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## VISION

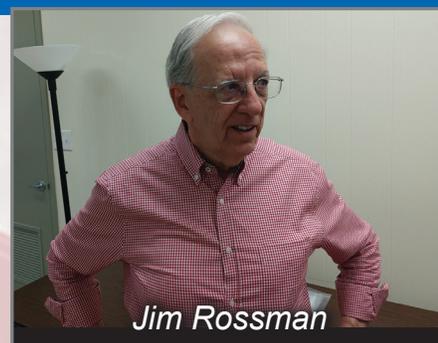
### Message from our B.O.D. President / Jim Rossman:

#### Love INC 2018 Core Principal – Serve in Ways that transform.

At our June 19th Board of Director’s meeting, member and Bayshore Baptist pastor Alex Gallimore facilitated a lively discussion with his inquiry: “In a sentence, what is Love INC?” This remains a challenging exercise, to succinctly capture the essence of what we do at Love INC. We ultimately return to our mission statement: Love INC mobilizes Christian churches to help those in need and to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.

Love INC responds to the biblical call to serve holistically, to go beyond the food and clothing commands of Mt 25 and express our willingness to risk exploring the spiritual, social and physical needs of our guests. We strive to see their unique worth, capacity and potential. This requires entering into relationship with those we encounter on our faith journey ---- to not only encounter, but to engage and empower. Relationships are messy when compared to the more basic alternative of simply providing food and clothing ---- which feels so much like encountering without engaging or empowering or helping others to advance in their life journey.

#### What is God really calling us to do?



Jim Rossman

## PUTTING GOD ON DISPLAY IN TAMPA



Love INC’s Jennifer Agana -  
Help Center Coordinator

[LoveIncTampa.org](http://LoveIncTampa.org)

### Message from our Help Center Coordinator Jennifer Agana

We are busy implementing suggestions from our April 24-25, 2018 Love INC National site visit to fine tune our processes. Associate Director of New and Transitioning Affiliates, Richard Strick, met with our B.O.D. for a strategic planning session, interviewed staff and met over lunch with our senior team and member church pastors.

#### *Here is our estimated activity recap for our 2018 1st quarter of operation from April 2018 - June 2018:*

- 40 calls for help; from member churches - 43%, agencies – 47%, and individuals – 10%
- 46 cases accepted; 21 churches, 20 agencies and 5 individuals, including 62 minor children
- 55 unmet needs identified
- 54 volunteers logging in excess of 522 hours

*“This is what the mobilized Church looks like.”*  
- Jennifer Agana

Help Center 813-222-5683

## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHURCH RECRUITING COORDINATOR LINDSEY HALE

**Growing in Love:** -After attending a Fall 2017 Lunch-n-Learn, I knew I had to be involved. The relationships being built and lives being transformed are changing our city for the better. After prayerful discernment, I joined the Love INC team as the Church Recruiting Coordinator.



Lindsey Hale

Love INC serves both the immediate and long term needs of our guests; love with accountability. Housing, transportation, financial management, legal services, and mentoring are the most common needs met. We serve by mobilizing Tampa's Christian churches; linking the ministries, resources and volunteers of our partner churches and organizations to those in need.

As Missions Chair for Bayshore Baptist, I saw Love INC delivering mission through their network of six churches. Since opening the doors in 2017, Love INC has served over 200 individuals and families. But imagine the lives transformed when we expand our reach and resources to twelve churches. Our goal is to continue to grow in love; sharing hope and compassion by meeting the real needs of those struggling in our community.

## PORTICO WORKFORCE HOUSING SOLUTIONS



### Portico Workforce Housing Solutions-

We closed on our second 3 BR home June 14, 2018!

Portico Housing is a unique six-month opportunity for six serious, employed, homeless men to bridge from the street to permanent housing. For those up to the challenge, we require \$175 and references with their application. Also a lease, tenant agreement involving a bank relationship, savings of \$250/month and budgeting classes. Further, tenants are team players that "play well together", share household chores, making our two three bedroom homes work smoothly for three motivated men living in each home.



3411 E Yukon Street Tampa, FL three BR 7/1/18

Tenants in our program meet monthly with their case manager, verifying case plan goals compliance.

## ★★★ BUSINESS PARTNER PROFILE ★★★ THRIVENT NETWORK

We are pleased to announce that Love INC of Tampa is now a member of Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice® program. By directing Choice Dollars®, eligible Thrivent members can recommend which nonprofit organizations they feel should receive charitable grant funding from Thrivent.

If you have Choice Dollars available to direct, please consider directing them to Love INC of Tampa. We plan to use Thrivent Choice grant funding to further our mission of bringing hope to young and old by connecting those in need with ministries and services that can help. We will provide you with updates in the coming weeks.

To learn more about Thrivent Choice, visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice). Or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836, and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted."



## OBSERVATIONS FROM OUR SUMMER INTERN - ANNE MARIE FERRON / UCF JR.

I am a Fall 2018 junior at University of Central Florida majoring in mechanical engineering. After hearing about the Love INC opportunity to intern for the summer, I was excited to help but was not sure exactly what I would be doing. Since starting in May I have learned so much it's hard to believe it's only been a month. I have discovered how fast someone's life can change when they're hardworking and follow direction from dedicated people like all the volunteers at Love INC. My Love assignments have shown me that I can also help be a part of this change in someone's life.

Anne Marie Ferron



## YOUR LOVE INC DONATIONS AT WORK!

How does your donation help Love INC serve in ways that transform? Qualified guests receive small, incremental help as they are empowered to stabilize their lives! We recognize and sometimes reward, positive, relationship building, decision making.



- \$34 Buys a 10-pack of bus passes for job interviews
- \$65 Buys a 30-day bus pass & work transportation for single mom
- \$100 Replaces a tire from our automotive partner, A & D Automotive
- \$250 Represents the last \$ in to restore TECO service
- \$500 Represents back-to-school shopping for grandma raising six grandchildren

## 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

Third Saturday monthly 10-Noon Portico Conversation Room

### Save the date - Love INC Prayer Breakfast Fundraiser

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM October 16, 2018 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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