



Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

# LOVING OUR COMMUNITY

Love INC of Greater Hershey's Newsletter

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## Two Small Stories of The Church Making An Impact



"Dear Love In The Name of Christ,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all that you have done. You can never imagine all that my children and I have been through, yet from the time of my very first call you all have gently helped me pick up some of the pieces. You may call it "just doing your job," but I call it being a blessing to humanity and I want you to know you all are appreciated."

Gratefully, D.D.

A family in a long term living situation at a local motel called requesting a Christmas tree. We are not usually able to accommodate these requests as we don't normally get those type of donations or have space to store them. However, the next day we received a call from a Love INC supporter asking if we could use a donation of a Christmas tree AND ornaments for someone who might need it. **God knows our needs!**

## Parsonage Sets Record

The Parsonage Ministry provided a record number of lodging nights in 2017 for families whose loved ones are patients at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. The Ministry provided 2,984 nights of lodging to 280 guests from 161 families. This is an increase of 32.5% over 2016 and is the highest number of nights in any year since opening in 2008. Over the past 10 years The Parsonage Ministry has provided a cost savings of \$2,014,950 to guests on a total budget of just \$300,000!

THANK YOU to Parsonage Director Irv Smalls and all of the volunteers from 13 churches who provided 2,423 hours of loving care to the guests of the parsonage in 2017.



## Mentor Training Available Soon



We are very close to finishing in-depth training material for anyone who seeks to help others work through life issues, especially poverty. This will be required training for all Love INC Family Advocates and Allies but is open to anyone from our partner churches who would like to develop their skills at mentoring others.

Call the Love INC office at 717-835-0101 for more information.

## Personal Care Closet In Need of Items

Love INC's Personal Care Closet Ministry is in urgent need of the following items :

- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Tissues
- Regular Size Bar Soap
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Men's & Women's Deodorant



If you, your family, Sunday School Class or Small Group would like to donate any of the above items, please place in your church's Love INC Collection Box or bring them to the Love INC office at 245 E Derry Road, Hershey. THANK YOU in advance for giving.



## Faith & Finances Starts in March

The next session of Faith & Finances will begin Tuesday, March 6th. This course is for anyone who needs to get a better handle on their personal finances. Topics addressed include how our relationships are impacted by money, attitudes toward money, God's plan for money, how to create a spending and savings plan, and much more. Please pray that God would work in the hearts and minds of those who need this class to participate and pray that God would also provide Allies to walk alongside participants as they journey toward self-sufficiency.

## Ministry Discontinued

As with everything else in life, ministries and programs have their own life cycles. The Love INC Bicycle Ministry has had a strong impact in our community over the years and we are grateful for all of the dedicated volunteers who have worked so faithfully to provide bikes to people in need. However, after an unsuccessful 2 year leadership search and prayerful deliberation, we have decided to permanently discontinue the Bicycle Ministry. If you have been waiting to donate a bicycle to Love INC we recommend donating to Recycle Bicycle in Harrisburg or Pedals for Progress in Lebanon.