


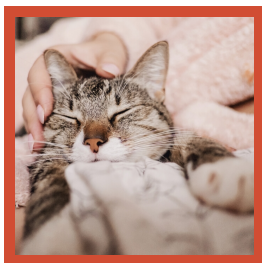
20 Summer 20 Love Letter

Love for Lane County
Formerly Love INC of Central Lane County



"The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you. The Lord be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace." -Numbers 6:24-26

It has been just over two months since we reopened our office to serve our neighbors in need. We have been blessed to serve many local families as they navigate these challenging circumstances. In this edition of our quarterly *Love Letter*, you'll learn how we have adapted these last few months to serve our community.



ELLA'S STORY

Love for Lane County is a "gap ministry". Each day in the call center is different and we never know what requests may come our way. A beautiful example of standing in the gap is Ella's Story. Ella* has been a client for several years and we have been able to support her in various ways. She recently called in with a difficult and painful request. Her veterinarian informed Ella that her beloved pet would need to be euthanized due to failing health. She knew that her physical limitations would not allow her to bury her pet at home herself, so she asked if we could find a volunteer that would be willing to walk alongside her through this difficult time. The Lord answered a prayer and a volunteer was available to assist the same day. While this is not a request we received in the past, the Lord found a way for us to support this difficult need.



MONICA'S STORY

Monica* called our office in need of household items and cleaning products. She had recently fled domestic violence with her young children and had to leave most of her things behind. Thanks to an outpouring of recent household donations, we had more than enough on hand to help this family settle into their new place. This sweet mom was thrilled to have all of the cleaning and hygiene products that she needed and that are so difficult to find in stores right now. We were even able to surprise this family with sets of handmade quilts, blankets, and throw pillows for each of the children. We were also blessed to have the opportunity to pray with this client as she begins this new season of life. Monica asked us to share her appreciation with you, that though this season is difficult, she knows she's not alone.



BOTTLES & CANS, JUST CLAP YOUR HANDS!

Bottle Drop is a simple way to see your old cans and bottles make a difference! All you need to do is pick up some of our official blue fundraising Bottle Drop bags from our office, and then once they are full, drop them off at a location nearest you! To schedule a time to come by for a "no-contact" Bottle Drop bag pick up, please call 541-653-8537.



IMMEDIATE NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are receiving many requests for yard work. These yard care projects are vital to our senior and disabled clients who desire to continue to live independently. All service opportunities are no-contact and we have masks and gloves available for those who would like to use them.



In order for us to begin taking in donations of much needed household goods and furniture, we will need a couple of volunteers to oversee sorting, cleaning, and sanitizing these items to insure safety for our clients.

Our ride ministry is responsible for about 30% of all services that we provide to the community. As we begin to reopen this program, we need volunteers who are willing to help clients to and from important appointments, like colonoscopies. We are working alongside the Oregon Health Authority to create a framework that insures these services are managed in a safe and prudent way. This opportunity is important to our clients and rewarding for our volunteers.

We also have opportunities for those interested in social media, marketing, and grant writing. There's something for everyone.

Contact our office or join our Facebook Group (Love for Lane County Volunteer Group) for more info. We would love to have you on our team!

ENCOURAGING WORD SEARCH

"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." -Deuteronomy 31:8

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FAITH
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LOVE

PRAYER
PATIENCE
KINDNESS

GRACE
PEACE
JOY

PRAYER CORNER

Please join us in praying over the following areas: the health, safety, and protection of our community, finances, volunteers, and provision for our clients and their families.

YOUR DONATIONS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN LANE COUNTY!

As our clients continue to get into their new homes amidst this worldwide pandemic, the need for household items, lamps, and small furniture continues. We are now able to accept these kinds of donations that are clean, and in good usable condition. However, we ask that you call ahead of time and make an appointment to bring it by. Tuesday through Thursday from 11am - 1pm are the best times to reach us through our Call Center at 541-653-8537.

Think of someone getting into an apartment for the first time, with none of the basics, this is a common situation for many of our clients. These basic items are needed to begin the next chapter. In the column to the right, you will see a list of our most frequently requested items.

At this time, we are unable to do any pick-ups of donations, or to deliver any furniture to our clients. So furniture donations need to be small enough to fit inside a sedan, or back of a pick-up truck, and the like. We continue to need clean beds and mattresses, especially twin sizes. We thank you for your generosity!

Household

Sheets, Blankets, Bath Towels, Pillows (new), Comforters, **Pots & Pans** (with lids), Dishes, **Silverware**, Glasses/Cups, Cookware, Coffee Makers, Toasters, **Microwaves**, Dish Towels, and Plasticware

Furniture

Beds (T, F, & Q), Chairs, Bookcases, Coffee Tables, Night Stands, **Dressers**, Floor Lamps, and Table Lamps

Personal

Shampoo, Conditioner, Razors, Shaving Cream, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Sanitary Napkins, Baby Wipes, Toilet Paper, and Cleaning Supplies

Non-Perishable Foods

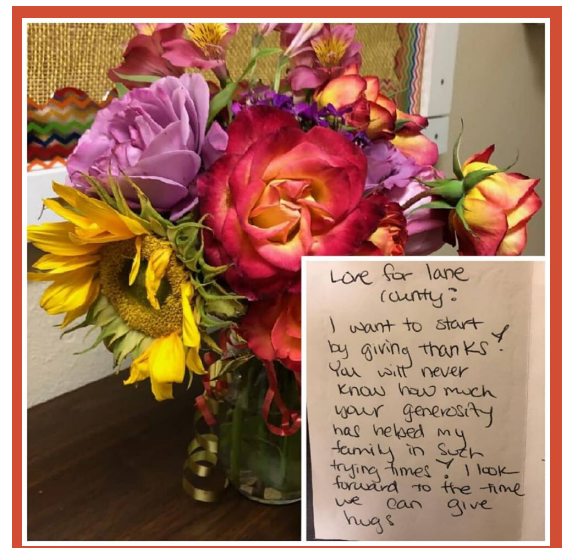
Soups, Canned Fruit, Applesauce, Vegetables, Pasta, Chili, Tuna, Canned Chicken, etc.



A "LOVE NOTE" FROM A RECENT CLIENT

Shopping for essentials can feel overwhelming for all of us right now. The struggle is magnified for many of our clients with small children who do not have transportation or childcare. Taking public transportation with little ones to multiple stores is logistically impossible for so many. We are so grateful for the many recent donations of household goods and supplies. Your donations are making a difference! We recently received the most beautiful flowers from one of our clients, and her sweet words were even more beautiful.

"Love for Lane County: I want to start by giving thanks! You will never know how much your generosity has helped my family in such trying times! I look forward to the time we can give hugs." We can't wait to give hugs too!



HOPE FOR TOMORROW...

Dear Friends,

Many of the families that we help are worried about how they are going to make rent, provide a meal for their young children, or afford the critical supplies that they need for their health and safety. Access to basic goods and necessities is becoming increasingly difficult in our community as those with the ability to stock up are doing so. **No family should have to worry about whether or not they can meet the most basic needs for their children. With your financial support and partnership, we can insure that they won't have to.**

Since the founding of our organization, the health and safety of our most vulnerable neighbors has been our priority. This priority has not shifted in the midst of this current crisis. **Right now is an unsettling time for many of us, but being stronger together in times of uncertainty is what makes the Love for Lane County family unlike any other.**

As with many organizations, we have been impacted financially by the COVID-19 Pandemic. **In order for us to continue our work in our community, we need your help.** Your support allows us to provide: pantry staples, small appliances, home goods, durable medical equipment, furniture, and so much more to our neighbors in need. Your gift will help to make an incredible impact for so many. We are extraordinarily grateful for your financial support and gifts in-kind donations. **Together we can provide hope for tomorrow.**

Blessings,

Jessica Elwell
Executive Director



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Send a check to:
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Eugene, OR 97402

By Mail



Make a one-time gift on our website at: www.loveforlanecounty.org/waystogive

Online



To schedule a donation appointment, please call us at 541-653-8537,

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