



Love INC of Brevard
Love In the Name of Christ

Offering Hope, Help, and a Hand-Up
to People in Need

Dear Co-Laborers in Christ,

It is a true joy to see the church united in faith, relationship, and mission in our community. God has continued to bless the ministry of Love INC through the compassionate and sacrificial service of His church working together to transform lives from a place of hardship to a place of hope and flourishing. To date in 2021, **328 volunteers**, over **100 partnerships** with churches, businesses, and community agencies, **150+ individual donors**, and **a growing staff** have worked together to renew the lives of **more than 200 individuals and their families** in Brevard County.

Nicole's Growth Story

One of these individuals we have met, loved, and watched blossom into a stronger version of themselves is Nicole! Nicole came to Love INC at the beginning of 2020 in search of help and guidance for her path forward in life. Two years prior, she was battling multiple medical difficulties preventing her from working and leading her into a place of increased anxiety and depression. She sought help through counseling and applied for financial assistance but struggled to find the right answers to the problems she was facing. In learning of Love INC's Christian-based approach to navigating life's challenges, Nicole called Love INC for help.

As a new Love INC client, Nicole was connected with Eva, a client mentor, to personally come alongside her to process the challenges she was facing, identify goals, and make a plan for growth. Eva began serving Nicole as a listening ear and caring friend. Nicole's mental health was a top concern, so a referral to a Christian mental health counselor was made quickly. Through the counseling she received and the weekly phone calls from her Love INC mentor, Nicole began to reimagine her future and experienced a noticeable lift in her self-esteem.



Eva (left), Nicole (right)

Even still, Nicole experienced difficulty in re-entering the workforce, so we encouraged her to become a weekly volunteer at Love INC's thrift store, Village Thrift. By volunteering with us, she developed camaraderie with the loving volunteers and staff and gained a sense of renewed purpose as a contributing member of her community. Nicole began to shine! So much so that she became a conduit of encouragement to others, including personal friends that she recruited to volunteer alongside her. Nicole's mentor, Eva, was thrilled to see her go from a state of despair to a state of joy and confidence in life.



Volunteering at Village Thrift

One of Nicole's goals was to grow in her ability to manage her finances, so Love INC's Budget Mentoring class was recommended to her. Like other areas of her Love INC story, she flourished in this class, gaining skills and insight for managing her finances responsibly.

Love INC's impact on Nicole's life is a testament to the intentional love and care she has received from God's people rallying around her as a dear member of the family of God. Today, Nicole has found new employment, she continues to volunteer at Village Thrift and her local church, and she beams with confidence and joy!



Expanding Love INC's Life Enrichment Program

Nicole is one of over 100 participants to complete Love INC's Budget Mentoring class over the last several years, but this class is only a sampling of our vision to offer a full scope of specialized courses designed to address the specific challenges of situational, generational, and relational poverty.

This aspect of Love INC's ministry model is called Comprehensive Transformation Ministry (Comp TM). As we build out our Comp TM program, we will be surrounding our Budget Mentoring course with a variety of other courses to create a full curriculum that we can offer to our clients. The full spectrum of this curriculum will be called Life Curricula and is designed to equip people with a well-rounded knowledge base for cultivating a sustainable and healthy lifestyle. We will be using courses developed by Love INC National and the Chalmers Center that cover topics such as healing from trauma, the grand narrative of the Bible, Christian parenting, and career guidance.



Budget Mentoring Class Graduates

These classes will be offered multiple times a year in the form of mini-mesters (6-8 weeks). Classes will be hosted at a local church, and the program will include a classroom teaching environment as well as a shared meal to allow deeper relationships to form between participants, teachers, and volunteers.

God has been so good to Love INC of Brevard to prepare us for this next phase of ministry in our county. We hope to see more Christians, churches, businesses, and community agencies coming together to do this work of love in the lives of the hurting and downcast. **Developing and launching this program of life enrichment classes will demand more volunteers, dedicated leaders, prayer warriors, and financial supporters to join us in this work.** In faith, we have increased our annual budget by \$60,000 to fund this program, believing this is the role God has called Love INC to fill in Brevard County.

Our ask is simple: Will you ask God if He is inviting you to use your gifts, talents, and effort to radically impact the trajectory of people's lives like He has for Nicole?

Please give prayer-filled consideration to making a special year-end donation to Love INC of Brevard. Any size gift is appreciated and will mobilize the church to transform lives.

God bless you,

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