

Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ
of Metro Tampa

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Since 2017 - 15 Member Churches Responding Differently to MT 22:39 Love Your Neighbor



Executive Director Message: Welcome to the *new look and feel* of Love INC of Metro Tampa! After being open since 2017, we decided to give Love INC website a *fresh, new coat of paint*. Please visit our website and witness the changes – www.loveinctampa.org

Also, after three years, we reexamined if our newsletters succinctly describe the impact of Love INC’s programs and services. We asked our team: what does Love INC do, who and how many do you serve, and what are the three ways we accomplish our larger mission? After prayerful discernment, we revamped our newsletters, distilling our mission-message love story down to three focus areas of serving:

Mission Message - Love INC - helping churches help people in need connect to holistic, relational support in meeting emergent needs to address root issues that breaks the cycle of poverty.

For this newsletter, we will focus on Focus # 1 - Mobilizing Christian Churches, their Members and Resources. A commonly held myth or stereotype: *“It is impossible to mobilize Christian churches!”* The fact is that for nearly 45 years, the Love INC movement has organized 5,494 churches, 55 denominations in 22 states. We included a volunteer and our Help Center coordinator to dispel that myth. We shared the need for more member churches.

With our new look, we want you to better understand our work locally of delivering a mission that is consistent with your values and mission in life. Also, help you understand and advocate for our work and consider ongoing support. Further, invite you to become Love INC ambassadors, engaging others naturally by vision carrying our organization in the community. Let us know if we share the same values.

Our three Love INC focus areas:

Focus #1
Mobilizing Christian Churches, their members/resources

Focus #2
Transforming Lives In the Name of Christ

Focus #3
Displaying God’s love with love stories

“I was just about to email you to thank you. 🙏🙏🙏

Your Love INC dentist was so kind hearted. He sent me straight to the endodontist who was able to fit me in and they did a root canal yesterday at 5pm. The staff stayed late to help me. I woke up this morning basically pain free. I’m so very grateful to Love INC.

I can’t begin to tell you how much it means that I was able to sleep last night and I don’t have to keep slathering my tooth in Anbesol. In a few days I’ll even be able to eat regular food again. I was crying yesterday. Everyone was so kind. God bless you and yours for all that you did for me. Thank you so very much!!!”

6/18/2020 text from a member church referred guest served by Love INC’s DDS Ministry.

Transforming Lives; Ministry Profile - Love INC Dental Ministry

Love INC; since 2017, 15 member churches, including our DDS ministry, serving **differently**.

Love INC of Metro Tampa is blessed with a three-year-old DDS ministry network of twelve DDS specialists who serve anonymously. Vetted guest patients contribute a sacrificial lab fee.

Love INC Serves in Ways That Transform guest, volunteer, church and community.



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Dental Ministry



Janet Shaffer
Help Center Coordinator

The Help Center – the heart of Love INC’s Programs and Services

For those new to Love INC, The Help Center hosts Love INC 101, a virtual, one-hour, monthly introduction to how Love INC serves differently. Love INC 101 attendees have an opportunity to be trained and engaged to help transform the lives of vetted, qualified referrals and witness transformational outcomes.

2019 Help Center recap: 1,172 needs met for 534 people/ families, involving 70 volunteers from 15 member churches that invested 6,246 hours in delivering Love INC’s mission.

Member Church Profile

Mission Hill Church (later 2020) missionhill.org



LOVE GOD Passionately | LOVE OTHERS Intentionally

Mission Hill is a multigenerational, multicultural, multiplying church, which now has three campuses in the greater Tampa area: Mission Hill Central Campus (Temple Terrace), Mission Hill Six Mile (Seffner), and Mission Hill Lake Carroll (Carrollwood).

His vision for Christ-followers is that you do whatever it takes, wherever you are, to show the light & love of Jesus like a city on a hill lives this vision through loving God compassionately, and loving others intentionally.

Volunteer Profile

Love INC Board of Director Member Lance Curry



Love INC BOD member since: 2018

Profession: Attorney

Family: Married with two children

Member Church: Hyde Park United Methodist

Love INC BOD Committee: Leadership

Last book read: "The NRSV Daily Bible"

Hobbies/ Interests: "Flats fishing and restoring/repairing old boats."

Why do you volunteer for Love INC of Metro Tampa?

"Because I believe that Love INC is making God's love real in this community and I'm happy to be a small part of it."

What is it about Love INC's unique work or mission that inspires you and keeps you engaged?

"I am inspired by Love INC's mission to bridge the gap between different denominations so that people can focus on what matters most: loving God and loving others."

Displaying God's Love;

Love INCs Love story: Jimmie M.



Background – Some people bring an enormous amount of sunshine into our lives simply by sharing a few moments with them; Jimmie is that kind of person.

Jimmie's vision – Jimmie came to us as a referral in need of transportation in order to maintain his job – as the friendly Shoeshine Man at a familiar downtown hotel. What followed was transformational and the embodiment of the mission of Love INC and the transporting of a person disheartened spirit to one of hope.

Love INC - encouraging, equipping, elevating Jimmie M.

Love INC fun fact - since 2017, 14 people have found reliable, affordable transportation through referrals to our A & D Automotive ministry.

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Wish List - Top 10

- **Prayer Support**
- **Donate including In-kind donations** - media/promotion/office supplies, etc.
- **Five Warm Introductions** to new member churches.
- **Ten new Help Center Volunteers:** W-F 9:00 – 1:00 PM and flexible assignments to meet your schedule.
- **Five new volunteer Resource Navigators:** In order to fully implement our REACH initiative, five volunteers willing to faith journey in a one to one relationship as mentor coach to participate in creating a success plan to improve the future of guests with long-term challenges.
- **Five volunteers** willing to be trained as facilitators for REACH Program.
- **Interns year round including Media volunteer** – media savvy student with iPhone in back pocket to help update our busy media platforms.
- **New or gently used, updated computers and laptops** for guest who are planning to return to school/training programs.
- **Replenish low Love INC Dental Ministry fund** to help pay guest lab fees.
- **Corporate Sponsors** for breakfast events and/or programing.

Do you have questions or thoughts about how you can help? Please contact Ann M. Doyle (813) 541-7366 or adoyle@loveinctampa.org

Upcoming Events

Redemptive Compassion Classes – A new 7-week virtual group will start in September. Contact Ann (adoyle@loveinctampa.org) if interested.

New to Love INC? **Monthly Love INC 101** – Virtual Session - September 16th. Contact HelpCenter@loveinctampa.org

Volunteer Orientation: Virtual by Appointment. Contact Janet at jshaffer@loveinctampa.org