



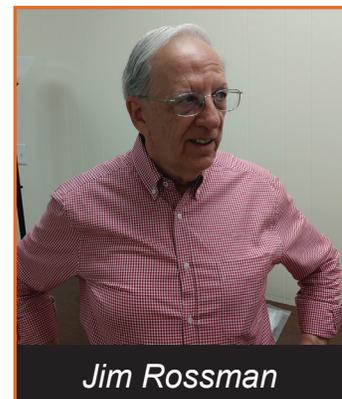
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MISSION

Message from our B.O.D. chair Jim Rossman:

Happy Holidays from our Love INC team! Why Love INC of Metro Tampa Inc.? As a follow up to our October 2018 Breakfast Fundraiser, we asked Love INC’s volunteer fundraising advisor and donor, Dave Finkel, to explain Tampa’s generous support for Love INC. With hundreds of charities for our donors to choose from, Why Love INC? According to Dave, the defining differences between other nonprofits vs. Love INC is its intentional capacity to:

- “Vet requests for legitimacy, reasonableness and fit for our mission.”
- “Respond appropriately to qualified requests; not throwing 15-foot rope to a guest drowning 30 feet away.”
- “Leverage assets, strengths and skills of guests, volunteers and churches.”
- “Encourage churches to be more philanthropic.”
- “Respond intentionally relationally and longer term vs transactional, one-size-fits-all solutions.”
- “Model excellence in all we do; going above and beyond vs. just good enough.”



Jim Rossman

Love INC Does What Others Cannot. Our Love INC strategy is intentionally different. Agencies, charities and government programs can provide a safety net to help those in need. But they do not offer the Christ-like love that brings hope and lasting transformation to everyone involved as churches through Love INC in the Name of Christ do.

This is what the mobilized church looks like!

PUTTING GOD ON DISPLAY IN TAMPA



Love INC’s help center leverages assets, strengths and skills of guests, volunteers and churches.

Here is our estimated activity recap for third quarter July – September 2018

525 incoming calls for help, 50% from member churches, 32% from agencies, 18% from individuals
 65 cases accepted involving 12 churches, 23 agencies serving 32 families with 75 children and 33 individuals
 187 referrals made to verified resources, 67 referrals actually followed up, 35 church ministries used
 105 volunteer members from six churches logged in excess of 1950 hours (\$48,146 value at \$24.69/hour)

Help Center 813-222-5683
LovelncTampa.org

“Love INC - help beyond the Band-Aids.”
- Jennifer Agana



LOVE STORY – EAGLE SCOUT DECK ADDITION TO MLK BLVD PROPERTY

Love INC Resource Navigator and Hyde Park Methodist Church members Jim & Jenny Warner and their son Ryan, an Eagle Scout candidate, have blessed our Portico Workforce Housing solutions men's homeless housing program through his Eagle Scout project. His entire family volunteered with Love, Inc. serving our MLK tenants, witnessing firsthand the challenges of communal group living. Ryan's backyard deck will be a great addition to the MLK property, allowing our men a space to unwind, relax, connect with each other by cooking, eating, and spending time together. This all-volunteer collaboration included the Boy Scouts, YMCA and four Love INC churches.

Love INC leverages assets, strengths and skills of guests, volunteers and churches.

11/4/2018 Sunday 2924 E.
MLK Jr. Blvd deck crew



LOVE INC VOLUNTEER PROFILE: "LOVE INC MODELS EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO; GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND VS. JUST GOOD ENOUGH."

Thad Bereday is an October referral from Portico pastor Justin LaRosa arriving in the nick of time for our Breakfast Event. What captured his attention? Love INC requires mutual contribution and participation with our guests.



Thad Bereday

He further jumped into volunteering in a major way as a coach mentor for our Portico Workforce Housing Solutions men's homeless housing program. He met four of our tenants for monthly mandatory case plan reviews to provide them wrap around supports and monitor case plan compliance.

Thad also "expanded our Love INC tent stakes" conducting a meeting with Andre Perks of Abe Brown Prison Ministries. Their Ready4work program provides vetted qualified tenants in the past that Thad wants to expand.

Once Thad gets our housing program organized and processes in place, we want him to fine tune Love INC administration, one of his specialties. Yes, we praise Him for His provision - Thad's help with our men's housing program.

LOVE STORY – IN PROCESS

"Jane" relocated from the tristate New Jersey area and had an apartment rented with a pending job in Ft. Lauderdale. Everything fell apart leaving her and daughter homeless. With savings depleted from hotel and other expenses, she found a new apartment, a wonderful school for her daughter and needs to find full time employment.



Love INC served in ways that helped empower highly employable and motivated "Jane" with food, gas and by circulating her resume with medical certifications to our Love INC network. Love INC offers this help in pursuit of a personal referral to area hospitals, surgery centers, benefit claims organizations; any appropriate referral that would provide a chance for a struggling single mom and her daughter to not only stabilize themselves but also thrive.

UPCOMING EVENTS

See www.LoveIncTampa.org/events

Love INC Lunch-n-Learn

Third Wednesday each month

The Portico Conversation Room – invite a friend

If Love INC does not distribute funds, is not set up to handle emergencies, and does not accept walk ins, what does it do?

Love INC Volunteer & Resource Coordinator Trainings

Fourth Saturday monthly 10-Noon Portico Conversation Room

Save the date - Love INC Prayer Breakfast Fundraiser

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM April 9, 2019 at The Portico

Bring a friend and witness our serving in ways that transform recipient, volunteer and community.

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

Questions?

Michael Doyle, Vision Carrier

Glorifying God by helping churches help people

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