

CREW LOVE NEWS

On February 17 and 18, many high school and junior high school student groups will again participate in an event called "30-Hour Famine". During the event, students fast for thirty hours (fruit juices and water only). They also learn about poverty and hunger, and help raise money to feed starving people around the world and at home. During the weekend, the students also do some projects that reflect their love for their neighbors. The projects are mostly yard work.

As a part of the Crew Love program, Love INC will organize the yard work projects for our neighbors who are unable to clean up their own yards this Spring. If you know someone unable to work in their yard anymore, and would like some help, please call Love INC so we can make arrangements for students to come and help.

CAREGIVING

It has been a very busy year for our Caregivers. They have been caring for people in their homes who have been ill (both short-term and long-term), injured, or who are in frail health.

Currently 63 Caregivers are serving the needs of others in our community. They are remarkable people whose compassion and faithfulness are appreciated by the people who employ them. If you know someone who would make a good Caregiver, please call Love INC for information on how to apply. There are some positions open now.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Many of us have been looking back over 2005 so we can avoid making the same mistakes this year. We also want to build on what was successful. But it is even more important to look forward, to do new things that are good for ourselves and others.

The apostle Paul had this "forward-thinking" attitude as he wrote to the Philippians: "...the one thing I do, however, is to forget what is behind me and do my best to reach what is ahead." This year can be a time to look ahead and help more people in need than ever before.

Last year, Love in the Name of Christ received 2,950 requests-- a little over 8 per day for every day of the year. Here is how we can all do more together to help these Neighbors: (1) please plan a weekly time when you can answer telephone calls in the clearinghouse for a few hours; (2) please learn how you can relay referrals from Love INC to people in your church so they can love their Neighbors; (3) please commit to do those special things that people need you to do for them when you are called on by the Missionary Coordinator of your church.

-Roger Aker

PROGRAM NOTES

To the many wonderful people who donated funds and gifts for children and their parents and...

To the many volunteers who came and helped our neighbors and...

To the congregation of New Hope Church for offering their facilities...

We thank you all for your gift of love on behalf of the 98 families who came to Christmas Shared Blessings and had a brighter and merrier Christmas.

-Sandra Johnson



*A PARTNERSHIP OF CHURCHES
BRINGING TOGETHER PEOPLE IN NEED
AND PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP*

January 20, 2006

A LOVE STORY

Some love stories are harder to tell than others. A Neighbor who recently requested help seems like a modern-day Job. Her mobile home was extensively damaged by Hurricane Rita. She was beaten and robbed in one of our parking lots. Her assailant abused her credit card and identity. In the midst of this, she was recovering from injuries received in a car accident.

Now living in a utility building, she called Love in the Name of Christ to request financial aid for her utility bills. In a time when she needs much, she asked for little. She is grateful for the help she has received, and yet there is more to be done. Over the next few weeks, we will be offering help for several of her problems.

But the most important need she has is beyond these obvious things— she needs love and care from those around her. Love will come to her not only through what she has asked, but in the persevering care and generous intercessions of several Hometown Missionaries.

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REPORT OF DONATIONS

These friends supported Love in the Name of Christ in December.

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Gift from Richard and Sandra Hull
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Gift from Priscilla Robertson
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In honor of Jane Gribble
Gift from Mary Weaver

DONATIONS FROM PARTNER CHURCHES

The December gifts of these churches are appreciated.

Bethel Baptist Church
Christ Episcopal Church
First Baptist Church
First Christian Church
First Church of the Nazarene
First United Methodist Church
Fredonia Hill Baptist Church
Grace Bible Church
Happy Valley Church
Harvest Pointe Community Fellowship
Lilly Grove Baptist Church
Nat Baptist Church
New Faith Baptist Church
Oak Grove Baptist Church
Open Door Sunday School Class
Perritte Memorial United Methodist Church
St. Vincent DePaul Society
United Methodist Women
Westminster Presbvtarian Church

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gifts from our partner churches were \$3,245.87 in December, above plan by \$745.87. Our Love INC friends have given \$22,045.00, which is above plan by \$18,878.00. Expenses were above plan by \$3,438.52. The Love Index (number of months of operating funds in reserve) rose from 13.9 to 19.6. Thank you all so much for your gifts.

I WANT TO HELP

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