

## A Recent Love Story



A word that sits at the center of the Christmas story: Peace.

Many of Love for Lane County's clients are experiencing the opposite of peace. There is brokenness and the feeling of being out of control; things in their life are chaotic.

Love for Lane County has been walking alongside a client for several months now. She first came to us needing household items and furniture for a new-to-her apartment that she was going to share with her adult son who needs additional support. We lost contact with her before we could deliver the household items she requested because her phone was stolen. We started the process again and scheduled a time for her to come in and pickup the requested household items. When she arrived at our office, it was obvious that she was having a difficult day. Her family dynamic had resulted in her needing to move again and the new apartment had some maintenance issues that were taking too long to resolve. She had an altercation with her son that morning. She shared that she is the primary caregiver for a parent battling a terminal illness. She felt overwhelmed and alone.

"What do you need?" "I need a group of women." This client needed someone to invite her into a place of healing, encouragement and support. What better place than a family of believers? Because she doesn't have transportation of her own, finding that church within walking distance was important.

God is so good! One of our volunteers attends a church in her neighborhood and was able to connect with her and extend a personal invitation to come to the next Sunday service.

## A Recent Love Story continued...

When clients reach out to our Call Center, they are connecting to the peace of Jesus. When they are talking with our volunteers, they are making space for the option to receive peace. When they experience the peace that reframes their situation, what power!

## Year-End Giving

Please consider the lives you can touch through a special donation to LFLC as part of your year-end giving!

## 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.

**BottleDrop Recycling for LFLC:** Stop by our office to pick up bags & labels to donate your recycled bottles/cans.

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

**Household/Beds/Personal Items:** See list at [Support | Love for Lane County](#) (LFLC is no longer taking furniture. Please donate those items to St. Vincent de Paul.)

**Become a Monthly Donor!:** Support Love for Lane County's mission to spread love and support throughout our community by becoming a monthly donor. Your giving can provide vital resources and uplift those in need. Join us in making a difference today!

*Scan the QR code and contribute today!*





## CELEBRATING ELEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY!



### Volunteer Highlight

#### **Sandi Delker**

A special thank you to Sandi Delker, who has served LFLC for the past 2.5 years as an Intake Specialist in our Clearinghouse. Sandi says what she loves most about her role is that she gets to hear our clients' stories and figure out how to best help them. Sandi and her husband attend Crow Nazarene Church. She is also a skilled horse rider who competes in barrel racing and gymkhana.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

**Here are some current LFLC volunteer roles needing to be filled:**

- Answering phones & client intake in Call Center
- Filling housewares, hygiene, & cleaning supplies orders in warehouse
- Pick-up and delivery of bed sets
- Minor home maintenance and repairs for elderly & disabled
- Website & social media maint.
- Church Ambassador
- Rides to medical appointments for seniors, veterans, and the disabled

### **Love for Lane County - Looking Back, and Looking Forward**

Dear Friends of Love for Lane County,

As 2025 comes to an end, we have both much to be grateful for and to look forward to. Here are some of the highlights -

**Looking Back** - During this past year two new staff joined LFLC. I, Derek Isaksen, came on board in March of this year as the Executive Director and Jennifer Chalmers was hired as our Clearinghouse Coordinator. Many positive changes have been made to our operations, communications, church relations, and, most significantly, our client care. One key change was how we serve those in life transitions with the need of furniture. In the past we would collect, repair, warehouse, and deliver furniture to our clientele. Rather than our clients having to accept whatever items we had collected, this year we forged a new partnership with St. Vincent de Paul that affords our clients the dignity to take a voucher to their stores and "shop" for what furniture suits their tastes and needs!

From December 2024 through November 2025, LFLC has been able to meet 430 needs which served 865 adults and 397 children. To accomplish this, 3,197 volunteer hours were logged. This represents not only the 1,262 lives touched through the mercy of God's servants, but meaningful connections established with prayer. Often our clients will have up to four touchpoints of conversations and prayer throughout the course of our volunteers rendering services. The Good News is being spread one conversation and prayer at a time!

**Looking Forward** - Looking forward to 2026, many more changes will be coming to LFLC. Where in the past so much of what we accomplished was "transactional," we have begun to make efforts to be more "relational" and "transformational" - "Not just a handout, but a hand up". What this practically means is that we are working on intentional connections beyond the initial need being met. Rather than walking the short path with our clients, we are taking the long road to understand more deeply how to help them. Our goal is to mobilize and resource churches to serve their neighbors by focusing on these Four Pillars - *Righteous Acts of Mercy, Redemptive Relationships, a Robust Delivery Eco-System, and Regenerative Training Pathways*. As 2026 unfolds, we will be sharing more of this strategy with you, our supporters.

Thank you to those of you who have lifted our ministry up in prayer, spread the news about LFLC, volunteered, given beds, furniture, and tangible goods, and have given financially to support the work of LFLC in 2025. These expressions of love are making a HUGE difference in our clients' lives. As you consider your *Year-End Giving*, we ask you to remember LFLC in your generosity. Your financial partnership with us will help to ensure our ability to reach the goals God has given LFLC in 2026 and beyond!

May God bless you richly for your shared love!

*Rev. Derek Isaksen*

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