



**Director's Message**

**COVID 2020**

Who would have ever thought that 2020 would include a run on toilet paper, using the new term "social distancing", and closing schools and businesses? This year more than any other I am so honored to be part of Love INC. Despite the many changes thrown our way, we have kept our doors open as an essential service, serving the many struggling in our community.

What we do:

Love INC unifies the Body of Christ by bringing local churches together to coordinate their resources of talents, skills, expertise, prayer, and donated items.

Love INC empowers volunteers to use their gifts and talents in safe, legitimate, manageable ministry opportunities.

Love INC oversees a central Clearinghouse to receive, screen, clarify, and analyze needs, as well as to understand client challenges and histories.

Love INC develops a working knowledge of community resources to help people in need.

Love INC coordinates gifts from churches, individuals, and businesses to meet immediate and long-term needs, while addressing root causes of chronic need.

Love INC offers life-changing opportunities through accountable, incentive-based programs that move people from patterns of need to fully empowered lives.



Love INC promotes good stewardship by leveraging gifts and volunteer service. Our focus on the person, not merely the expressed need, multiplies our effectiveness.

Love INC offers a unique value because no other entity or organization has the people, time, and love to provide this type of service — only the Body of Christ.

Your prayers and financial support have allowed us to keep doing what we do. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithfulness to this organization.

Yours in Him, Jodine



Harley Graber, always adapting!

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**POINTS OF INTEREST**

\* Love INC needs include: financial mentors for Fall cars donated for clients car repair ministry gasoline & gift cards.

\* A NEW video is coming!!!



Marilyn Oliver

## SERVING IN UNUSUAL TIMES!

Sometimes things come to an unexpected screeching halt, aka: Covid crisis job losses, business closures, food shortages and so on. We here at Love INC have ramped up and went into high gear. We have adapted to the ever-increasing changes in our valley and have continued to serve those in need.

Immediately after our community was affected by the Corona virus, Bryon Mengle, Pastor of Cornwall Church contacted us. Their church provided us with gas cards, diapers, and \$\$ to assist families in need.

Pastor Nick Pringle from Clearlake Community Covenant Church along with his family have helped and continue to assist people needing food at their food bank. The need increased exponentially as the financial strain was hitting more families here in Skagit Valley.



Pastor Bryon Mengle

We have adapted with our furniture ministry as well. Pick up and deliveries were halted as to not expose our volunteers to potential illness. Thankfully, we have been able to accept donations on our dock. We have also been able to leave items on our dock for pickup.

"Let's... Dress For Your Success" is temporarily closed due to the restrictions set forth by the state of Washington. We have complied and want to keep our clients safe and healthy. When phase 3 is allowed, we will re-open this important ministry.

We have been blessed with many faithful donors for which we are so grateful. We thank all of you for your ongoing financial support and prayers!

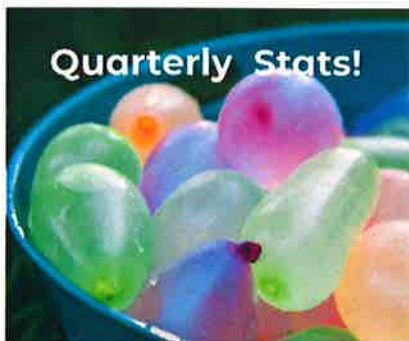
Throughout all the many changes we know God continues to be in control, and provides Love INC with loving churches and volunteers to help us serve those needing help during tough times. Can I get an Amen?!

May you all stay healthy, and close to our Lord and Savior, as He gives us strength to face every day!

Sincerely, Marilyn Oliver - Community Outreach Coordinator



Pastor Nick Pringle and family



### Quarterly Stats!

### January-June 2020

- 590 - Children
- 406 - Families
- 851 - Adults
- 1441 - Individuals



**STAY TUNED...**for our new video featuring a family's journey from homelessness to home ownership!!!



### Special Note:

Unfortunately, this past spring we were unable to hold our fundraising banquet. This annual event is the primary fund-raiser for Love INC of Skagit County providing for over 60% of the annual operating budget. The banquet has traditionally been a very special event that many look forward to from year to year. Our client's stories are always a highlight of the evening.

Many have called to see how they could still support Love INC. If you feel led to give please use the envelope enclosed or go online to [www.skagitloveinc.org](http://www.skagitloveinc.org) – under Partnering with Love INC. **Thank you for your continued support!**

### More Thank You's

- \* Ralph Reeb, for his hours helping with window screens at the Transitional House
- \* John at "A Fine Service Company", for his help with plumbing issues at the Transitional House
- \* Northwest Urology for their baskets for Easter
- \* Quilts delivered for the homeless
- \* Tom Grillot, for his computer and technology assistance
- \* Penny & Jim Lyon and Wilma Faber, for making and keeping our staff supplied with needed masks
- \* Day Creek Church for their monthly donations of toiletries
- \* Karen Arnett for donating a 2008 Subaru Forester! We were able to pass it along to a single mom!!



Wilma Faber



Jim Lyon

### Clearlake Community Covenant Church - Feeding the Valley

Darrel and Jan Gadbois have been managing the Clear Lake Food bank for over 25 years. They have been responsible for feeding many in our community. Through rain and snowstorms, cold winter and hot summer weather, they have been faithful in serving the most needy and vulnerable.

Darrel said, *"I have the pleasure of having the best job in Skagit Valley. We are able to help people in need because fabulous people help us to do it."*



Darrel & Jan Gadbois

Darrel and Jan have gone above and beyond the call, personally delivering food to families, networking to acquire freezers and trucks to help. Each year they make sure that every child has Christmas gifts to open during the holidays. Their heartfelt stories of helping people are endless.

As they step back, we welcome Leah and Eric Swanson to this dynamic team. They come with new and fresh enthusiasm to continue the work of this vital ministry. Thank you again, sweet Darrel and Jan!



Eric & Leah Swanson





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Psalm 46:1-2 - God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Therefore, we will not fear...



We LOVE you, Clearlake Volunteers!



Jan & Darrel Gadbois



Joann Orange



Jodine & her dad, Dale