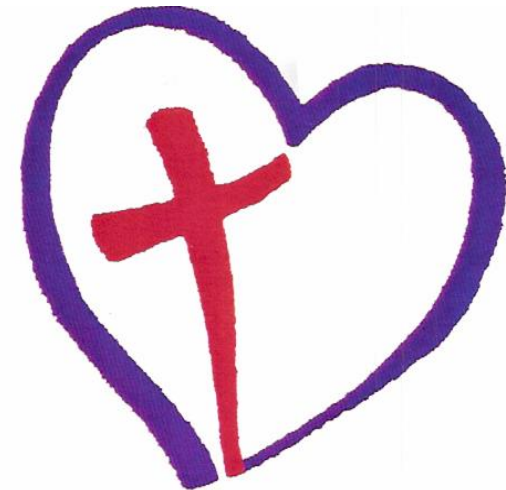


# Love INC of the Yampa Valley

## 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

*Love In the Name of Christ*



**Love INC works with area churches and helps meet hundreds of needs. Through the Love INC ministry...**

- Churches are mobilized
- People are helped
- Relationships are formed
- Families come to know Jesus Christ loves them

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## Love INC's Conception

Love INC was founded in Michigan in 1977 as a way to encourage churches to become more engaged with the poor and to inspire a greater number of Christians to put their faith in action. Love INC's founder, Dr. Virgil Gulker, was a social worker and outreach director in Holland, Michigan, in the late 1970s. Deeply committed to helping people trapped in poverty, he was certain God had called others to the same mission. As he talked to church members and pastors, Dr. Gulker came to understand that Christians did indeed want to help the needy, but they had few ideas about how to do so. Many times people did not even recognize that they were gifted in ways that could have a positive impact on someone else's life.

It was clear to Dr. Gulker that if churches were to better serve their communities, they needed leadership, organization, training, encouragement, and prayer. He developed the Love INC model to fill these critical roles. Love INC taught churches to assess their capabilities and it unified local congregations so that, working together, they could more effectively help their neighbors. One man's idea for an integrated church ministry in Holland, Michigan, began to inspire Christians in many different regions. Others duplicated the Love INC model as they sought to meet the needs of hurting individuals and families in their own communities. By the late 1980s, there were 50 Love INC affiliates operating in 14 states.

As the Love INC ministry grew, so did the need for national leadership and support. In 1988, Love INC became an operating department of World Vision U.S., an international Christian relief and development organization, where it remained for the next 15 years. Under World Vision, Love INC continued to grow. In 2003, Love INC separated from World Vision and again became its own national nonprofit organization, headquartered in Minneapolis. In 2011 Love INC National reorganized and began operating under a new structure where they operate a very small, nearly virtual office while conducting most of its business via internet and phone. This new structure has saved the Movement hundreds of thousands of dollars and mobilizes church volunteers in the same manner as any local affiliate. Today Love INC has over 139 affiliates in 30 states, and several developing affiliates, including 5 in Kenya, Africa.

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## Ministry Outcomes:

2013 Year-end Love Report:

Total number of requests through the clearinghouse: 1557

Number of completed requests: 1535

\*Number of referrals: 2578

\*Number of referrals to agencies and businesses: 1392

\*Number of referrals to churches: 1189

\*Number of adults served (may be listed multiple times if helped twice, counted twice): 2404

\*Number of children served (may be listed multiple times if helped twice, counted twice): 1527

\*Estimated hours served by Love INC and church volunteers through clearinghouse: 2018

The above numbers do not include that Love INC volunteers distributed approximately 367 coats, prepared and served approximately 50 meals at Sunset Meadows on Thanksgiving, held a Back to School Fair, and did other community projects throughout the year that did not require clients to complete an application through the clearinghouse.

## Coordination with Key Businesses and Agencies

Love INC of the Yampa Valley works with the area service providers and businesses to meet unmet needs of individuals. We want to thank the following agencies for all the hard work they do and for working with us each day:

The Community Budget Center, the Salvation Army, the Interfaith Food Bank, St Michael's Kitchen, the Needy Assistance Program, Craig Ministerial Alliance, Meeker Ministerial Alliance, the Colorado Workforce Center, Craig Rotary Club, Alpine Apartments, KRAI, Braveson Manor Apartments, Flint Personnel, the United Way, Advocates Crisis Support Services, the Visiting Nurses Association, Craig Daily Press, the Yampa Valley Pregnancy Center, Cornerstone Realty, the Department of Social Services in Craig and Meeker, LIFT-UP, the Cancer Society, United Way 211, Human Service Volunteers, schools in Moffat and South Routt Counties, and more...

## Love INC's Conception-the story continued...

These affiliates represent a network of more than 8,600 churches, 9,200 community agencies, and over 100,000 volunteers meeting more than 1,680,000 unique needs each year.

Our affiliate is one of two located in Colorado (the other affiliate is located in Littleton). Our steering committee began in 2000 and formed our 501(c)3 corporation in 2001. By January 2003, in a snug little office located at St. Michael's Catholic Church, we began taking phone requests for help. We outgrew that office and in July of 2006, we moved to our present location at 656 School St.

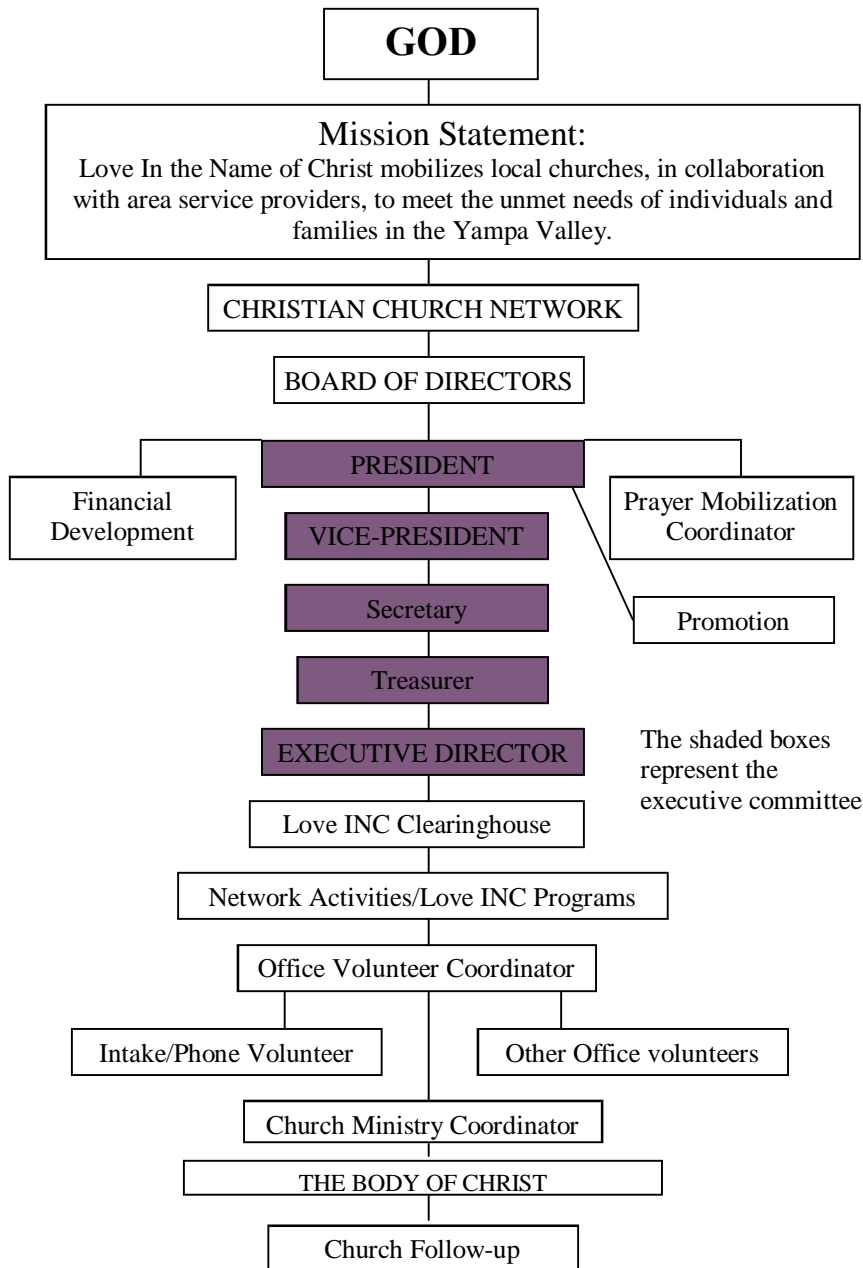
The Love INC founder, Dr. Virgil Gulker, addressed Love INC affiliates at the 2013 National Conference. He encouraged Love INC National and each affiliate to stay true to the Love INC mission-the transformation of individuals and communities through the mobilization of churches showing Love in the Name of Christ.

This report will give you an idea of the amazing work God is doing in the Yampa Valley through the Body of Christ-the Church.

## Love INC Core Values

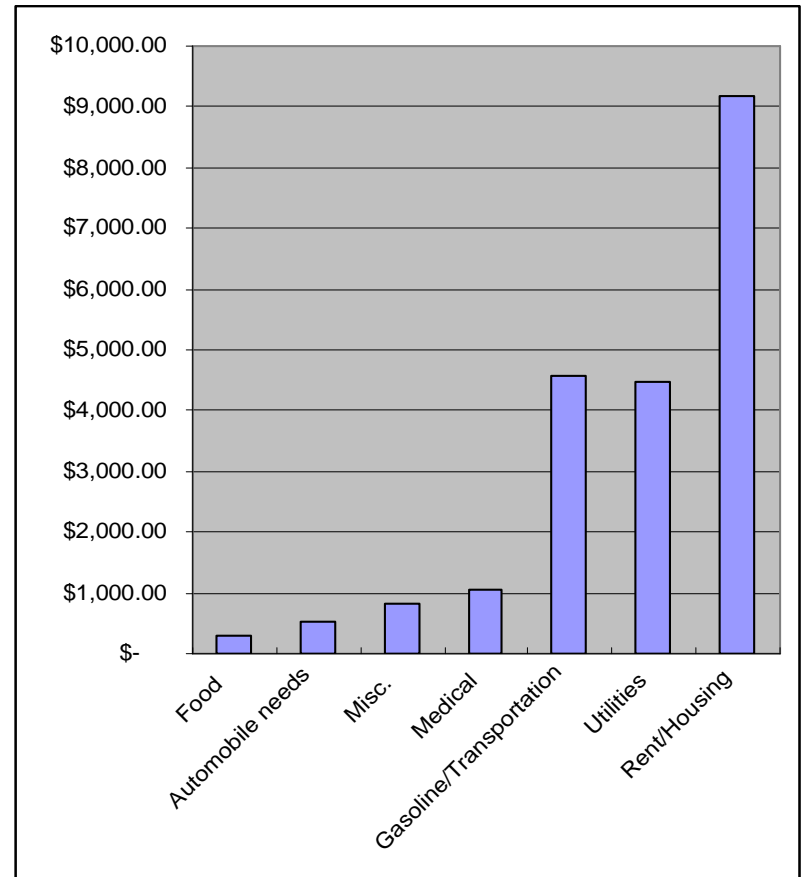
1. We are **Christian**. Everything we think, say, and do is in the name of Christ.
2. **Prayer** is an integral part of who we are.
3. We follow Christ's example of valuing the **poor and needy**.
4. We value **unity** of the Body of Christ.
5. We value **transformation** in the lives of people and communities.
6. We value **churches** living out the two great commandments to love God and love their neighbors.
7. We value building Christ-like **relationships**.
8. We value the **connectedness** of the Love INC movement.
9. We model **excellence**.
10. We value continually **maturing** in our capacity to meet people's needs

# The Love INC Structure



# 2013 Financial Aid to the Yampa Valley

Although the Love INC strategy used by area churches stresses aid to clients in non-financial ways, it is often determined that financial aid is appropriate. In 2013, Love INC recorded over \$17,637.15 in financial aid given from churches to meet unmet needs in our community.

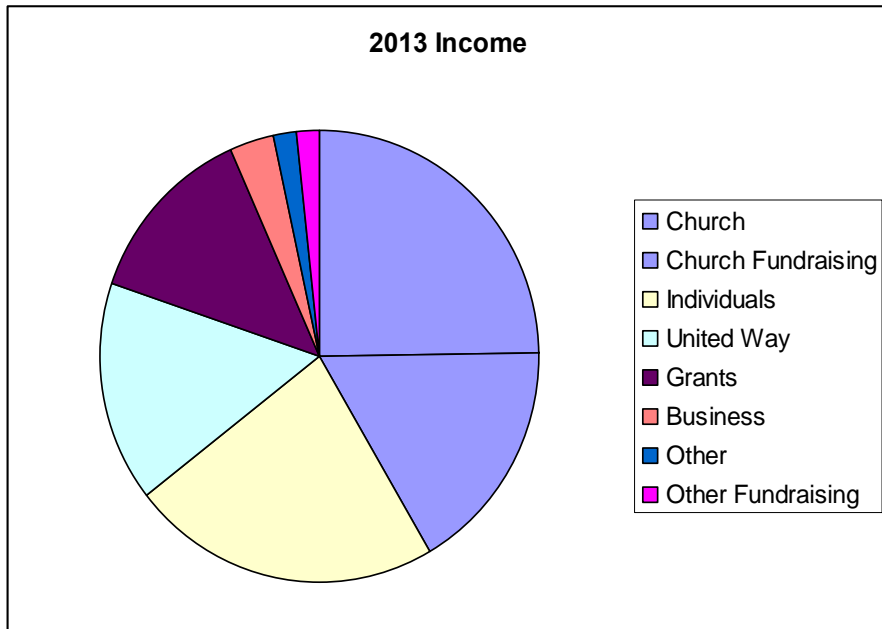


*"DEAR CHILDREN, LET US NOT LOVE WITH WORDS OR TONGUE, BUT WITH ACTIONS AND IN TRUTH."*

1 JOHN 3:18

## LOVE INC OF THE YAMPA VALLEY'S 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

God supported Love INC of the Yampa Valley through generous and caring people as follows:



Churches (1)  
\$16,167.66

Grants (5)  
\$8,500.00.00

Church Fundraisers (2)  
\$10,975.00

Businesses (6)  
\$2,146.55

Individuals (3)  
\$15,041.06

Other/Miscellaneous (7)  
\$1,144.69

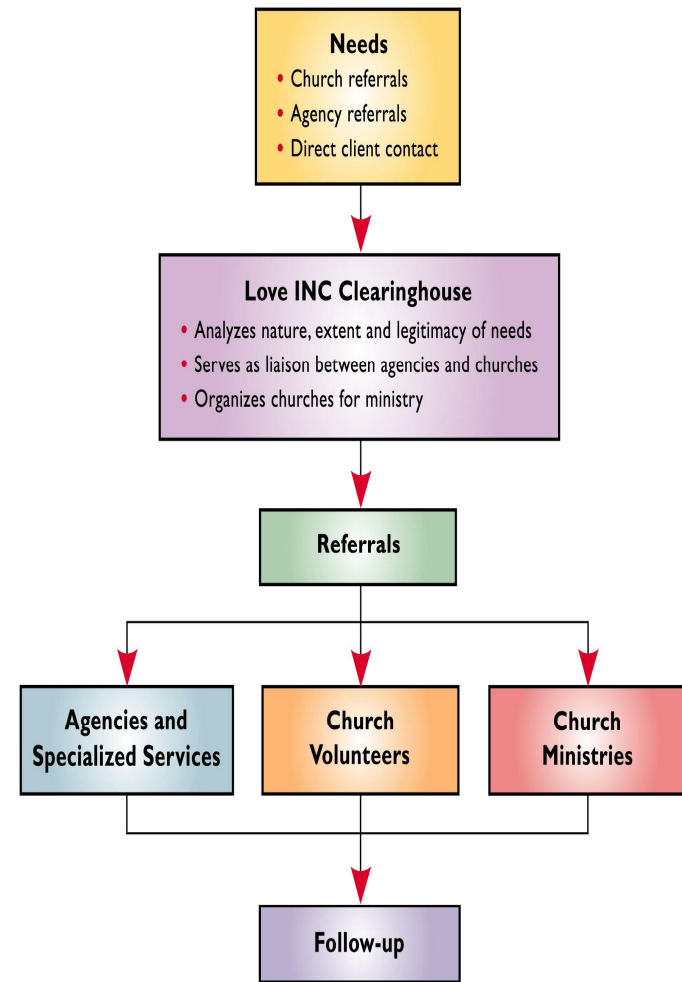
United Way Donor  
Designated Giving (4)  
\$10,365.42

Other Fundraising (8)  
\$1,010.00

**TOTAL**  
**\$65,350.38**

## How Does Love INC Work?

### Love INC Referral Flowchart



## LOVE INC –THE BODY OF CHRIST UNIFIED

### 2013 Partner Churches:

Assembly of God Church of Craig  
 Calvary Baptist Church  
 Church of Destiny of Craig  
 Craig Seventh-day Adventist Church  
 Craig Christian Church  
 Faith Lutheran Church of Craig  
 Friendship United Methodist Church of Craig  
 First Congregational Church, UCC  
 Hayden Congregational Church, UCC  
 Lutheran Church of Grace  
 Maybell Interdenominational Bible Church  
 New Creation Church of Craig  
 Ridgeview Church of God  
 St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
 St. Michael's Catholic Church  
 St. John's Greek Orthodox Church  
 The Journey at First Baptist Church

### Network Churches in 2013:

Apostolic Lighthouse Church of Craig  
 Circle Baptist Church of Colorado Springs  
 Craig Home Church  
 Craig Mennonite Church  
 Dinosaur Baptist Church  
 Holy Name Catholic Church of Steamboat Springs  
 Meeker Assembly of God  
 Meeker Ministerial Alliance  
 Mission of Grace Church of Hayden  
 Yampa Valley Baptist Church of Craig  
 Jehovah's Witnesses of Craig  
 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints of Craig

**Partner Churches** maintain Love INC by furnishing financial support either directly or with fundraising within their congregation, agree with the Apostles' Creed, and supply volunteers and/or board members.

**Network Churches** have joined with Love INC to meet a client and/or community need.

## Love INC óThe Body of Christ in Action

### Current Board Members:

Pastor Karen Gibson, President	Friendship United Methodist
John Furman, Vice Pres.	The Journey at First Baptist Church
Judi Hunt, Secretary	St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox
Beverly Lovelady, Treasurer	
Pastor Len Browning	The Journey at First Baptist Church
Board Pastor	
Donna Beason	Calvary Baptist Church
Patti Bush	Craig Seventh-day Adventist
Tim Cummins	Friendship United Methodist Church
Teri Mansfield	St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Bill Greenwood, Board Advisor	The Journey at First Baptist

### *Former Board Members in 2013:*

<i>EJ Bunk</i>	<i>Faith Lutheran Church</i>
<i>Valerie Stewart</i>	<i>Calvary Baptist Church</i>

### Resource Center Staff

Executive Director:	Patricia Jones	Calvary Baptist Church
Office-volunteer Coordinator:	Jana Rowe	Craig Christian Church

### Resource Center Phone Volunteers

Betty Barnes	Hayden Congregational Church, UCC
Christy Beckerman*	St. John's Greek Orthodox Church
Cheryl Chase*	The Journey at First Baptist Church
Vicki Van Couvering*	Craig Christian Church
Betty Ann Duzik	Ridgeview Church of God
Michelle Favorel*	The Journey at First Baptist Church
Sarah Ganskie*	Craig Christian Church
Jeannie Glimidakis	St. John's Greek Orthodox Church
Judi Hunt	St. John's Greek Orthodox Church
Kathy Markham	Calvary Baptist Church
Mary Ruth Papoulas*	St. John's Greek Orthodox Church
Tammy Workman	Calvary Baptist Church

*\*inactive at present*

### Other Resource Center Volunteers

Robbie Estus	Circle Baptist Church
Faith Jones	Calvary Baptist Church
Rachael Jones	Calvary Baptist Church
Shannan Koucherik	The Journey at First Baptist Church