

"But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do." -Psalm 1: 2-3



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# Spring 2023 NEWSLETTER



## *Thank you, Cathi Busse!*

After many wonderful years working for Love for Lane, Cathi retired last February. During her tenure as the Volunteer Coordinator, Cathi was a key member of the organization. She brought decades of experience in non-profit work. Cathi, we are grateful for your years of service to the community. Thank you for walking with us through the good and not-so-good times. Know that your involvement at Love for Lane County will always be appreciated. As you move forward into the next season of your journey, we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. May God continue to bless you with the spirit of wisdom and understanding. Blessings to you and your loved ones! -Love for Lane County Team.

## *Our volunteers!*



Our volunteers are second to none. We are grateful for the men and women from our church partners from all over Lane County. They exemplify the spirit of love to the community. Love for Lane County would not have existed without the dedication of our willing family in Christ. "Thank you" to our volunteers, no matter what your role. You've made an impact that will positively influence generations. Love for Lane County partners with **followers of Christ from churches all over the county with a common purpose of loving, serving and transforming our community.** Together we do more. Thanks to the people involved, many in our community experience God's love when the church is united in serving. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another." John 13: 34-35.

## *In our backyard...*



In the last 12 months, we received an increased number of calls from clients, in particular, mothers facing **domestic violence unlike any previous year.** Through phone conversations, we hear the pain of our clients, expressed with a spirit of timidity, despair, or lack of trust to share their story. Many mothers are fleeing from domestic abuse. Furthermore, families are broken up and children are now having to bear the result of growing up with only one parent in their lives. With continuing economic struggle comes emotional and mental hardship. In times such as these, it is not only a privilege but our responsibility to be the hands and feet of Jesus, eager to share the hope we have through Him with others. These are our neighbors that are suffering, often times the very person next to you in the grocery store.

## *A single mother of three.*

Last fall, I (Widny) had the privilege of delivering with our volunteers. We delivered to a single mother and her three wonderful children. Her oldest was a handsome boy. The youngest, a beautiful 5-year-old girl. She was shy when we arrived. Within three minutes, she was trying anything to get our delivery team's attention in an attempt to show us her new toy. Finally, she caught my eye. I asked for her name, and she decided to make it challenging by spelling "Lynda".

I am not a father, yet, but this little girl had my heart; a reminder of how precious and fragile God's creation is. I, then, realized the house was missing two important people. **The house was missing Jesus** and the earthly father of these three perfect children. He is supposed to remind them every day of God's love. When it was time for us to leave, she grabbed my hand and wouldn't let go. **I believe God will save that girl and she will be the door He uses to bring salvation to her family.** I do not worry about who will speak life over her, because God has already taken care of that. **He has given me the privilege of praying for her.**

Father God, show Lynda Your glory.

**Call Center Hours: Monday through Thursday from 10am - 2pm.**

“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us.”

2 Corinthians 5:20

**Mark your calendar!  
2023 Gala Auction.**



You are invited to attend our annual “Dreams Come True” catered dinner and auction! It will be a night of fellowship and testimonies of how God is moving in Love for Lane County. Fill a table with friends from your church or community. This event will be on **Thursday, September 21st at 6:00 p.m., Willamette Christian Center.**

Financial support raised at this event helps provide vital funding for our programs and supports our mission of transforming lives in our community.

**Tickets are \$300/table or \$50/seat.** Tickets will be available soon at: [www.loveforlanecounty.org](http://www.loveforlanecounty.org).

*See you then!*

**Want us to visit your church?**



Did you know **there are over 20 ways to volunteer at Love for Lane County?** We would love to do a presentation and host a table at your church! If you and your congregation would like for us to visit, please email us at [director@loveforlanecounty.org](mailto:director@loveforlanecounty.org). We can spend a few minutes going into greater detail about the many opportunities available to serve. Love for Lane County exists for **YOU. Our mission is to mobilize local churches in our community to love and transform lives through prayer, acts of service, and relationships.** Join our team! You will be amazed!

**We are hiring!**



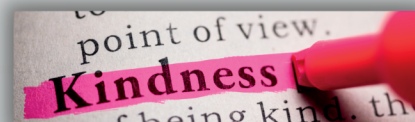
**Looking for a new career path? Love for Lane County is hiring a new Volunteer/Office Coordinator!** This position is responsible for coordinating the recruitment, training, and mobilization of volunteers. Other responsibilities include overseeing of office activities and operations to secure efficiency and compliance to company policies. He or she must have competent skills in handling social media, web development (preferred), and other media platforms in a business environment, as well as fundraising experience. **If you are interested in this position, call us at: 541-653-8537, or email [director@loveforlanecounty.org](mailto:director@loveforlanecounty.org)**

***Become a donor!***

Want to become a contributor to the ministry of Love for Lane County? Your generosity will have a positive impact on the lives of many in our community. **Donating is now easier than ever!** Just scan the **QR code** and follow the instructions. There are other ways to support financially! Make Love for Lane County the beneficiary of donations from your **AmazonSmile, Fred Meyer purchases, or Bottle Drop recycling.**

***To our amazing donors!***

All who have contributed to this ministry, **"Thank you!"** We thank God for you continually. Despite economic uncertainties and hardships, you remain faithful to give. **You are somebody's hero.** Our focus is to wisely steward your contributions, we humbly accept that responsibility. I encourage you to spread the word about the ministry of Love for Lane County to your friends and family who are able to support, whether financially, through donations of furniture and/or household goods, or volunteering. Peace to you, your loved ones, most importantly, may you have a greater understanding of His love for you. -Widny Joseph, Executive Director



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