



Love INC Team Ministries News and Information

LINC Team Love Stories



Words from a LINC Team Leader:

While I knew Ms. Sarah for some time before we became involved with Love INC's Adopt an Elder program, our relationship only truly blossomed once we officially connected a team to the goals and commitments of the program. Since then, I think I can speak for the entire team, we have all found a great friend and companion in Sarah. She is a very strong woman and has certainly dealt with adversity over the years, yet carries out daily living with tremendous pride and gumption. We have enjoyed cookouts with her, lunches, shopping, and many more activities over the time we have been connected. We honestly feel blessed to be a part of her life.

Words from Ms. Sarah about her team:

My birthday is so close to Christmas that I had never had a party. Last year, one of my team members, Julie, insisted that I should have a separate party of my own. They came and picked me up and took me to Julie's house. We had cake and the whole 9 yards—the whole team was there with all their children. We had a ball, I will never forget it. They do things for me that I have never had done for me before in my life. After my son passed away twelve years ago, my life lost its luster. This team has given me life back. I don't know what I would do without them – they provide all my transportation and so much more. Not too long ago, my Team Leader and I were going to one of my Doctor appointments and he said, "You know, Sarah, God just put us together – we give each other so much!"

Words from a LINC Team Leader:

I have been privileged to be a Love INC Care Team leader for over 1-1/2 years. Our care receiver, JoAnne, is a wonderful sister in Christ, and our care team members enjoy our time with her very much. Whether it is running errands, going shopping, taking her to worship, visiting in her home, or chatting on the phone, our care team members feel truly blessed to be able to help her in these "small" yet important ways. She greatly appreciates us and even calls us her "angels"! It has been a real blessing for our team to get to know JoAnne -- and each other! I pray that God will continue to bless Love INC with additional volunteers who want to share their love of the Lord while helping others live more independently -- it is a worthwhile and much-needed organization in our community!



Team Leader Evaluation Responses

I would like to thank each Team Leader who returned the evaluation/surveys. I realize that this took valuable time and I appreciate it so much. I have compiled the responses and spent time processing comments and suggestions. I want to highlight the things that seem to be most helpful so that each of you can see what was shared.

- Training – Overall, the training is sufficient and helpful; could use more information about client; could have been a bit shorter.
- Expectations of ministry experience – As expected; depending on specific client: sometimes expectations were unreasonable and sometimes very reasonable.
- Struggling to meet client needs – These will be handled on an individual client/team basis.
- How can Love INC provide more support – Contact team leader every 2–3 months for update; have larger teams; be more aware of client’s needs and communicate them up front.
- What would make the process better – Contact with team leader; client being in closer proximity to team members; possibly connecting clients from different teams together somehow for social outings, encouragement, Bible studies, or book club. (If any team members would like to talk about this possibility—please call me at 704.536.5588 ext. 205)
- Reasons for discontinuing service – Client moved; too busy, no time to devote to client; time restrictions from client conflicted with team members schedules.
- Wonderful testimonies of serving:
 - * **“Our team has grown to love our client, and we, as the body of Christ, have grown closer to one another. Serving her has been a blessing and a challenge, but has been worth it. We have been able to love her with our actions—to live out our faith.”**
 - * **“I love my involvement with our Love INC care team! We provide Christian love and practical support for a wonderful person who appreciates what we do for her and who has blessed US in return!”**
 - * **“Love INC cares for people! And they do this through the teams in the local congregation. It’s a great way to serve Him-in a practical, hands on way that offers a personal touch to those less fortunate in His kingdom. This is a very rewarding experience—not because of the praise or thanks, but because you can see that you can make a small difference in someone’s life. I believe that’s exactly what Christ calls us to do—He will save the world....we just need to touch a few with His love.”**





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From Laurin (Team Ministry Coordinator):

I am so glad to be a part of the staff at Love In the Name of Christ. It is a special privilege to be able to combine a love of missions and serving with a part-time job.

I have had a wonderful time these past few months being able to visit with our LINC Team clients! I cannot tell you how many smiles I have seen and how many “oohs and ahs” and “I am so blessed to have them” I have heard. These folks can’t believe that people would care so much about them and give their time so freely to help them. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus!

1 Peter 4:11 says: “If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ...”

Truly, it is Christ I am serving and it is Christ you are serving when you serve one of our clients in His Name and in obedience to His command! I am grateful for each wonderful testimony I have heard from clients as well as team members. Loving bonds have been formed, needs are met, and lives are touched and changed. The difficult piece to this ministry comes when I cannot find a volunteer to serve a client. Of course, I can make phone calls and send emails, but it is God Who provides and orchestrates bringing clients together with teams and with individuals. At the same time, God gives us the privilege of being catalysts in His work..... we, here at Love In the Name of Christ, need more teams. We have 6 clients on a waiting list for teams to adopt them.

We also have need of individuals who are willing to serve a client with one need one time a month—that’s it—about 1-2 hours per month. We need members of the Body of Christ to be willing to make the sacrifice to serve someone else.

As you visit and talk with others in your church, please share with them about Love INC—as you visit with other friends who attend different churches, please share with them — and please let me know whom I can contact about our ministry. Surely there are others in your church who see you serving and want to do the same! Give me a call—704.536.5588 ext. 205



May God bless you abundantly as you serve in His Great Name!