VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

A friendly voice over the phone, Fred has been volunteering at Love INC as a Clearinghouse Receptionist for three hours a week, (mostly) every week, for 21 years! He listens to voicemails from clients in need and returns their calls. When the client answers his call, he carefully takes down their information and their request for help. Then, he will relay it to the Clearinghouse Director, who will assign it to a caseworker.

He compares his role with Love INC to his service in the United States Army in 1965. His job was to relay messages and he says, “it is very important to get the message right and to have the right information.”

In October alone, there were over 140 requests for help and 375 phone calls to the Clearinghouse. More receptionists like Fred are needed in the Clearinghouse so we can serve clients in a timely manner, and you can help! Call 907-452-3876 to find out how to start volunteering at Love INC!

Pictured from Left to Right:
- Love INC table at the Fairbanks Senior Resource Fair in September
- A peak into the new Loving Families Day Center that is under construction
- Volunteers returning and answering phone calls in the Clearinghouse
- The new larger Clearinghouse has space for even more phone stations!
A TROUBLED PAST. A NEW START.

Karen knew she had to make a change when her struggles with addiction caused her to lose custody of her two children. She was pregnant and her mind was made up. This time, she was going through with it.

After committing to and successfully completing rehab, and now with a beautiful one-month-old baby girl, she was starting over, terrified and alone. Because of her past, none of her friends and family trusted her; she burned all those bridges with her previous life. Having lost connection with her two older children who were now living with her ex-husband, Karen desperately wanted to secure a stable future for her baby.

When she called Love INC, the volunteer caseworker listened intently and calmed her as they spoke. Karen was trying to do the best she could for her baby, but she knew she couldn’t support her unless she found a job. Our volunteer referred Karen to local agencies that would help her with childcare while she job-searched. How excited and relieved she was when she finally found employment!

Love INC arranged volunteers to deliver donated furniture to help her get settled in her new home. Thanks to the love and generosity of people in our community, Love INC has been a place for Karen to be able to find the support and confidence she needs to make progress toward her goals.

Karen’s story is still being written by her daily choices. She has worked hard and now can see how possible it is to build a better life for herself and her child.

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A note from Jason Kempthorne, Executive Director

Moving is always fun. You get a chance to relive memories when you pull the boxes of history out of the basement closet. This past month, I found boxes and boxes of Love INC history: photos of old projects that volunteers helped with, pictures of smiling clients that we have helped, and even a few old books. One of the books I found was Help is Just Around the Corner by Vigril Gulker, published in 1988. The book opens with a story titled “Hot Tub Christianity in the Far North”:

Neighbors on a street in Fairbanks, Alaska, may be wondering why the same woman visits Martha Howard’s house early each weekday morning. The visits seldom last more than fifteen minutes, but they occur as regularly as clockwork. Martha’s visitor is Sandra Olthuis, a volunteer from a nearby church. Each morning she helps Martha, who’s joints stiffen up overnight because of arthritis, to get out of bed and into a hot bath. Once Martha is in the tub, her joints begin to loosen up, and Sandra says good-bye. Martha is able to dress herself and go off to work.

After 34 years in Fairbanks, Love INC is still on mission of Mobilizing the Church to Transform Lives. The tools of ministry may change over time, but the mission remains the same. We recently started using a new app called VOMO where you can sign up to volunteer with us from your cell phone!

VOMO even has desktop access, too. Scan the code to the right with your camera app to check it out! Serve those in need with us the way we have been since 1985!

To make a donation, go to LoveINCfairbanks.org/donate or text LOVEINC to 41444
Why Give Monthly?

When you set up an ongoing monthly gift, you join a special group of supporters we know we can count on to provide stable funding for our work.

Poverty, homelessness, and hunger are not one-time problems. Helping families in our community is an ongoing process, and your gift is helping families overcome obstacles in order to succeed.

Your monthly support means you are part of our ongoing effort to be a part of the solution. Your monthly donation keeps us going and growing. Thank you!

Mental Health First Aid

25 pastors received training at Love INC in October to strengthen their response readiness in the area of Mental Health.

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YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!
We’re pretty excited to show you our new place and how the extra space will be used to make a greater impact for the families we serve! You’re invited to a Transforming Lives Tour:

December 5th 12pm-1pm
December 19th 5pm-6pm
January 9th 12pm-1pm
January 23rd 5pm-6pm

Call 907-452-3876 to RSVP today!

Because Love INC invests in people for long term solutions and success, her next step is to participate in the mentoring and education programs we offer.

If Karen continues to prioritize her future, there’s no limit to the success available to her.

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Families and individuals in our community go without food, shelter, and proper medical care every day due to a variety of factors including low wages, job loss, injuries, illness, domestic violence, or divorce.

With your generous support, Love INC is able to help families meet essential daily needs while working with them toward a brighter future.

When you donate to Love INC, you provide support and connection that families need. A donation of $60 sponsors one family through the Clearinghouse process, and $50 more gets them through a Life Skills class.

How many families can you give hope for the future to this Christmas?

Sustaining Monthly Gift:

$25/mo  $50/mo  $75/mo  $100/mo

$____/mo  ($10 Minimum)  One Time Gift $__________

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