



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Love Notes

Helping the Body of Christ help people...In the Name of Christ

Winter 2011

Celebrating the, “*missio Dei*...the Mission of God” At the 19th Annual Love INC Celebration



Over 350 people gathered at Providence United Methodist Church on November 3rd to celebrate what God has done through the ministry of Love In the Name of Christ in the past year but also to look to the future with anticipation! The theme for the 2011 gathering was , *missio Dei*...the Mission of God.

Dale R. Harlan, the new Love INC Executive Director challenged those in attendance with the words of Jesus, ***As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.*** (John 20:21 NIV) He encouraged everyone to, “get involved” in the ministry of Love INC by praying, sharing with others about the ministry, volunteering, and giving financially.

Some very special clients and the volunteers that ministered to them were introduced and highlighted during the evening. They included, Betty Wrey Hurst with Providence Church of Christ, Karen Smith with Lake Forest Church and Peter Chen with Charlie Courter.



Betty Wrey Hurst was adopted by Providence Road Church of Christ in Charlotte as a part of the Adopt an Elder Ministry. They quickly became her “love family”.

Karen Smith, pictured with her dog, “Ramsey” had a handicap ramp built by a team of volunteers from Lake Forest Church in Huntersville through the Ramp It Up Ministry. Karen has now volunteered to be a Telephone Reassurance Ministry caller.



Peter Chen has a very special friend in Charlie Courter who ministered to him through the Love 'n Labor Ministry. He was first helped with house cleaning by the youth of Mulberry Baptist Church.

The reality that God has called Love In the Name of Christ to transform individual lives and this city...**by mobilizing believers in Christ to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the poor, elderly and disabled in our community**...was at the heart of Dale’s message for the celebration.

This annual celebration is also the major fundraiser for Love INC for 2011. God blessed Love INC as over \$50,000 was given or pledged to support the ministry.

Thank YOU!

A special Thank YOU goes to all who made this celebration possible through your help in planning, serving, attending and giving.

May God continue to richly bless each of you!

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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.



Love INC's Christmas Wish List

During this season of giving...will you add Love INC to your gift list to give to family and friends? Here are some perfect suggestions that are at the top of our **Christmas Wish List.**

- Baby Layette Ministry**...needs baby layette items Including: only **NEW** baby cribs and car seats, **NEW** or **USED**: crib mattress, high chairs, Pack 'n Plays and strollers
- The **Essentials Ministry**...needs personal toiletry items including toilet paper, dishwashing and laundry detergent.
- Love INC** is in need of folding shopping carts for those who do not have transportation and ride the bus to get their groceries. (Cost: \$25-\$30)
- Ramp It Up Ministry**...needs financial resources to build handicap ramps for the estimated 145 ramp construction requests for this year. (Cost \$25 per ft.)
- Love INC** is looking for at least 2,500 sq. ft of "rent free" office space for five staff members.
- Give a gift that keeps on giving all through the New Year by making a monthly financial donation to support the ministry of **Love INC**. This tax deductible gift can be given "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" someone very special in your life.



Gifts have been given to Love INC

In Honor of:

Martin and Carol Robinson by: Stanley Fri

In Memory of:

Pastor Herb Mirly by: Valerie Whitlock
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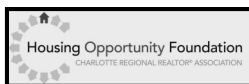
Working Together...Transforming Lives

Collaborate: /ko 'lae bo, reit/- **verb:** to work together, partner, cooperate, join together, participate, to work with.

There is a huge paradigm shift taking place...even as you read this newsletter. That shift involves a change in our understanding of what it means to Love (e.g., others, this city, our world) In the Name of Christ. The reality is...everyone reading this publication is gifted. We are all connected by the fact that we are all created in the image of our Creator. We will accomplish much more for the Kingdom by sharing our resources for the common good. Finally, when we work together we are more creative, and greatly expand the possibilities of eternally transforming lives and this city.

Love INC actively pursues collaborative partnerships with churches, ministries, agencies and businesses to fulfill our mission of mobilizing believers in Christ to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the poor, elderly and disabled in our community. Here are some of these partners that work together with Love INC:

ER Plumbing provides expert plumbing repairs for our Love 'n Labor Ministry.



The **Charlotte Regional Realtor Association** provides volunteers and funds for our Love 'n Labor Ministry.

Mecklenburg County Dept of Social Services provides client referrals and ministry development resources.



Beds for Kids provides beds and necessary furniture for referrals from Love INC.

United Way of Central Carolinas provides 22% of Love INC budget and opportunities to share about Love INC.



Bottles 'n Bottoms provides baby formula and disposable diapers for our Layette Ministry.

Communities In Schools was recently the recipient of computers for at risk students that had been refurbished by our Computer Ministry.



The Building Center provides top quality building materials for our Ramp It Up Ministry at a reduced cost.

You Can Help

I Want to Help with a:
 Monthly pledge of :
 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100 _____ Other

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Thank
You
Charlie!



**Peter enjoyed Thanksgiving Day
with Charlie and his family.**

I was deeply moved by something that happened at the celebration when I introduced three special clients along with their teams or individuals who ministered to them during the past year. As Peter Chen was introduced, he stood and blessed us with a great big smile and a wave of his hand to everyone in the room. His friend, Charlie Courter stood and spoke for him as Peter has great difficulty speaking since he was partially paralyzed from a stroke.

Charlie and his family have "adopted" Peter into their family and hearts. They first met Peter as a client through Love INC when he needed some repairs made to his home including the need for new appliances.

Charlie, a construction contractor, began to literally, rebuild his house. Construction workers from his company also helped with the rebuilding.

Charlie also takes the time to minister to other Love INC clients. He uses his skills and gifts not only to minister to Peter but also to his employees by showing them the image of Christ living through his life.

Charlie, struggling to check his emotions, shared how his relationship with Peter had impacted his life. As I listened to his powerful words about how God had blessed him through his friendship with Peter, I thought of the words of Jesus, **"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."** Matthew 5:7

You see...a kingdom servant reflects the heart of the King. They are "others-oriented." The mercy that Charlie has received through Christ in such abundance must be abundantly shared with others around him. Charlie is surely doing that.

May this be said for each of us! May we not only show mercy at this special time of the year but every day that we are allowed to experience the gift and blessing of a new day. THANK YOU...Charlie for your ministry to Peter but also for being an example of mercy to all of us.

Merry Christmas!