition, she faced the seemingly endless task of cleaning out their home. Nancy brought us boxes, bags and bins of fabric. We paused to imagine how we might repurpose this stash and invited Clara of the Village Church of Barrington to help. Clara took on the challenge and invited her friends to sew 85 uniquely quilted Christmas stockings! Kathy designed Christmas tote bags and along with her Alpine Chapel sewing ministry, cut, pieced and patiently crafted a dozen totes. What a special way to package and deliver love during the holidays.



Stocking Stuffers

Messiah Lutheran reached out to ask how they might help during the Christmas season. It was perfect timing! We asked if they could fill our stockings with special gifts, small toys and children's books. Almost a hundred toys were donated. Thank you for filling our space for God's grace with Christmas fun and joy.

Delivering Joy

As soon as the stockings are filled to the brim, our delivery teams will bring them to the homes of our neighbors this Christmas season. Special thanks to our delivery team of drivers. Linda of Christ Church Community, Jeff and Pete from St. Mark's Lutheran, Dave and Cayden of Living Grace, Craig from The Orchard EFC and Mark and John from the United Methodist and Mennonite church. Thank you for delivering love in the name of Christ this Christmas season!

PARTNERS ALONG THE PATH

Isn't it really an awesome (in the very meaning of the word) thought at how meaningful even the gift of a handmade scarf can tell the story of how our Savior wants to wrap us in his loving arms and shield and protect us so that we are able to live abundantly through Him? How amazing that when we get in line with what the Lord calls us to do and how he gifts us, even a kind word is a HUGE testimony for kingdom causes.

Oh Lord, let us always hear the call that you place on our lives. Thank

you for Kristen and her team and for how she loves your people. Thank you for blessing her with wisdom, creativity and leadership. Thank you for how she LIVES HER MINISTRY in her day to day life and it literally overflows and pours out onto others, reflecting you and your Son. Thank you. Thank you for Love INC. May they always hear the needs of the people through the power of the Holy Spirit and may you put in their path the partners that are needed to support that call. Amen.

Deb Zuchowski,
Church Administrator
St. Mark Lutheran Church

CHURCH PARTNERS IN CHRIST

GRATITUDE



Because of YOU, we delivered **99 beds and mattresses** to people without a decent place to sleep.

Thanks to our supporting PARTNERS, we can offer a space for God's grace and answered **1743 requests** for help.

Our team of VOLUNTEERS worked **2,111 hours** while delivering love in the name of Christ.

Thank you!

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do... Ephesians 2:10

QUILTED TOGETHER TO OFFER WARMTH AND COMFORT. ALL IN THE NAME OF CHRIST.

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- Green \$25
- Red \$50
- Silver \$100
- Gold \$250

We'll post a picture of our finished quilt Christmas Morning!



Mail your choice and check to:
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Please contact Penny Roman at
proman@loveincsouthwest.org
or 847-469-8835 for help in setting
up a recurring gift.



I want to help with a square!

- _____ Green (\$25)
- _____ Red (\$50)
- _____ Silver (\$100)
- _____ Gold (\$250)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

Email _____

Interested in hearing more stories and keep up to date on what's happening at Love INC? Check out our website at www.loveincsouthwest.org. View the latest pictures, learn about upcoming events and give online.

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SAFETY, HOPE AND HAPPINESS

When we first met Sue, she hid shyly behind a baseball cap. At a recent workshop, while we encouraged a small group of women to set SMART goals, Sue watched quietly and wrote,

"Stay positive: Safe, Hope, Happiness."

In the middle of the night, Sue and her children fled an abusive relationship. After finding a safe place to begin a new life, our caring delivery team brought beds into her new home with beautiful sets of sheets donated by a local church. The next day, she shared about how this simple act of kindness affected her.

*"I cried myself to sleep with tears of joy...
I just couldn't believe people could be so nice."*

