



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

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VISION

Message from our B.O.D. Chair / Ann M. Doyle “Love INC of Metro Tampa represents our love story; personally and communally, of what we envisioned for our Tampa community. In the summer of 2012, Michael was frustrated with Tampa’s social services system of care that further traumatized those seeking help. I shared that our sister-in-law Jenny volunteered at Love INC Heartland (MN) and had offered a tour for us to see a ministry tool that engaged and mobilized their faith communities as part of a solution to address poverty.”

While touring, we witnessed the local Heartland churches, united in purpose and fully engaged in living out their faith and mission. This became our motivation, and inspiration. Our faith journey for Tampa began, resulting in hundreds of new relationships with people, their faith communities, and opening of our Love INC doors 4/1/2017.”

Message from Vision Carrier / Michael Doyle “Opening the doors of Love INC represents my ten-year, social justice odyssey and His provision faithfulness. In 2010, after struggling five years with end-stage-renal- failure, in preparation for my kidney transplant, my diseased organs were removed. (kidneys, bladder, prostate). A dialysis unit kept me alive. Alone, frightened, recovering from ten-hour surgery in my TGH ICU room, my prayer was ” If you get me out of this mess, I will dedicate the rest of days to serving You and women with children.” I had doubt, and wondered “what if He doesn’t entrust anyone to my care?”

Seven years, several hundred families and 30+ TGH procedures later (including my 5/2011 kidney transplant, multiple skin cancer surgeries, and a 10-hour head surgery 2/20/17) Love INC of Metro Tampa opens its doors 4/1/17. Praise Him, a faithful God and He is not done with me. His daily inquiry: “Do you love Me? Do you love those I love?”



“Lives are transformed through relationships. The Love INC ministry connects willing Christian servants with neighbors in need. In the process, we are all transformed, needs are met, & joy becomes our shared reality.”

Michael & Ann M. Doyle

HOW DOES LOVE INC WORK?

Charity (handouts) focused on needs rarely transforms. However, services focused on the person, delivered with accountability and demonstrating love, in the Name of Christ, can transform donor, struggling guest, & our community. This has been proven by over 30 years of experience over more than 175 Love INC affiliates.

Love INC provides the means for churches to work together to express their love for God, each other and their neighbors in practical, coordinated ways.

When churches across denominations come together in a unity of purpose – to serve their neighbors in need – the world takes note. Love INC helps churches and community organizations coordinate their efforts and complement one another in effective outreach.

The Love INC ministry focuses on prevention & discerning manageable, reasonable requests. Our model ties strategic giving with relationship and the expectation of involvement by persons in need. We walk in relationship with our guests, linking them with validated, appropriate community resources. It is not an emergency resource. It does not provide money for financial needs, and has no walk-ins.



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LOVE STORIES

Love INC is intentionally relational, looking for multiple opportunities to 'love on' our guests, walking with them in support as they stabilize themselves. Maria, a formerly homeless, single mother of four, is a perfect example of Love INC in action.

Love INC volunteer Susan Morgan headed up a team that settled Maria and her children in their own apartment. Through a relationship with Ashley Furniture, Maria's apartment was furnished. Volunteers brought Christmas gifts for her children and delivered a Christmas dinner. Volunteer Jennie Warner has recently coordinated an eye exam, new glasses, and a dentist appointment. The dentist discovered that Maria needs a root canal, so Jennie is coordinating that through our resource clearinghouse. Maria works tirelessly and is thriving in her new home. Her children love school, are great students, and are adored by their school community. The Love INC team will continue to provide wraparound services and love to Maria and her family.



LOVE INC VOLUNTEER PROFILE



In 2016, Sacred Heart Church members' Tom and Geri Henry downsized from five bedrooms to a downtown condo. Tom had fed our downtown homeless neighbors and expressed an interest in exploring other options to make a difference beyond feeding. After shadowing a volunteer for a day, he opted to help reopen The Coffee Shop, which closed in 2014 for lack of funding. When The Coffee Shop reopened 1/27/17, Tom turned his attention to role of project manager to outfit our Love INC office space for four staff and four volunteers.

RECENT EVENTS

Love INC National provides ongoing training to help prosper developing affiliates. Steve & Carol Berger were our host family 1/16 - 1/20/17 at the Executive Director Advanced Training (EDAT) in Boise, ID. This is required training prior to opening our Love INC affiliate.



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, prayer & donations. There is a place for everyone to be involved in our Love INC of Metro Tampa.

Questions?

Michael Doyle, Vision Carrier
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- Isaiah 58 - Restorer of Streets & Dwellings - "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, the pointed finger of malicious talk, if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry & satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will shine in the darkness & your night will become like the noonday."

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