

# IN CHRIST'S NAME

And now these three remain:

*Faith, Hope, and Love*

But the greatest of these is love.

1Cor.13:13

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## Advent...a time of expectancy

As we at Love INC Juneau enter this season of Advent, stories like the one shared later in this newsletter by Sheena help us reflect on the blessings of 2014 and anticipate what is to come in 2015.

This year we had the joy of partnering with faithful volunteers who served friends and neighbors in need. Our Jobs for Life class brought new skills to those seeking improved employment, while our Financial Peace University classes brought hope for financial freedom.

We continue to serve our 26 partner churches, connecting gap ministries such as kitchen supplies, clothing, Bags of Love, and the baby ministry as expressions of Christ's love for the community of Juneau. And we can't forget the joy we had serving as an army of Love INC volunteers brought the Michael W. Smith & Friends concert to

Juneau!

The coming year promises to be full of opportunities to grow the ministry of Love INC Juneau. We will be piloting a cooking class program, working to improve efficiencies in the Clearinghouse, and strengthening our partnerships with churches in our community. The need is great; our God is greater!



We would love to hear from you! Please take a minute to complete the enclosed envelope. Let us know how we can pray for you and please **consider Love INC Juneau for a year-end or on-going tax-free financial gift.**

Finally, may this season of Advent be a time of reflection and celebration for you and your family as you celebrate the God who reaches out His healing hand to touch our hearts, our community, and our world in need. Merry Christmas from the Board, staff and volunteers of Love INC Juneau!

Michelle Strickler  
Interim Executive Director



## Staff Story



A student in our financial class lost their transportation for a few days and needed to get to work. That day the gift they received at the end of class was tokens for the bus...enough for the exact number of trips they needed to make.

Another student was in need of an excuse to get out of the house and into a social setting. In the spirit of giving that had become normal in the class, another student anonymously gave one of their tickets to a concert to this student so they could go to a social event without blowing their budget.

As for me, coordinating these gifts for our students has reminded me that God is in control. He knows what we need. Sometimes He uses us to help provide for these needs, and sometimes He doesn't. I often think, though, that He does it more for me...to show me that He is all powerful and that no matter how much I try, I cannot fully comprehend His love for me.

- Sheena Rice  
Relational Ministry  
Coordinator

## From...The Resource Desk

**“Hello” to all our volunteers!** You have made my transition to the Resource desk much easier than expected. Thank you for all you do and for blessing our ministry. I have been visiting the various gap ministries located at various churches and WOW! You do amazing work. Picking up and driving a U-Haul was quite an adventure!

I need a few people with trucks to be able to help deliver or pick-up furniture for the weeks our furniture ministry is “off”. If this is something you are able to help with periodically, please pray about this and contact me at 780-4090 ext. 26 or [resourcecoord@alaska.net](mailto:resourcecoord@alaska.net).

Blessings, Anne Edwards  
Resource Coordinator

*“Serving friends and neighbors in need for 10 years.”*

## Thanking Faithful Servants

As Love INC Juneau celebrates 10 years in Juneau, we want to thank those who have been with us from the beginning. Jay & Wendy Menze will be greatly missed as Wendy completes her term on the board in December. In addition, Ann Lockhart has served in almost every role at Love INC, most recently as Executive Director for the past 4 years. While she is enjoying more time with her

family and friends, we are so thankful for her leadership and love over the years. Also completing his term on the board is Pastor David Swafford. Thank you, David, and many blessings on your continued church and prison ministry.

### 2014 By the Numbers

(as of November 30)

# of Church Partners	26
# of Part-time Staff	7
# of Volunteers	100+
# of Calls processed	1,400+
Total Expenditures	\$133,733

## Staff Update

If you have stopped by the office to drop off a donation, to volunteer on the phones, or just to say "Hi", anytime over the past 6 years, you have probably been greeted by our amazing Office Manager, Pat Ingledue. Pat has officially retired from Love INC, but we hope we still see her from time to time! Thank you, Pat, for your many years of service.

Our newest member of the Love INC team is Erica Barker. Erica has jumped right in to a very challenging position bringing her many gifts to serve.  
*Welcome, Erica!*

### Love INC Juneau Staff

Michelle Strickler, Interim Executive Director	x22
Erica Barker, Office Manager	x21
Marilyn Loney, Program Coordinator	x28
Sheena Rice, Relational Ministries	x31
Brooke Scott, Clearinghouse Coordinator	x29
Anne Edwards, Resource Coordinator	x26
Bruce Grimes, Bookkeeper	x30

## Love INC Nationals...

*The Love INC Paradigm...to honor, empower & transform both Christians and the ones they serve.*

Existing resources operating independently are not adequate to meet current and growing levels of need. In addition, one church alone cannot deal with all the complex issues of poverty. It takes churches working together, across denominational lines, to meet these multifaceted needs.

Furthermore, Love INC can do what the others can't. Agencies, charities and government can provide a

safety net to help those in need, but it can't Love and bring transformation like Love In the Name of Christ can.



**Love INC**  
Love In the Name of Christ

...you know that this is a time for change at Love INC. We are welcoming new staff, volunteers & board members. With any change comes challenge but also opportunity for growth. We are excited about that but need your prayers as we seek to honor God in the work He gives us every day. In

addition to prayer, we hope you will stand with us as you consider sharing your time, talents and treasure with the ministry of Love INC.

Give us a call (790-4090)...we would love to tell you more about the work we do and how you can become involved!

Volunteers are needed to:

Answer phones, deliver furniture, work in our Gap Ministries, mentor students in our Relational Ministries, shovel the walk, cook a meal for the Relational Ministries Classes....and more!

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Restoring dignity. Changing lives. Transforming communities.

**Jobs for Life**

Mondays, 1/12/15-3/9/15

6:00pm-8:30pm

@ Juneau Christian Center

*Jobs for Life can be a life changing experience. Over 25 people in Juneau have completed this course and are now empowered to be successful at work and at life. This course is an interactive training with a combination of classroom instruction, individual activities, and weekly meetings with a mentor. Call us to register now!*

**About Our Organization...**

Love INC mobilizes local churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ.

When people in need call, Love INC gathers information and verifies their need. Staff then matches these needs with agencies, gap ministries and

Christian volunteers.

By pooling their resources and receiving requests for help at a central location, Love INC churches come together as a Christian network, sharing Christ's love in a way that has lasting effect on individuals, families and children in poverty.



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