



LOVE LINK LETTER

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Dear Love Link Supporters: The past month has been an incredible time of blessing in the life of Love Link Inc.! Through your support of our 15th annual Jerry White Memorial Golf Tournament, over \$7,000 was raised for the ministry! Praise the Lord and thank you! The Board of Directors has asked me to write a short note to you this month to make you aware of a couple of other items. First, work has begun to get the sprinkler system installed so that we can take permanent occupancy of the Nu-Way Cleaners building – our new ministry home. Once the sprinkler system is installed, we will finally be able to put shape to the dreams that we have for this wonderful facility! It has been a major challenge to carry out our ministry tasks without a “home,” we could all share, but we’ve continued to minister in



spite of the obstacles. Our chemical dependency treatment ministry continues to minister God’s healing and hope to those caught in the grip of addiction. We have fostered a tremendous partnership with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to provide job training in the environmental industry for those graduating from the treatment program. We continue to feed hundreds of people every week and there are many other stories of victory and transformation coming out of our ministry in these important days. The second issue I’d like to bring to your attention is our on-going financial need. I’m the kind of person who appreciates when people are up-front with me about needs. It’s hard to help meet a need if I’m not informed. In that spirit, I’d like to let you know that we have been experiencing a monthly short-fall of between \$1,000-\$2,000 in several months of 2007.

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Food Pantry Update:

October was a very lean month for food donations. Twice we had to purchase additional food for the food pantry. We currently need powdered milk, peanut butter, vegetables, macaroni, spaghetti, and spaghetti sauce.



Pictured is our food pantry when it is full. Each family receives a bag of food, which contains six cans of veggies and fruit, a bag of rice and spaghetti or macaroni.

Remember, when you bring food, let us know how many items you have and which church or group you are representing. This information is important when we make out our reports to the Regional Food Bank.

We also have three mangers available to any church that would like to promote food donations for Love Link. Let us know if we can help you with your food donation project. JM



Thanksgiving is the holiday of peace, the celebration of work and the simple life...a true folk-festival that speaks the poetry of the turn of the seasons, the beauty of seedtime and harvest, the ripe product of the year ~ and the deep, deep connection of all these things with God.

**~ Ray Stannard Baker
(David Grayson)**

(Continued from Page 1) The board has addressed this issue by attempting to limit spending in all but the most essential areas of ministry, but the time has come to honestly ask for your help. In the upcoming holiday season, might you consider a special gift to the continued ministry of Love Link? I know there will be many requests from many places in the weeks to come. And I know that the good-hearted people who support this ministry will be good-hearted toward others as well. But, with the winter season upon us, the need at Love Link is great. Might you and your family be able to spare a

special gift of thanksgiving or adoration in this holiday season that would serve as testimony to the things for which we are most grateful? These are crucial days in the life of our ministry together. Your prayerful and generous support are more important to us now than ever. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Kevin Hopkins, Board of Directors

NuWay Project Update:

The installation of the fire sprinkler system in the North Building office complex is moving right along. It looks like the contractors are on track to meet their December deadline. We hope to have the first floor offices and the upstairs ready to move in by January.

The Thrift Store work is now in progress to get it ready for renovation. We will be able to really move forward with this as soon as the fire sprinkler is in and approved by City Inspectors. Our plan is to make it a first class store where people will enjoy shopping, while still saving money. Our goal is to have the store open for business by the end of February.

Volunteers do the vast majority of the work that is now being done on this project. Many of you great people have already participated by giving of your time and finances to help make this undertaking a success. For that, I want to say a great big **THANK YOU** to all of you!

If you haven't yet had to the opportunity to help us, or you have already helped out and still want to do some more work, there is good news for you. There are still many opportunities for you to get involved. We continue to need help getting the facility ready, then we will need



assistance getting everything moved into the facility once we have the approval to do so. One immediate need will be some workers who can help take up the old floor tile in the Thrift Store as soon as the sprinkler system is

approved. We will also need plumbers, carpenters, painters, ceramic floor tile layers, ceiling tile installers, and general labor helpers. If you would like to assist us with this great endeavor, please call or email us. We will find a place for you. Thank you for your support!

Stan Martin,
NuWay Project
Manager

Resale Store News

We had outstanding October sales in our Resale Store. We credit it to our new Assistant Manager, Jesse Garcia. He has taken a deep interest in the appearance of the shop and has made some changes. He assists our six volunteers in choosing the nicest things to display. He's very good with the customers, and speaks fluent Spanish. Sales have soared higher than ever before in the history of Love Link Ministries. When you come by, please tell Jesse what a great job he's doing.

Thanks Jesse!!

Currently, 10 churches provide hot meals at 1st Indian Church of the Nazarene each month. Over 16,000 meals have been served this year. We have days still open if you and your church would like to provide a meal. Please call us for more information. We love you and appreciate all you do for God through our ministry.

Volunteers

Needed!!

Please call

405-239-6219



Areas needing volunteers:
Appliance/Electronics Technician
Donation Pick-Up Food Pantry
NuWay Facility Resale Store

Thank you, Mardels, for donating a box of 1,000 plastic bags. We double bag food items, so they go quickly. We need more plastic bags (Wal-Mart type) for our Food Pantry and Resale Store. The \$3 Bag Sale at the Resale Store has also depleted our supply of plastic bags. Could you please save your excess bags for us? We appreciate all your help!!! Thanks!!



We have had the privilege of partnering with Dept. of Human Services (DHS) for a Work Training Program. We currently have a young mother, Cassandra Davis, who is training as an Office Assistant. She is a quick learner, and has been a tremendous help to us during the Food Pantry. She is a very personable worker and friendly with the clients who come for food. She has even helped with typing for our Executive Director, Wayne Stark. She will be with us for 90 days of training. We are thankful for this new area of partnership with DHS. They have been a big support to our ministry. *JM*

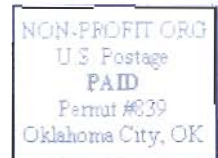
October Food Pantry STATS

503 Food Baskets Distributed
 185 New Families
 (1st time, or 1st time in two years)
 414 Children served
 169 Senior Adults served

**Your canned goods
are needed!**



Return Service Requested



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Check Out Our Stars!

Thanks to the following churches who collected food items for Love Link's Food Pantry during 2007!

Bethany First Church of the Nazarene
 Choctaw Church of the Nazarene
 El Reno Church of the Nazarene
 Hennessey Church of the Nazarene
 Lake "O" Church of the Nazarene
 Lakeview Church of the Nazarene
 Light Church
 OKC First Church of the Nazarene

Richland Church of the Nazarene
 Trinity Church of the Nazarene
 Waterloo Church of the Nazarene
 Western Oaks Church of the Nazarene
 Williams Memorial Nazarene

We appreciate all our churches have done for us !!!