

## CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY!



### Thank You!

We are celebrating 10 years and we want to take a minute to say **THANK YOU** to those who served for so many years at Love for Lane County (and Love, Inc). Erricka Carey has been part of our organization from the early start. Erricka served as regular volunteer and then the Board Chair for many years. She brought invaluable gifts to Love for Lane County, demonstrating unwavering commitment to the nonprofit's expansion and impact. **THANK YOU ERRICKA!**

### Those Doing the Work

Each day, as I step into Love for Lane County's office, I am humbled by the privilege of working alongside two remarkable individuals. Tammie, our Client Care Coordinator, and Kelly, our Office/Volunteer Coordinator, stand unparalleled in their commitment and compassion. Though distinct in their approaches, both possess hearts of pure gold, endowed with a transformative compassion that uplifts all whom they encounter. Love for Lane County is great because of them. -Widny Joseph.

### Partnering with Youth for Christ



In our pursuit of fulfilling Romans 12:2's guidance to not conform to the patterns of this world but to be transformed by the renewal of the mind, our partnership with Youth for Christ (YFC) in launching our transformational ministry has unveiled remarkable stories of resilience. The goal of our collaborative effort was to provide educational tools to aid young parents in overcoming the challenges of poverty, but we have also encountered a resilience that is truly inspiring. Consider the daunting task of navigating parenthood as a teenager, compounded by the recent loss of a mother. Or envision the daily struggles of a young single mother rising at 7:00 am to prepare her children for daycare before beginning her own workday. Many of these parents confront obstacles that limit their opportunities, such as lacking a driver's license or reliable transportation. This presents an opportunity for our community to step in and offer support. Through initiatives like scholarship programs for driving, education, affordable childcare, and job connections, and career development planning, we can extend a meaningful hand up to those in need. These parents are not seeking handouts; they are eager for opportunities to grow and provide a better life for their children. Together, we have the power to lay the foundation for a brighter future, unlocking doors that were once closed. Dreams can be realized, and the trajectory of our lives can be forever transformed. This summer, with Love's blessings, we'll host our annual seminar for young parents in our community. Led by psychology professionals, it promises valuable insights on trauma, parenting, and more for our dedicated youth parents.



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TUESDAY,  
MAY 7TH  
6PM  
MORE DETAILS TO COME!

## What's Faith Without Works...



Step into the transformative journey with Love for Lane County, where our mission transcends mere charity; it's about empowering lives and fostering a community of compassion. Picture a world where elderly, teen parents, the homeless, veterans, and countless others find the support they desperately need. It's about extending a hand-up, igniting hope, and changing destinies.

In the fabric of our community, many are drowning in despair, yearning for a lifeline. If we envision the return of Christ tomorrow, where would He find us? Would we be amidst those in need, extending love and grace, or elsewhere, entangled in less significant pursuits?

Consider this not as an obligation, but a sacred calling. Are we truly embracing our responsibility to serve? If you possess the capacity to make a difference, why not seize the opportunity? There's a profound beauty in stepping into the home of a struggling mother and witnessing her resilience amidst adversity. It's an encounter that touches hearts and transforms souls.

Remember the words of James, "Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." Let's infuse our faith with action, breathing life into our convictions. Join us in this noble pursuit, where every act of service is a testament to the living faith within us.

Together we can do more, let work be the evidence of our faith, the hope that guides our calling.

## Save the Date!

Join us for an evening of celebration and support at our annual Dinner and Auction Fundraiser on **September 12th, 2024**. Mark your calendars now for an unforgettable event filled with delicious food, amazing stories of victory, exciting auction items, and opportunities to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

**Auction Items Needed!** Do you own a vacation rental or have access to Airbnb accommodations? Consider donating a stay for our auction events! Your generous donation will help raise funds to support our programs and initiatives.

## Support Love for Lane County in Multiple Ways!

**Amazon Wishlist:** Visit our Amazon Wishlist to discover essential items needed for our community outreach efforts. From hygiene products to beds/furniture, or household items, your purchases directly impact the lives of individuals and families in Lane County. Scan the QR Code!



**Fred Meyer Community Rewards:** Link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Love for Lane County, and a portion of your purchases will be donated to our organization. It's an effortless way to support our cause every time you shop.

**Thrivent Giving:** Thrivent members can designate Love for Lane County as a recipient of their Choice Dollars or Thrivent Action Team grants.

### ★ Make a Difference Today! ★

Support Love for Lane County's mission to spread love and support throughout our community by becoming a monthly donor. With just \$25 a month, you can provide vital resources and uplift those in need. Join us in making a difference!



*scan the QR code and contribute today!*