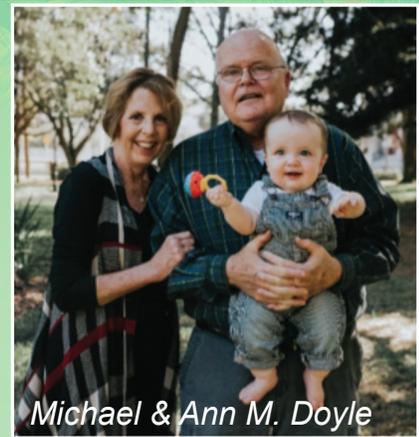




## VISION

### Message from our B.O.D. Chair / Ann M. Doyle:

**Love INC requires mutual participation and contribution.** As one of Love INC's core principles, it is often harder to grasp for people accustomed to providing charity – 'stuff'. People approach us with needs and we are supposed to give them something to help meet those needs, right? In applying this Love INC principle, we believe that to fully transform our neighbor, they have to be a full partner in our relationship. As such, they have to be as engaged as our volunteers are or they cannot experience any lasting changes in their life. We cannot change their circumstances if they do not want to change themselves. The principle of mutual participation and contribution respects our neighbors and recognizes they are the experts of what will and will not work in their lives. They have to own and lead the actions in their plans. When people are equal partner in a relationship they will achieve positive results. We serve in ways that transform – love with accountability.



Michael & Ann M. Doyle

## PUTTING GOD ON DISPLAY IN TAMPA

### Love INC National Gathering, September 27-29, 2017 Gurney, IL

Three of us were blessed to join 330 attendees from 130+ US affiliates celebrating Love INC's 40th anniversary of Love INC. Our first gathering as a new affiliate examined the biblical context of our prophetic calling to be the ear, eye, heart, hands and feet of Christ in loving those that He loved.

Old testament scholar and keynote speaker focused on cultivating shalom – life as God intended in our communities.

As Love INC vision carriers, we are to demonstrate His love, recognizing that:

- All neighbors are humans deserving dignity and respect, regardless of demographics.
- We are called to hear the cries of the oppressed.
- For the widow, orphan, immigrant, we are to rescue, redeem and restore.
- 'Loving on' our neighbors' with accountability empowers them to meet their needs, – helping our neighbors realize their vision of shalom.



Love INC's Ann Doyle - B.O.D. Chair  
& Jennifer Agana - Resource Coordinator

**Gathering Takeaways:** Love INC puts God on display by;

- Being Church of caring people who love their neighbors.
- Hearing our neighbors crying out from the chaos of their lives
- Ministering to people with qualified, manageable needs
- Taking transformational action to do what is right.

*"This is what the Church looks like." We returned to our Love INC refocused and recharged. - Jennifer Agana*

*"Emergency responses (charity) must be followed up by developmental responses (relationship)." - Dr. Bob Lupton*

The Lupton Center [www.luptoncenter.org](http://www.luptoncenter.org)



## APRONS FOR OUR OPEN ARMS MINISTRY

**For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. Mt: 25: 35**

Two anonymous angels from Hyde Park Trinity Presbyterian Church blessed our Hyde Park Methodist Church's Open Arms ministry with new themed aprons for our servers. We serve a hot meal to 200+ each Sunday 7- 9 AM, followed by a choice of Bible study or worship service. We 'love on' new volunteers!

*Open Arms volunteers Jennie Warner and Vicki Walker*

## LOVE STORY

**Alex (14)** & his family are Love INC volunteers, including helping with this referral from Tampa Housing Authority. Their help with Daisy solved this pet issue preventing struggling single mom from renewing her apartment lease.

Daisy was born in an impoverished Tampa neighborhood & mistreated as a young puppy. Daisy was abused, neglected, & constantly in danger. As other dogs were receiving brand new toys, being trained how to roll over, Daisy was wandering about, looking for something to eat. Unlike other dogs being brushed & put into a family Christmas card, Daisy was wishing someone would love her. When we found Daisy, she was living under a porch, being fed anything that her owners could spare. The house landlords stated that Daisy, along with a few other dogs, could no longer stay at the house. After many trips to Daisy's home, we ushered her into a crate and brought her to our home. After arriving in her new home, Daisy had many deep wounds to heal. She was greatly traumatized, and struggled to adjust. With time, Daisy learned to be herself again, and is now one of the happiest, & most energetic dogs you will ever meet. As a family, we are so thankful to be involved in the life of such an amazing, and beautiful dog. - Alex Warner



### Bayshore Baptist Church – loving God. Serving others for Jesus.

Founding Love INC of Metro Tampa member Bayshore Baptist in south Tampa is a welcoming community of faith valuing diversity united by our shared faith in Jesus Christ. They are ecumenical in outlook and value relationships across denominational lines. They believe in loving and serving others. Core ministry: First Nesters – outfitting first apartments for young adults aging out of Foster Care system.



*Contacts: Alex Gallimore – Sr. Pastor; Tammy Snyder – Minister to Adults; Melissa Scarle – Director of Children's Ministry; Lindsey Hale – Director of Missions*

### HOW YOU CAN HELP: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES; OFFICE HOURS M-F 9AM – 1PM

- Prayer team
- Promotion & event planning / Coordinate lunch-n-learns
- Update website & social media content
- Answer phone lines / filing & copying
- Newsletter assembly & mailing team
- Resource coordinator / Resource Navigator/ Volunteer trainers & assistants
- Vision carrying / public speaking



## LOVE INC VOLUNTEER PROFILE

**Polly Nelson** – servant heart Polly is a regular fixture at Hyde Park Methodist including Open Arms feeding ministry and 'loving on' our member ministries by collecting and redistributing linens for our Portico Workforce Housing men and 125 Good Samaritan Inn neighbors. *Bless your heart, Polly!*

*The Love INC team would love to speak to you about how we are helping to transform lives. We have opportunities & needs for mentors/coaches, volunteer resource navigators, prayers & donations. There is a place for everyone to be involved in our Love INC of Metro Tampa.*

Questions?

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*happy holidays!*

See [www.LoveIncTampa.org/events](http://www.LoveIncTampa.org/events)

**Love INC Lunch-n-Learn**  
 Third Wednesday each month

The Portico Conversation Room – invite a friend

**Give online; [LoveIncTampa.org/donation](http://LoveIncTampa.org/donation)**