



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Love Notes

Helping the Body of Christ help people...

Summer 2011

My...My...What A Blessing!



How can mere words ever be enough to say thank you to your agency, Love INC, Steve Parrot and the wonderful volunteers from Lake Forest Church, Huntersville. I was blessed with their presence on Saturday, May 28th, by the building of my ramp and so, so much more, "love was in the air."

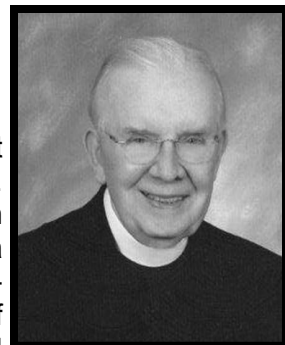
The group arrived at my house around 8:30 AM, walked up the steps introducing themselves to me and Ramsey, my Golden Retriever puppy with hugs, hello's and much Christian love. Steve cranked up the generator and the cutting of the wood began. At the same time, other group members took turns tearing down my old wood rails and cheered with each piece they got off. I was so taken aback that I had to look out the window to see what all of the cheering was about and I realized they were as excited as I was to be getting a safe way in and out of my house.

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Herbert H. Mirly

1918 - 2011

Pastor Herbert H. Mirly, age 92, went to be with his Lord on May 17, 2011. He was Pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church for 16 years and a Love INC board member for a number of years. He was a Godly man of strong faith and love for the Lord and for the scriptures. He had a calm, peaceful, soft spoken demeanor, but his heart burned with a passion for the Lord. He was an excellent teacher of the Word of God, and lived out the principles of the Bible in an exemplary way.



As a Love INC board member, he always brought his Bible to meetings, and steered every discussion back to scriptural principles. He was very committed to Love INC, and continued to attend and contribute to board meetings until he was physically unable to do so because of declining health. When it was his turn to have the devotional, he handed each board member a sheet of paper with these words on it:

" WHY LOVE INC PLEASURES THE LORD"

Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for a man to humble himself? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is this not the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter - when you see the naked to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear: then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call and the Lord will answer: you will cry for help, and he will say, "Here am I." Isaiah 58:5-9

Pastor Mirly's light shone on everyone who met him, his righteousness served as an example to all who knew him, and the glory of the Lord was always his rear guard. Our ministry and our city are richer and better today because of his influence through the years.

By: Bud Carrier, Love INC Board Member

Mark
Your
Calendar

Love INC
CELEBRATION
November 3
6:00 - 8:30 PM

Love INC Board of Directors

Lou Spitzer, Chair

Forest Hill Church

Bill Foster, Vice-Chair

Myers Park United Methodist

Konrad Broussard, Treasurer

Friendship Missionary Baptist

Lexi Frost, Secretary

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Hillsdale Baptist Church

Carolina Benitez *Hickory Grove Baptist*

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Rollo Leimer *Resurrection Lutheran*

Mike Lewis *Central Church of God*

Alex McAlister *King of Kings Anglican*

Beth Slattery *Church at Charlotte*

David Thurman *Resurrection Lutheran*

Betty Tucker *Friendship Missionary Baptist*

Mary Whisonant *Pleasant Hill Baptist*

Advisory Board

Bob Lowman

Metrolina Baptist Association

Ruth Samuelson

NC House of Representatives

Sarah Stevenson

Office Team

Kathy Heston - *Wheelchair Ramp Coordinator and Intake Coordinator*

Chris Litaker - *Placements Coordinator*

Julie Potts - *Coordinator of Services to Senior and Disabled Adults*

Shawn Watkins - *Office Manager*

Please check out the Love INC website at:

loveinc-charlotte.org

You can donate or volunteer or even make a referral for someone who needs help through the website.



Love INC is proud to be a **United Way** affiliate member.

Can YOU help???

We are in need of flat screen computer monitors and 5,000 BTU window room AC units. Your small group, Sunday School class, church, you or your family can donate either of these two items to Love INC or you can donate financially so that we can purchase them in bulk at a lower price.

- Window room AC units cost **\$110** each.
- Flat screen computer monitors cost **\$100** each.

We need 20 computer monitors to group with the computers that we have refurbished so we can give them to students who use them for school work or to people who use them to update their computer skills for their jobs.

Also...with the hot weather already here., we are getting requests for AC units almost every day. We get an average of 25-30 requests each summer for these small room AC units.

Can you or your group....PLEASE...help us with these two immediate needs???

Toiletry Pantry Finds a Host



As a result of an appeal that went out in our Spring newsletter and a call from God, Dawn Hildebrand and a group of folks from Cornerstone Baptist Church have embraced the opportunity to host our NEW Toiletry Pantry ministry. They found an empty space in their building and are open for us to refer clients who need these essential items.

They will distribute these items, toothpaste and tooth brushes, men's and women's deodorant, shaving cream, razors, shampoo, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, laundry and dish detergent. **Thank YOU Cornerstone!!!**

Telephone Reassurance Program



Love INC has acquired the **Telephone Reassurance Program** from the Charlotte Senior Center. Mary Ann Henkel has volunteered to be the program coordinator. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact us at **704-536-5588**

Gifts have been made to Love INC

In Memory of:

Patty Lee Hotchison, by: Coburn Caldwell
Bill and Edna Johnson, by: Sally Hopkins and Betsy Ullich

In Honor of:

Norman and Vicky Kaneklides, by: Toni Grove

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As the 17 year old son of one of the ladies cut the wood, each member had their particular job to do. Some put the wood in place, one held the nail gun, others decided to spend time with me and talk to me as others worked. I told them my house was their house and they could just come in at any time to cool off, rest, talk, whatever, they made themselves at home.

Pictures were taken, weeds were pulled up, flower bulbs were planted and mulch was delivered to clean up the front part of the yard. My ceramic bunnies and squirrel were strategically placed in the mulch and my garden of love was born and it is so cute!

They brought lunch and while sitting on the part of the ramp that was already finished, we talked, fellowshiped, ate and exchanged stories just like Jesus did with the disciples. Steve finally had to make everyone go back to work. They even walked Ramsey and replaced a blown fuse in the house.

Teresa Chelko, the leader in the group spent time talking with me about my rare eye disease. We cried together as we shared stories about our lives. These folks are my sisters and brothers in Christ!

Around 2:30, Steve asked me to come out the front door and try the new ramp. As I walked with my stroller, Ramsey, tears were in my eyes, and they were all cheering...WOW! The only word I could cry out was Hallelujah! I felt so safe and so thankful and now at peace.

We hugged, we cried, I said my "thank you" through the tears as they gave me a planter of flowers to place at the end of the ramp. God also allowed me to give back what I could...I made thank you cards for everyone; I gave ice and water when they needed a drink.

As they boarded their van to leave, I felt a sense of loss because I don't get a lot of visitors or calls. I went over to the young man, who cut all of the wood and I said these words to him, "Thank you, dear. Not many young men your age would spend their holiday weekend doing this for someone. God has a special blessing on you and much more in store...thank you from the bottom of my heart". **My...My...What A Blessing!!!**

By: Karen L. Smith, Ramp Recipient

You Can Help

I Want to Help with a:
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One time gift of \$ _____

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 State _____ Zip _____
 Phone: (____) _____

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 Address _____
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 Home Phone (____) _____
 Work Phone (____) _____
 Church Affiliation _____

Mail to:
 Love INC
 P.O. Box 18517
 Charlotte, NC 28218

Please send me information about volunteering in the Love INC office.

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Ramp It Up!

Would **YOU** like to be a "blessing" to a person with disabilities? You can be...simply by volunteering to be a part of a ramp building team or by making a financial contribution to our "**Ramp It Up**" ministry. We currently have over 45 requests for handicap ramps, but do not have the resources or volunteers to build them. It costs \$25 per foot to build the average ramp...would you or your church group be willing to buy a foot or several feet of ramp to help a person with disabilities?



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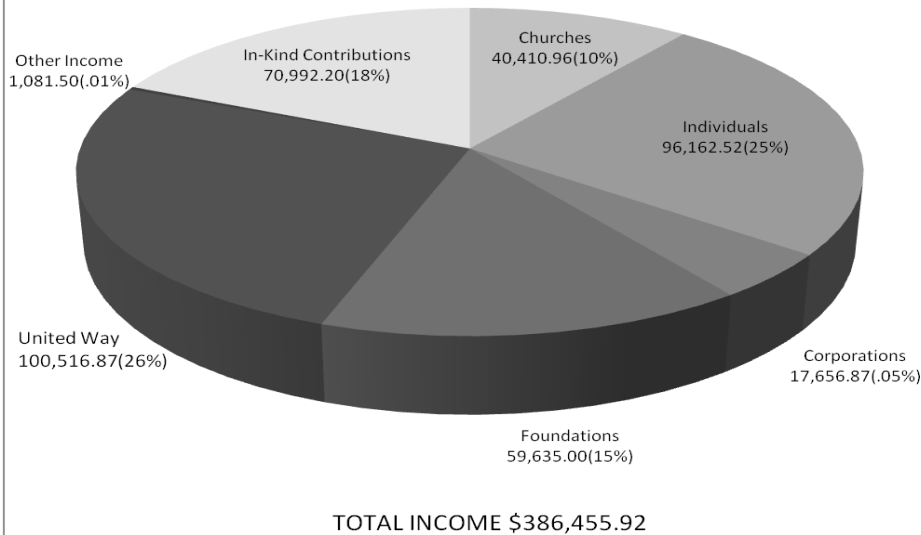
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2010 Annual Report

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Love INC Income in 2010



Churches Participating	180
Volunteers Participating	4087
Volunteer Hours Donated	18,920
Total Services Provided	5316