



Love INC Newsletter | March 2019 | Edition 10 Volume 10

## **MISSION:** *Mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ*

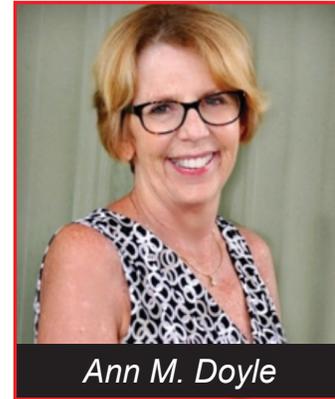
### **Message from our Executive Director / Ann M. Doyle:**

**Vision:** To see Christian churches united in purpose and fully engaged in actively living out their faith by lovingly serving people in need in their communities.

Greetings from Brooklyn, NY! For the month of February, I am “on assignment” with our youngest daughter Kit (also a twin) and family, expecting twin boys any day. As incoming Executive Director, I will officially report for duty 3/4/2019.

As co-founder of Love INC of Metro Tampa, it is a great honor to have our B.O.D.’s confidence to be the Executive Director for Love INC of Metro Tampa. I am very excited for this opportunity, as Love INC is part of Mike’s and my love story; personally and communally. It represents the culmination of my passion, experience, faith and deep commitment to social justice and community engagement.

Our leadership transition from “husband to wife” blends our two skill sets; policy and administration (me) and relationships and sustainability funding (Michael). We are both blessed to be immersed in Leaders Lab, [www.fcsministries.org](http://www.fcsministries.org) a group of social services change makers, leaders of ten US nonprofits in a year-long workshop meeting monthly via teleconference. The purpose of Leader’s Lab is to help all the non-profits create and articulate a concise vision statement and then develop strategies to realize that vision. I am also participating in Love INC National training for new Executive Directors. All very exciting!



*Ann M. Doyle*

*We look forward to sharing our new vision and outcomes - love stories with you at our April 9th Breakfast Fundraiser.*

## **Love INC Helps the Hopeless, Not the Helpless.**



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

*Here is our estimated activity recap for January 2019*

- 99** incoming calls for help, 47% from member churches, **33%** from agencies, **20%** from individuals
- 46** cases accepted involving **12** churches, **33** agencies serving **99** families with **115** children and **228** individuals
- 111** referrals made to verified resources, **23** referrals actually followed up, **67** church ministries used
- 43** volunteer members from 10 churches logged in excess of **664** hours (\$16,394 value at \$24.69/hour)

*Love INC’s Jennifer Agana -  
Help Center Coordinator*

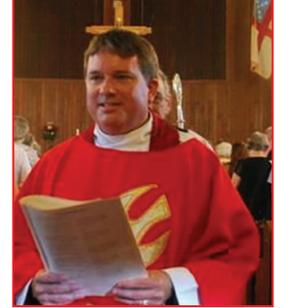
**Help Center 813-222-5683**  
[www.loveinctampa.org](http://www.loveinctampa.org)

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

## Love INC Cultivates Leadership in Serving Our Guests.

HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
VALRICO, FLORIDA

Love INC B.O.D. Member, Dr. Kathleen Moore, deacon at member St. John's Episcopal Church, suggested Lindsey Hale, Love INC Church Recruiting Coordinator, present a Love INC overview to her Episcopal deanery meeting in November 2018.



At the conclusion of her presentation, Holy Innocents's Church rector Fr. Bryan O'Carroll approached Lindsey and requested she meet with his ministry team.

Those meetings resulted in Holy Innocents' Church being our newest member church. Their ministry team requested help with a community resources survey that was completed in January. Lindsey summarized and prioritized survey results and has now connected them with Love INC community partners.

Lindsey is now helping their Love INC team discern what core poverty issues to address including affordable housing and transportation.

***Love INC churches and their members do direct services with our guests, not Love INC staff. Love INC offers continuous volunteer and resource training to cultivate this leadership within our member churches.***

## Love INC Advocates Boldly for those He Loves. *Light, Amidst Floyd's Darkness*

1/27/2019 Floyd's email to Love INC: "I came down here for work. It didn't work out. I'm trying to get home to Olympia Washington." With the promise of Tampa employment, Floyd traveled four days by bus from Olympia to Tampa, only to learn his job did not materialize. Stranded, he recalled he had been helped by Love INC in the past and reached out to Love INC of Metro Tampa.

After verifying his story and that he had a support system to return to, we invested (Love INC donor provided) in Floyd with a \$253 bus ticket, \$25 gift card, \$40 for meals and bottles of water for his return trip. After my phone call to Floyd and sharing that we would help and I was on my way to him, Floyd: "Thank you, it is very rural and dark where I am staying with no street lamps. I will look for your headlights and I will be holding a flashlight". On a cold, rainy, dark, dreary night, I was to look for Floyd's light, amidst the darkness. Floyd awaited my arrival, with light amidst his darkness.



***This is what the mobilized church looks like!***

## Love INC Fosters Mutuality, an Even Exchange *to grow in relationship.*



In late January Katy texted Mike that her SUV stopped running and had it towed to Love INC's automotive ministry's Tony at A & D for repairs. Mike suggested she meet him at his home and take Mike and Ann's second car until Katy's repairs were complete.

***Katy replied "I'm still not sure what I did to deserve your grace, but I'm grateful every day. Thank you so much."***

On March 5 Katy texted that she had picked up all the kids and was on her way with Mike's car, full of gas, and washed. After a full work day, Katy had picked up 3 kids, driven to Mike and Ann's home and arrived back home after 8 pm.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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

*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

First 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?

**Ann M. Doyle, Executive Director**

***Glorifying God by helping churches help people***

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