



Love INC of Metro Tampa  
Love In the Name of Christ

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**MISSION:** To mobilize Christian churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.

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

***Adjusting to a new normal. Helping differently amidst physical distancing.***

Love INC is often asked “what makes you different from other social services service providers trying to alleviate poverty in our community”?

Love INC is different in HOW we respond. For starters, we respond with dignity to the individual referred to us as a guest; not as a client, a case or a customer.

Applying Love INC’s core principles of Redemptive Compassion, we see everyone’s value and we are willing to do what it takes to help someone help them self. While we might not have all the resources requested by our neighbors, we will always give them our love, time, encouragement, and skills to help them see their ability to achieve their God-given potential. In giving of ourselves, we provide our guests a hand up – not a hand out. The COVID-19 crisis does not change our approach – it makes it more important because so many people have had their lives turned upside down – for a variety of reasons. Our approach allows us to meet them where they are...even with social and physical distancing.

Love INC is adjusting to the new normal and has fully transitioned to a remote Help Center. Our staff and volunteers are set up to process requests for assistance, verify the situation and respond with resources from the safety of their home. We are leveraging technology to stay connected with prayer and guidance for each other and for our guests.

***We thank you and appreciate your support, especially during these challenging times.***



*Ann M. Doyle*

**Introducing Janet Shafer – Help Center Coordinator**



*Janet Shafer*

Love INC was blessed in March with the addition of Janet Shafer who is quickly acclimating to the complexities and many moving parts of our busy Help Center.

Janet has advanced degrees and is a doctoral counseling candidate. She brings a wealth of experience that aligns and enhances our Love INC core values.

Janet was drawn to Love INC by its differences from other ministries; serving with help that is strategic and developmental.

Janet and family live in Apollo Beach. She attends and is in leadership at Radiant Church. ***Welcome to Love INC, Janet!***

**Love INC serves in ways that transform.**

***Here is our 2020 1st Quarter activity recap:***

New district requests in quarter: **137**, Initial interviews conducted: **32**, Needs met: **123**,

Total volunteer hours: **1308**, Value of volunteer hours: **\$33,262**.

***Love INC high impact outcomes help Tampa flourish.***

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## Love Story - Shalandra's Odyssey; from chaos to shalom; lives lived as God intended.



**Van donor / volunteer** Ingrid M., Love INC's Ann D., & Shalandra R.

Shalandra R. is a Portico Café employee and a 2019 referral to Love INC from member church, The Portico, the downtown mission church of member church Hyde Park United Methodist Church. <http://theportico.org/cafe/>

To reunify with her two children required employment (she works two jobs!), safe housing and reliable transportation.

Love INC member churches pooled resources with Shalandra's required sacrificial contribution to transform a St. Andrews Episcopal van donation into safe reliable transportation. Love INC partners also helped Shalandra find affordable housing at New Life Village, where she moved in March.

## Volunteer Profile - Susan Morgan, MSW Gracepoint Wellness

Love INC BOD member since 2017, vision carrier and resource navigator, Susan Morgan, MSW blesses our ministry with her considerable networking skill set, as a servant leader social worker and in designing special projects (affordable housing) for her employer, Gracepoint Wellness.

Since 2018, she has project managed the design / fund / build of 150 + affordable housing units on Gracepoint Wellness East Tampa campus.

Love INC pooled resources with Susan for the 2017 reopening of The Coffee Shop, the lone Tampa homeless drop in center, located in Seminole Heights, closed in 2014 for lack of funding.



**Bless your heart, Susan!**

## Ministry Profile - God's Pedal Power Ministry



L-R - M. Woodside, J. Martin, D. Kirk, M. Woodside, T. Henry

Love INC exists to serve its member churches, including 34th Street Church of God.

Since 2017, Bethesda Ministries, part of Love INC member church, 34th Street COG, has operated God's Pedal Power Ministry (GPPM) out of its owned property located in East Tampa.

In November, 2019 GPPM leadership shared with Love INC its vision: redesign and refresh its ministry work space to enhance processes for delivering its bicycle transportation mission

Love INC assembled a multi-church volunteer team to create a refresh plan to optimize and organize the GPPM work space to streamline operations as well as secure its resources in a multi-use facility. Construction will be complete April 30th.



**Love INC**  
*Wish List*

- Prayer Support
- Introductions to new member churches
- Volunteers / Resource Navigators
- Interns year round
- BOD members, meeting monthly
- In-kind donations - media/promotion /office supplies, etc.
- Corporate Sponsors

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY LUNCH-N-LEARN - **ON HOLD** • REDEMPTIVE COMPASSION CLASSES - **ON HOLD**  
MONTHLY VOLUNTEER TRAINING (AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY) **ON HOLD**

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

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?

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