

Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ



## Tri-County Love INC Newsletter

December 2014

Over the course of my life there are a few men who have invested time and energy in me, by listening, giving advice, and challenging me to do a better job. These were the men who had skills to teach me, and the willingness to invest in me. One particular man told me that he expected that one day I would do the same. The expectation was that I was to take the opportunity I was given and to benefit others with it. Sometime later in a conversation about my experience, I realized that these men were practicing biblical discipleship with me. Part of the Great Commission is “Go and make disciples of all nations”. Discipleship is a process in which a person changes towards the image of Christ through baptism and teaching. It happens as a person is in relationship with others and with God. In discipleship there is a change in values, behaviors and beliefs.

Coming out of poverty seems to follow very much a similar process. There needs to be a change in values, a change in behavior and beliefs. Poverty is as much, and likely more, an emotional and spiritual problem as it is a material problem. This means that the solutions often require changes in the person, not simply more money or things. The problem with dealing with poverty on this level is that it requires a large amount of work to make those changes. The people must be willing to do the work and willing to change. Change doesn't take place in a vacuum, but it almost always requires someone else inspiring, leading, challenging and encouraging that change.

Discipleship didn't feel like some crazy process in my life, and I don't think we are talking about some major program. It's really the process of walking in life with someone, investing time and energy in them. This process should be a part of our lives from the beginning to the end. I'm not passed being disciple and learning from others. I do spend a lot more time passing on what I've learned to others.

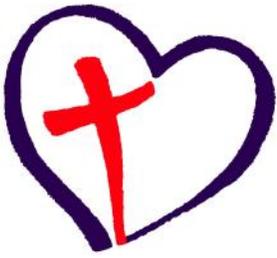


*-David Armstrong, Executive Director*

Join the many individuals and churches that have committed to helping our community, one family budget at a time. Will you help our community reach others in poverty? Will you help be a part of the solution?

## Online Donations

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# Offering Hope



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**236**  
Total Volunteers



**2,530**

Volunteer  
Hours



**\$30,633**  
Debt Paid Off

YEAR TO DATE

STATISTICS

**Calls into the Office**



**1,509**

Needs Met



**5,234**

Value

**\$118,173**



# Offering Christ



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# Thanks

Thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who helped make this year's race a success including:

- Home Depot
- Albertsons
- Malheur Federal Credit Union
- St. Alphonsus Medical Center Ontario
- Wal-Mart
- Hengler Packing
- The Argus Observer
- 4 Rivers Crossfit



Fruitland Middle School Student Council for the donation of coats to keep kids and families warm.



Calvary Chapel AWANA program for collecting over 400 cans and boxes of food in a boys vs girls competition. The winning group received a pizza party.



reNEW: resale with a heart was designed as a way for Love INC to have a greater reach into the community. reNEW allows us to meet

some emergency clothing needs, offers an ability to assist families by offering low cost clothing and other items, offers one more opportunity to minister to the hurting in our community, allows Love INC to maximize your donations and helps financially sustain the ministry of Love INC. All are welcome to shop at reNEW.

**Shop smart and help others.**

Store Hours:

Mon-Fri  
10am-5:30pm

reNEW is located at 188 East Lane Ontario in the same building and as the Department of Human Services, behind the Dollar Tree.

V. is a client we have come to

## Love Story 1

know over a couple of weeks. In an encounter last week, God revealed to her that He takes unfortunate situations and uses them to glorify Him! V.'s life will forever be changed because of this and all of your continued prayers!

MD has been homeless for the last 3 years

## Love Story 2

and struggled with drugs for some time. He has maintained a job and has been clean for about 6 months now. He came in to let us know he saved money to travel closer to family and better work. Pray for safe travel.

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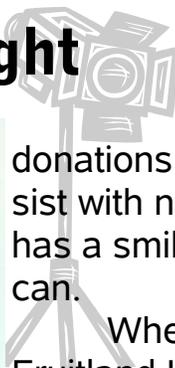
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## Volunteer Spotlight



Makayla Leavitt has been a volunteer for just over a year. She comes in after school for a few hours once a week. At Love INC, she has helped sort donations, organize various areas, decorate our store and assist with numerous projects around Love INC. She has always has a smile on her face and is willing to assist wherever she can.

When she's not volunteering at Love INC, she attends Fruitland High School and plays tennis. She loves animals and the outdoors, especially camping.

When asked why she keeps coming back she said, “The people are so nice that work with at Love INC. There's no pressure and I enjoy knowing that I'm helping people.”