



LOVE INC OF LEWIS COUNTY

January 2019

INTRODUCING THE “DAWN” OF A NEW ERA FOR LOVE INC



We at Love in the Name of Christ are overjoyed to introduce Dawn Oryszak as our new Executive Director. Dawn will officially take the helm in February but is in our office now “co-piloting” with our present Director while she acclimates to her new role. We’ve asked her to introduce herself to the Love INC Community.

Have you ever trekked across the United States (if so, then you know what a challenge it can be)? This was my first time, with a large puppy in tow, so join me for a quick look at my itinerary...

After 63 years of being blessed with a large family in New York State, my family dwindled due to being called to eternal bliss with Jesus and employment moves. So after the calm of Christ’s resolve, I packed up the Jeep, took Rt. I-70 from New York State to beautiful Washington State in 5 days at which I’m ecstatic to say, “I’m now a Washingtonian.”

Even though I fell in love with the Pacific Northwest years ago while visiting a current resident of Chehalis, I can tell you the moment of pure clarity came to me on my fifth day of driving as I spied the majestic mountains in front of my gaze. The sign said “Welcome to Washington.” I was home.

My lifetime ministry focused on working with patients and families during their hospice experience. Much of this was on a volunteer basis during and after retirement from a local school district for almost 30 years.

Both of my children are grown and have flown to different parts of the continent. I hope when the house gets completed, they will come to visit.

When the nights get cold and quiet, I turn to sewing or baking as I enjoy the creating of a quilt or cranberry scones. And when the “mountain is out” I like to take my canine friend on long hikes, to breathe in the beauty of what God has bestowed.

I’d like to finish by inviting you to call or stop by the office; I’d love to meet you....and with Psalm 112:4...“Even in the darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.”



SAVE THE DATE —

Annual Souper Supper

Saturday, February 23, 2019 , 5:30 p.m.

**First Church of the Nazarene, 1119 W. First St.
Centralia**

CHANGES

As a believer it's a blessing to know that our God never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. It is not always the case for His ministries however, and Love INC of Lewis County is no exception. When I came back to Love INC as Executive Director a year ago, it was my intent to stay indefinitely. It's a great ministry and has a tremendous impact for the good in our community, and the Holy Spirit witnessed to me that it was the right place to be. But seasons in one's life can direct the ministry in which one should be involved and I have found my health and age limiting my ability to give 100% to this ministry that I believe it deserves so I am stepping down. But as I leave this position with Love INC at the end of January, I do so with great confidence in the ability of our new Executive Directory, Dawn Oryszak. Dawn is an extraordinarily skilled leader with many fresh ideas, and most importantly, sufficient energy to match her enthusiasm to serve our Lord. Love INC of Lewis County will do well under her leadership. If you'll pardon the pun, it's the Dawn of new era for Love INC!

Ephesians 2;10 says, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Although I am leaving one ministry, I don't believe that God has crossed off all the "good works" He has prepared for me to do. I am eager to see where this next season takes me and even more so to see what God has in store for me to do.

I want to thank all of you who have made my work here so easy and have joined as partners in the Love INC ministry. I only wish each of you had the privilege of seeing just how much difference your support has made in the lives of those in this community. God bless each of you as you continue to live out the "good works" God has prepared for you.

Merle Krouse

POSITIONS OPENED

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR— We are looking for a "people person" who feels comfortable with public speaking, developing volunteers and community resources, community outreach, and networking with our existing volunteers to serve those in need in our community. Some computer skills are also necessary. The Volunteer Coordinator position is a part-time, paid position of 20 hours per week. If you would like more information, please call our office at 360-748-8611 or check our website loveincoflewiscounty.org, or email exec.loveinlc@gmail.com.

CLEANING SERVICE—We are also seeking someone to clean our Love INC office once a week for one hour at \$12.50 per hour. Call our office for more information 360-748-8611.

RECEPTION HELP— Our office is in need of a receptionist volunteer, to answer phones, welcome guests and expedite the intake process. This would be approximately 3 hours per day and days are flexible. We are waiting for you to call.

END OF YEAR REPORT— WHAT YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH LOVE INC HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 2018

Over \$50,000 was used to help individuals and families with:

Toiletries	159	Gas	364
Laundry	142	Food	118
Housing	163	Firewood	37
Utilities	428	Furniture	349 (1544 pieces)
		And bedding and prayer	

THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING

As Solomon so wisely noted in Ecclesiastes, “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.” Sadly, not every season can be met with joy.

We will reluctantly have to say “good-bye” to Paul Bonner in April and Lucy Morris the end of May. Paul and Lucy have been “the voice” and backbone of our ministry, but after more than 18 years for Paul and 10 years for Lucy, they have decided to retire. I believe there is not one person in Lewis County who has not either personally or through a friend or family member been touched by one of these individuals. They have been instruments of God’s mercy, grace and love.

Major changes in personnel can always bring challenges to a ministry as it adjusts to new personalities and those coming in reach their comfort level. But we believe God has always been faithful to Love INC and as long as it is His will, He will sustain us.

We earnestly covet your prayers for wisdom and discernment in the coming months as we seek God’s direction and applicants for these positions. **If you, or someone you know may be interested in either of these positions, please call our office . 360-748-8611.**



Thanks to the generosity of those who have shared wood with us and our volunteers who have cut it and stacked it, we have been able to bless those who need wood with 15 cords so far this winter. If you need wood to heat your home, give us a call at 360-748-8611.



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**MISSION: To mobilize the
Church to transform lives
and communities
In the Name of Christ.**

Join us and the Salzer Creek Band
at the SOUPER SUPPER, Feb. 23,
5:30, Nazarene Church in Centralia.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Provide transportation to medical appointments
Furniture ministry (pick up and delivery)
Basic construction and household repairs

Board Members

Tony Soteris, President
Dorothy Due, Vice President
Sheri Watson, Treasurer
Janice Olson, Member at Large
Stanley Baker, Member at Large

Staff Members

Dawn Oryszak, Executive Director
Paul Bonner, Intake Coordinator
Lucy Morris, Clearinghouse Assistant
Gary Baker, Furniture Coordinator
Kay Morton, Secretary