



2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Mobilizing local churches to transform lives and northwestern Colorado communities in the name of Christ.

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A message from our Executive Director



As we reflect on the past year, we are reminded again of the many ways God works through the people of our community. Love INC of the Yampa Valley exists to bring churches together to serve neighbors in need, and in 2025, we witnessed countless examples of compassion in action. Volunteers, partner churches, businesses, and community members came alongside individuals and families facing difficult circumstances, offering not only food and practical support but also encouragement and hope.

Through these shared efforts, more than **1,300 individuals** received assistance this year. We are deeply grateful for everyone who answers the call to serve and for the opportunity to continue living out our faith by caring for our neighbors.

— Karina Browning
Executive Director



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you!*

The impact Love INC made in 2025 would not have been possible without the generous support of our donors, partner churches, and grantors.

Community Impact

Faith in Action

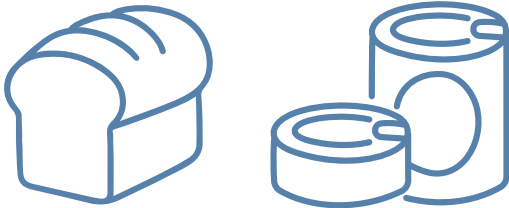
In 2025, Love INC's network of churches, volunteers, and community partners worked together to ensure neighbors across Northwest Colorado had access to food, resources, and compassionate support.

Community Engagement



Love INC's work is made possible through strong partnerships across the region.

- **229** adults served
- **313** children served
- **100** local businesses supporting the work
- **16** local churches engaged in the Love INC network



Food Assistance

- **202,556** pounds of food distributed
- **794** households served through food programs
- **1,337** individuals supported
- **621** TEFAP households
- **173** Everyday Eats households

Education

77 participants in Cooking Matters classes



Client Feedback

87%

of pantry guests reported being satisfied or very satisfied with pantry services.

Clients also shared that the food provided helps their households meet basic needs and offered suggestions for additional items such as eggs, cheese, and cooking oil.

Resource Navigation



- **\$19,946** rent and utility assistance
- **\$5,424** home repair support
- **\$3,040** utility assistance
- **\$1,548** furniture assistance
- **50** households supported with personal household needs

Rural Food Delivery



Love INC helps ensure that families living outside Craig have reliable access to food resources.

- **5 rural delivery sites**, serving communities including Dinosaur, Rangely, Maybell, Routt, and Hayden
- **49 food boxes** delivered each month to rural communities

Impact in Action



Back-to-School Event

Caring for Neighbors During Emergencies

In August 2025, a series of wildfires swept across Northwest Colorado, including the Lee Fire, later recognized as the sixth-largest wildfire in Colorado history. As evacuations spread across the region, many residents were forced to leave their homes. Love INC was able to provide temporary housing for a woman who had been displaced by the evacuation. She stayed safely in a local hotel for a week until officials allowed residents to return home, ensuring she had a safe place to stay during a difficult and uncertain time.

Each summer, Love INC partners with local churches and volunteers to help families prepare for the new school year.

- More than **300** families attend annually
- **200+** backpacks distributed each year
- **240** children served in 2025



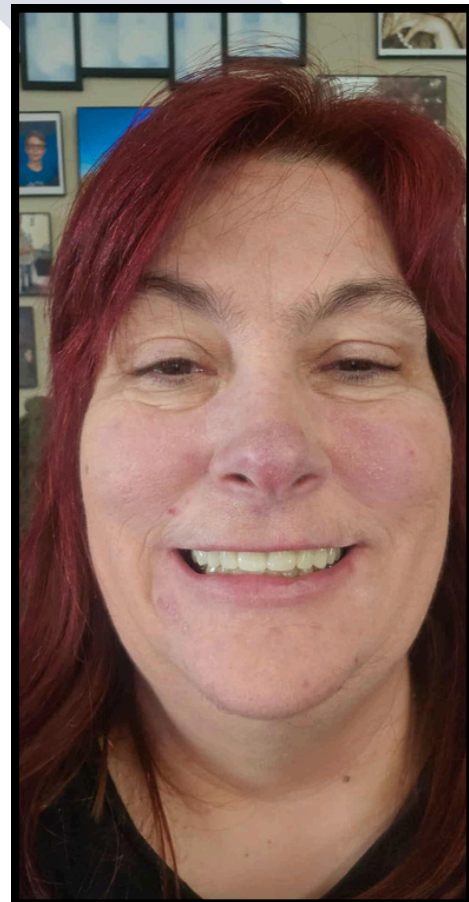
Expanding Outreach

Love INC continues to expand outreach to Spanish-speaking families across Northwest Colorado.

- 170 Hispanic households served through TEFAP
- 20 Hispanic households served through Everyday Eats
- 24 Spanish-speaking clients assisted through resource navigation services

Restoring Confidence & Health

With support from an individual grant through the AV Hunter Trust, Love INC was able to assist a local woman in receiving a full set of dentures. The grant covered the cost of the dental work, restoring both her ability to eat comfortably and her confidence in daily life. This support made a meaningful difference in her health and well-being.



Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart of Love INC's ministry. The story of Paige and Hugo reflects the compassion, faith, and dedication that make this work possible.



*"Through every step of this journey, we continue to see God's faithfulness and the power of prayer."
— Paige & Family*



Paige and Hugo, members of the Church of Destiny, have long been committed to serving their community. Before partnering with Love INC of the Yampa Valley, they operated a small food bank through their church, distributing rescued food to neighbors in need. During that time, Love INC occasionally shared donated items from local stores that could not be distributed through other programs.

As the relationship grew, Hugo frequently volunteered to help unload food deliveries when Love INC operated from its former county location. Eventually, the organizations partnered more formally, and **Church of Destiny became an approved TEFAP distribution site** for several months before Love INC consolidated operations at its current location.

Recognizing the growing need for bilingual support, Love INC later hired Paige to assist with food distribution and resource navigation. Her presence significantly expanded the organization's ability to serve Spanish-speaking families in the community. In 2025 alone, Love INC served **170 Hispanic households through TEFAP, 20 Hispanic households through Everyday Eats, and assisted 24 Spanish-speaking clients** through resource navigation services.

During this time, Paige and Hugo were also preparing to welcome their fourth child when Paige became seriously ill and was ultimately diagnosed with stage four cancer. After the birth of their son, Paige stepped away from her role at Love INC to begin treatment.

Despite the challenges their family has faced, **Hugo continues to faithfully volunteer** with Love INC, giving approximately ten hours each month, helping with food distribution and assisting Spanish-speaking clients. On Mondays, when Paige receives treatment, Hugo often spends the day serving at the pantry.

Paige and Hugo recently shared an encouraging update with the Love INC community:

"We are incredibly grateful to report that our family is doing well. Baby Sam has been such a blessing, and we are thankful for the Lord's protection over our family during this season. Through every step of Paige's treatment, we continue to see God's faithfulness and the power of prayer. **Thank you to everyone who has prayed for us and supported our family. God is good, and He is still working miracles.**"

A Community of Support

Community Appreciation

Love INC continues to receive heartfelt gratitude from community members who benefit from its food pantry services. Individuals and families frequently express their appreciation in person and through surveys, sharing comments such as, “*Very good – thank you for the help,*” “*Everything is perfect,*” and “*You all do a great job!*”

Community partners also recognize Love INC’s vital role in addressing food insecurity across Northwest Colorado. Charity Craig, Routt County Department of Health Caseworker, described Love INC’s food resources hub as “**an incredible asset to our community,**” noting that its consistent and reliable food distribution helps ensure that families have the nourishment they need to thrive.

Vince Mooney of the Community Budget Center similarly praised Love INC’s “**foresight and perseverance**” in consolidating food operations and expanding distribution days, emphasizing how these efforts have brought comfort to many struggling families in the region.



Awards & Community Recognition

The community’s appreciation for Love INC’s work is also reflected in recent honors.

Best Nonprofit – Best of Moffat County (2025)

On June 25, 2025, Love INC of the Yampa Valley was voted Best Nonprofit in the **Best of Moffat County** contest hosted by the Craig Press, recognizing the organization’s exceptional service to the community.

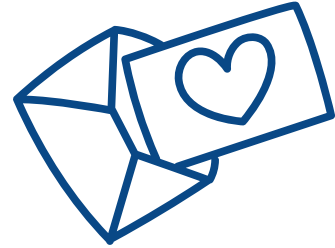
Moffat County Hero Award (2025)

On October 26, 2025, Executive Director Karina Browning was honored by the **Moffat County Proud initiative** with the *Moffat County Hero Award* for her dedicated leadership in feeding local families and supporting those in need.



Words from Our Community

The notes below reflect the gratitude and encouragement shared by neighbors who have experienced the support of Love INC firsthand.



Dear Love Inc,

Thank you for the financial assistance with getting into my new apartment. I am so grateful to have a safe and secure place to live. I am very happy with my new home! Your gift will allow me to focus on my job. I intend to “pay it forward.” You all made a big difference in my life!

*Sincerely,
Madeline Butler*

Dear Love INC,

Thank you so much for your assistance as my kids and I begin a fresh start. I know there are many needing assistance, and I appreciate you helping my family. I hadn't let myself think very specifically about our future, as it seemed unclear and variable - now I have hopes and plans, and a path forward. Thank you for the physical items you've provided, and thank you for the emotional support those items convey. I appreciate you!

- Anonymous



Together, we are building a community where neighbors care for one another with faith, compassion, and hope.

