

# 2025

## ANNUAL REPORT



### “Transforming Lives and Communities in the Name of Christ”

*As our third year of Love INC comes to a close and we look to the years ahead, we have experienced the joy that comes from churches serving our community together in the name of Christ. We are excited to report that Jesus is moving through His people, and we are blessed to be part of His transforming work.*

- *Matthew 18:20 - “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”* **TOGETHER**
- *John 17:20 - “Be one as you and I are one.”* **TOGETHER**
- *John 4:35 - “The fields are ripe, ready for harvest.”* **TOGETHER**





## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THOUGHTS

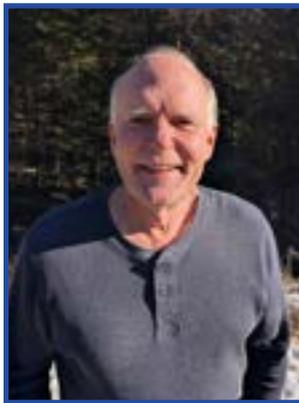
I could not be more proud of the people I serve alongside at Love INC, and I am continually amazed by the growth God has given us this year. It was not an easy year, but we were blessed. God guided us through technology challenges, personal heartaches, participant challenges, and leadership transitions—and through it all, Jesus kept showing up.

The ways He has sustained us affirm our faith that Love INC is here to stay, and that our churches are being blessed as they grow in compassion. Our team has found strength as we pray together, volunteer together, donate together, and serve together, each of us carrying our own story of God's faithfulness.

As Executive Director, I am learning to see situations in new ways, lean into the strength of volunteers, and, most importantly, draw closer to my Savior—trusting Him and following where He leads. My favorite place to be is with the people: serving alongside volunteers, loving prickly participants, and praying Jesus into their lives. Every once in a while, I'll say to Nina in the Connection Center, "Put me in the game." That's when I get to haul garbage, carry boxes, listen to stories, share smiles, and pray with a new friend. When we pray, we are literally handing people Jesus.

So, what do I expect for 2026? Growth—in myself as a servant-leader, in our volunteers, in our financial partners, and in the lives of those we serve. God is faithful, and if we continue to follow Him, we will not be disappointed.

*Lisa Goodman, Executive Director*



## BOARD CHAIR ENCOURAGEMENT

There's an old story that goes - One day a man was walking down the street and he fell into a hole. He cried out for help to everyone that passed his way. First to stop was a rich man. He threw some money down the hole, called down to the man, "Buy yourself a ladder!", and moved on. Soon after the rich man passed by, a priest came along and stopped. He prayed a prayer for the man in the hole, called down, "See you in church!", and went along his way. Eventually, a friend came along, heard his

cry, saw him in the hole, and jumped down with him. Stunned, the man turned to his friend and said, "What did you do that for? Now we're both stuck down here!" His friend replied, "Because I have been here before, and I know the way out. Together we will get out of this hole." That is what Love INC is all about. Paul tells us in Philippians 2: "Have the same attitude as Christ Jesus... He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant." Jesus modeled that when we serve others, we serve God. Love INC is an exciting vehicle to take us to a whole new experience of living out our faith. As we move through 2026, get in and give it a drive!

*Pastor Rich Cloyed, Board Chair*

# MISSION, VISION, & A HAND-UP

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## Mission:

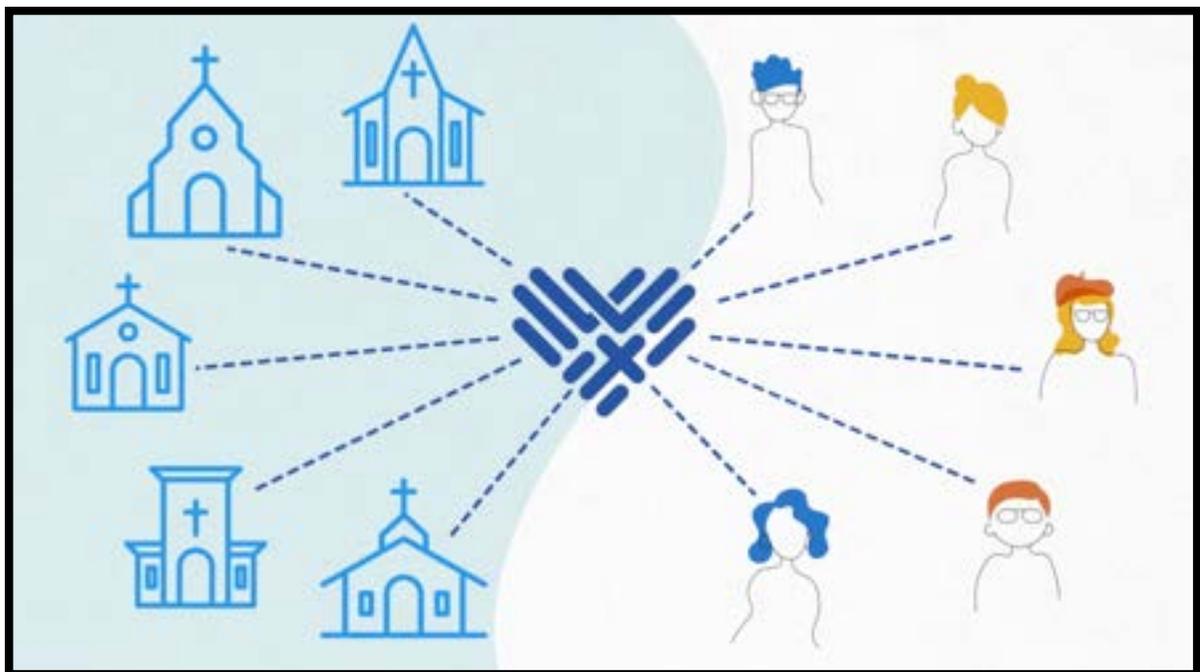
To mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ.

## Vision:

to see local Christian churches united in purpose and fully engaged together, intentionally coming alongside people in need, offering love, hope, and healing through Jesus Christ.

## Redemptive Compassion Values:

Value. Participation. Potential. Relationship. Discernment. Transformation.



Offering a hand up instead of a handout happens when churches invite Love INC to connect their ministries and resources with people who need them. Love INC takes the time to truly get to know each person, seeking to understand how we can best help. We follow the biblical philosophy of Redemptive Compassion, beginning with the belief that every person has God-given value and potential. As connections are made, relationships are formed, and trust begins to grow. One local church may have volunteers willing to mend fences or help with simple construction projects, while another focuses on transportation needs. Hand-ups look like relational connections through local ministries and agencies that provide support such as gas cards, newborn assistance, classes, or marriage counseling. Hand-ups sound like volunteers calling to check in, asking how those connections went, and offering personal prayer. Hand-ups feel like warm hugs, welcoming smiles, and personal invitations to church events. And hand-ups ultimately sound like this: “You are valuable to God.”

# STEPPING INTO OUR MISSION

Love INC's model of ministry connects local churches to compassionately help people through relational support, tangible assistance, and biblical tools for life transformation. We follow a Biblical philosophy called Redemptive Compassion and provide ongoing training throughout the year to equip churches and volunteers for this work.

## Redemptive Compassion Core Principles

- Everyone has VALUE
- We are called to invest RELATIONALLY in each other.
- Everyone has CAPACITY and POTENTIAL
- Mutual PARTICIPATION is important.
- We must use WISDOM and DISCERNMENT
- We offer opportunities for TRANSFORMATION.



**MENTORS  
&  
COACHES**

**Future  
VISION**

### NEW HEIGHTS CLASSES



- Affirming Potential
- Faith & Finances
- Raising Highly Capable Kids
- Pack-a-Bag Incentives

### GAP MINISTRIES



- Automotive Gap through TCF
- Firewood Gap through LAOG
- Wheels of Love through Libby Baptist
- Furniture Gap through Love INC
- **NEW!!** Love's Toolbox through the Church of God

### CONNECTION CENTER



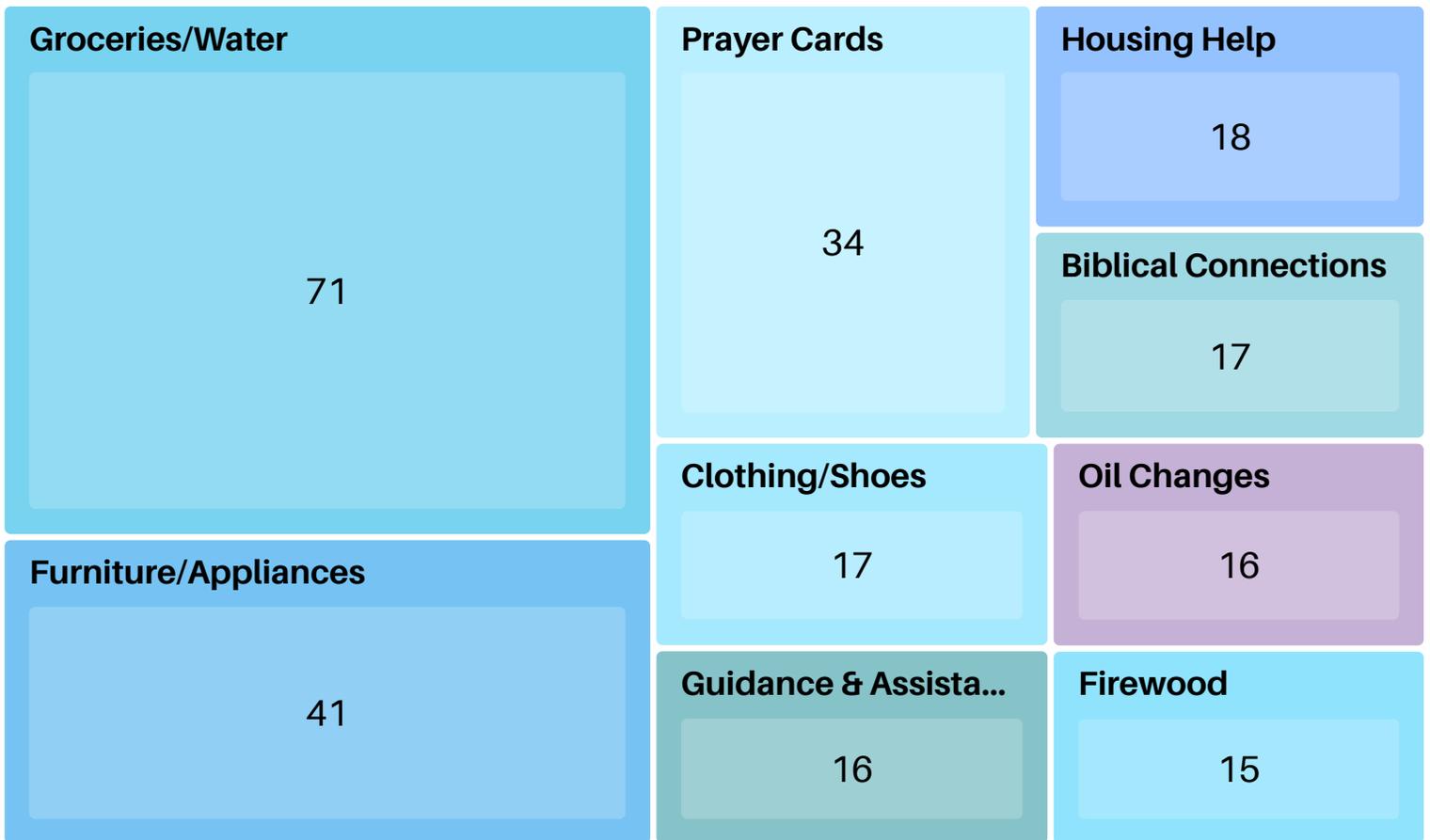
- The Connection Center opened in January of 2023.
- Since then, we have received over 1,608 requests, serving 562 neighbors in our community.
- We could use 2 or 3 new intake volunteers.

# IMPACT AT A GLANCE

The Connection Center is the Heart of Love INC. When someone dials our number, the first thing they hear is, "You are valuable to God." We listen. We pray. We help make connections with local churches, ministries, volunteers, Gap ministries, and community organizations who will walk with people through their situations. Many of our participants keep connected with us for months, and several have been welcomed into a church family through their connections with Love INC volunteers.

## Top Needs Met in 2025

Valuable connections you helped make...in the Name of Christ



**102 New Participants in 2025**

**2,980+ Volunteer Hours**

**766 Requests Received**

**67 Official Volunteers**

**531 NEEDS MET**

**16+ Others who helped**

**20 New Heights Participants**

**52 Church Connections**

**5**

**101 Community Connections**

# Meet the Team

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Lisa Goodman  
Executive Director  
Libby Assembly of God



Nina Cook  
Connection Center  
Coordinator  
Troy Christian Fellowship



Vanessa Hanson  
Bookkeeper



Ed Cosgriff  
Website Manager  
Faith Bible Church



Cherie Gunderson  
Social Media Support  
Church of God



David Beckingham  
Automotive Gap  
Coordinator  
Troy Christian Fellowship



Randy Rose  
Firewood Gap  
Coordinator  
Libby Assembly of God



Kate France  
Furniture Gap  
Coordinator  
Libby Christian Church



TBD  
Love's Toolbox  
Coordinator  
Church of God



Malia Bennett  
Wheels of Love  
Coordinator  
Libby Baptist Church

# Meet the Board



**Sherry Hingley**  
**2025 Board Chair**  
Troy Christian Fellowship  
Thank you for serving.



**Maryjo McLean**  
**2025 Secretary**  
Troy Community Baptist  
Thank you for serving.



**Ace Olsen**  
**Treasurer**  
Libby Assembly of God



**Pastor Rich Cloyed**  
**2026 Board Chair**  
Church of God



**Maggie Anderson**  
**2026 Secretary**  
Troy Community Baptist



**Lena Whitson**  
**2026 Vice Chair**  
Church of God



**Todd Dotson**  
Church of the Nazarene



**Ken Krauss**  
Yaak Community Church

## Our Church Partners

- Bridge of Hope
- Church of God
- Eagle Valley Fellowship
- Libby Assembly of God
- Libby Baptist
- Church of the Nazarene
- Stillwater Fellowship
- Troy Assembly of God
- Troy Baptist
- Troy Christian Fellowship
- Yaak Community Church



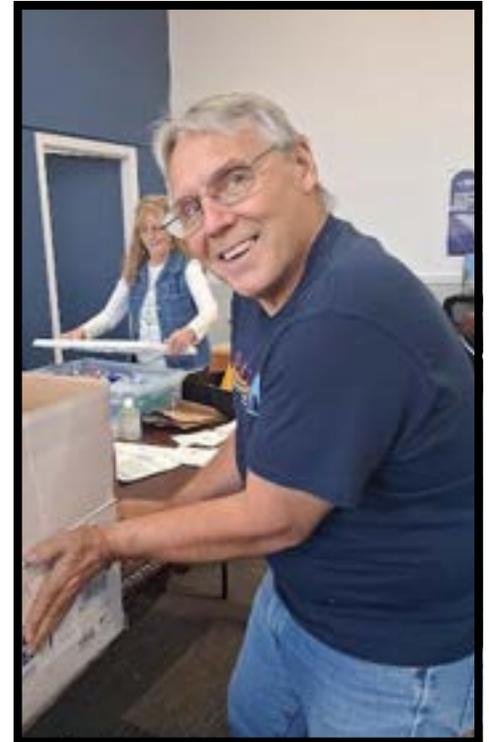
**Allan Phelps**  
Troy Christian Fellowship

# WHAT OUR VOLUNTEERS HAVE TO SAY

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*There is no better time to be the hands and feet of Jesus than now! There is no more beautiful, diverse, hopeful, and encouraging group than our volunteer team, and we need your help. We have more opportunities than we have volunteers! Call today to join the team. We think you'll love it!*

What I have recently learned about building meaningful and purposeful relationships in a community is that it begins by working alongside others who share the same vision and by building personal relationships with those reaching out for help—focusing on the person, not just the need. I connected with Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC) through taking a New Heights class, where I experienced firsthand how lives are changed when churches and volunteers come alongside those reaching out for help through Love INC's "hand-up, not just a handout" approach. After completing the class, I felt a strong desire to become more involved. Serving in the Furniture Gap ministry and the Connection Center has been a true joy—especially listening to stories, offering encouragement and prayer, and hearing tension fade as peace takes its place. These moments remind me that God is at work, touching hearts and bringing transformation...in the name of Christ Jesus.



**Jerry Smith, 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church**



*2025 has brought some great opportunities for ministry through Love INC. We were able to bring organization, resources and people together to move forward on the Firewood GAP ministry. I know many were blessed to be involved on both the giving and receiving side. Love INC has provided an introductory channel for people to connect with our church and to receive ministry. We have been able to help others and have confidence in the process by which Love INC works. Seeing that there is a spiritual component rather than just a "helps" organization, allows us to confidently move forward in support and to experience some of the benefits of ministry through relationships. It is particularly encouraging to work together with the greater body of Christ in the Libby area to meet the local needs in a Christ centered context.*

**Pastor Kevin Lindgren of Libby Assembly of God**

# GENEROSITY & PARTNERSHIP

We are deeply grateful for the faithful generosity of our churches, businesses, and individual supporters who have partnered with Love INC to transform lives in South Lincoln County. Your giving has enabled us to meet needs, build relationships, and equip our community for lasting change.

Love INC received \$94,474 in support IN 2025

- Church Partnership.....\$15,257
- Business Support.....\$ 7,625
- Grants/Foundations...\$18,600
- Individual Giving.....\$37,373
- In-kind Donations.....\$ 4,873
- Fundraiser Events.....\$10,746

## When your heart connects with our mission...

We invite individuals, churches, and businesses to partner with Love INC through a monthly pledge for 2026. Together, we are making a lasting impact in Libby and Troy in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank you for believing in HIS church and helping us offer true transformation one person at a time.



Community Builder (\$50/month)



Difference Maker (\$100/month)



Transformative Partner (\$250/month)



Legacy Leader (\$500+/month)



**New Website**



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