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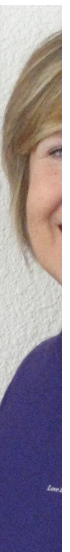
In December, we completed our second full year of operation ... **and what a year it was!** The year 2011 brought transition in leadership, foundational growth, ministry growth, sacrifice, trials and God's blessings! God worked mightily to provide us with church and business sponsorships to improve our phone systems, supply functional workstations, computers and office equipment, expand our office space, and print our newsletters.

Love INC Boise depends solely upon caring and generous financial donations from individuals, church partners, businesses and service clubs. Thanks to these faithful supporters, Love INC Boise **issued over 2000 vouchers** to families in need! Clients redeemed their vouchers at our Gap Ministries (which are located in our partner churches) for various goods such as diapers, clothing, household supplies, school supplies, and transportation. We mobilized, trained and equipped church volunteers to perform tasks and jobs which met their needs, and the needs of families in our community. Volunteers from various churches gave well over **4,400 hours** of their precious time to help people in need. Finally, Love INC Boise generated over **\$164,000** worth of goods and ministry services.

Financial support is not the only way that local churches supported Love INC. Church partnerships are essential to Love INC, and volunteers are its lifeblood. Many churches demonstrated their commitment by:

- Introducing Love INC to their congregation.
- Hosting Gap Ministries.
- Referring requests for help to Love INC.
- Organizing church members to serve by using their gifts and abilities.
- Accepting referrals for help from the Love INC Clearinghouse to existing church ministries.
- Providing Clearinghouse volunteers from their church each year.
- Praying for Love INC, clients, and other partner churches.

Last year, church volunteers served our clients by providing transportation to appointments; fixing home:



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cleaning up yards and moving furniture for the elderly; fixing cars; handcrafting scarves, hats, blankets and cases; and delivering food baskets for Thanksgiving and "Baskets of Blessings" for Christmas. Other Boiseans interested in becoming budget counselors, committed to spend one hour a week for one year at the New Budgeting Program in Nampa. Having trained budget counselors is an instrumental component in the future development of our own relational ministry in Boise. Love INC Boise is blessed by our supporting partners forward to an exciting new year!

Serving with you In the Name of Christ,

Kathy Drabek

Executive Director

Leadership:

Praises:

- Thanking God for the privilege of meeting needs in our community.
- Praise God for preparing and raising up faithful and committed staff and volunteers to speak love and offer hope to those in need.

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Requests:

- Keep Love INC Boise and our partner churches in your prayers as we work together to share Christ's love to families in need.
- Pray for me (Kathy) as I prepare for Faith Impact Day at the Idaho Legislature, to be February 6, 2012.

The Clearinghouse

Praises:

- Praising God for dedicated volunteers that attended our recent quarterly training. They inspire me!
- Praising God for our part-time staff, Suzanne, Catherine, and Ashley. They have amazing talents, energy, and sacrificial hearts.

Requests:

- Pray for clients who are struggling with family crises including loss of employment, disabilities, or substance abuse.
- Pray for our Boise clients who have made the courageous choice to attend the New Hope Relational program.



Gap Ministries

Praises:

- Praising God for the allocation of much needed additional space to Kids Korner. We thank the Vineyard for partnering with us to clothe kids in need. This Gap Ministry is moving from one room to three!
- Praising God for dedicated Gap Managers and volunteers that give sacrificially of their time to meet our clients needs.



Kids Korner needs help with folding, and hanging adorable clothing.

Requests:

- Pray for donations of hangers and storage totes for Kids Korner. Pray for volunteers to step forward to help sort, fold and hang clothing on Wednesday, February 8 from 6-9PM.
- Pray for the implementation and success of our new "Adopt-A-Product" program. We for Love INC supporters commit to donating one product on a monthly basis to help Kids Korner Gap Ministries fully supplied.
- Pray for our Coat Closet. We are running low on coats for men and women.

Volunteers

Praises:

- Praise God for Cheryl, our newest Clearinghouse volunteer. We are blessed to have her join our Love INC family of caring, serving Christians.
- Praise God for Gladys and Geri who faithfully pray over client files and write "Love Notes" to let clients know they are valued and in our prayers.



Volunteers for Love INC
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Requests:

- Pray for God to prepare volunteers to fill the following key positions: Budget Counselors, Phone Receptionists, Gap Ministry Coordinator, Client Intake Volunteers, Event Team Members, and Volunteer Coordinator.
- Pray for health and healing for Dot, Darlene and Barb.

Finances

Praises:

- Praise God for our faithful monthly supporters. God bless you!

Requests:

- Keep Love INC Boise and our partner churches in your prayers as



challenging times have had a financial impact on our families, our ministries, our city and our nation.

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Helping Churches Help People!



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