

**What Is It?** A central place for Christians to serve, mentor, and teach people in need. A safe place for those struggling and in need to heal, learn, and practice principles and skills that will transform their lives. The different components include:

- **Community Center:** A place where individual and group instruction, following Christian principles, and covering a vast array of topics, will be taught by Christian volunteers.
- **Warehouse and Love INC Offices:** The Love INC offices will be headquartered here. A large warehouse to receive and sort donations will be on site, including work areas for product repairs & instructional classes.
- **Playground/park area:** Area for children and families to participate in outdoor activities.
- **Transformational Housing:** Duplex or quad units will surround the park and will be complete homes, not shared living quarters. We project 20 transformational homes on the campus initially.
- **Thrift Store:** Sale of the excess product donated to Love INC to help support the operational needs of the campus. The store will also provide job skill training opportunities.
- **Site Manager Housing:** A couple will live on site and provide management for the campus.

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**Who can attend the Community Center activities?** Just like a college campus, there will be many clients enrolled in the programs who live off site and come to the campus for training. Everyone who lives on the campus will be required to attend the classes and mentoring programs in the center. The center will also be a resource for local churches to use when it is available.

**Who will live in the Transformational Homes?** The Transformational housing will not target any particular client, but will largely be comprised of the working poor. Potential clients will usually have some sort of current housing but find themselves in situations that constitute a change. They may be employed or recently laid-off. They may be single or a large family unit. They may be male or female, young or old. One common denominator will be instability in their current situation and a desire to engage in long-term accountable assistance that will change their life and way of living. Initially, potential clients will not include drug addicts, people just being released from prison, a chronic homeless person, the mentally ill, or elderly who cannot live on their own. The community currently has other resources focusing on that target clientele. Potential families will be identified by the Love INC Clearinghouse Staff and there will be an extensive application process with interviews and reviews before being selected to live on the campus.

**What will the families be responsible for?** Transformational families will be held in great accountability. They will sign a contract agreeing to the terms of the campus. Under the guidance of a mentor they will formulate a 12 to 18 month plan in which to achieve their goals. They will be required to help maintain, repair, and clean the facilities, under the supervision of paid staff. Working transformational families will pay rent on a sliding scale and all transformational families will pay utilities and services.

**Our objective is to restore people to, not remove them from, society**

**Will the Campus be all-inclusive?** Transformational families will benefit from the sense of community, but the campus will not be all-inclusive. Families will work, attend church, play, and go to school off site. Our objective is to restore people to, not to remove them from, society. We will always be focused on transitioning them back into the community they will live in.

**Who will provide oversight, management and training?** Love INC Staff and leadership Board of Directors will oversee the campus. There will be additional paid staff including a Program Director, Property Maintenance Director, and the on-site Housing Managers. Volunteers from Christian churches will do most of the mentoring, teaching, and training.

**Why build a campus, why not just use existing buildings & homes?** The sense of community that will be nurtured on the campus cannot be duplicated if resources are scattered throughout the valley. The accountability that will be required of the families living on the campus will require uniformity and the ability of staff to monitor on a daily basis. The scope of our current program is beyond any one church's resources, but with Love INC uniting the body to work with these families, resources are multiplied and God receives the glory.

**Aren't there already a lot of transitional housing projects in the valley?** Love INC's transformational housing will serve a different clientele from all other current projects in the valley. Our target audience will be the working poor and will focus on keeping the family unit intact. Most of the transitional housing projects currently in the Treasure Valley have sleeping accommodations, but share common living areas and kitchens and target select groups such as ex-inmates, domestic violence victims or the homeless. Many transitional housing projects also offer immediate and crisis assistance, while Love INC focuses on long-term assistance through relationships.

**What makes this concept unique?** Most housing projects are reactive, not proactive. The Love INC Campus focuses on the individual who is still functioning in most daily activities, yet living right on the edge of complete collapse. A divorce, loss of job, illness, or other unexpected problem could throw them into a crisis situation.

**Why do we think this concept will work?** Love INC has been operating the New Hope Relational Program for over five years and it has proven to be a wonderful training ground to prepare us for this next step. We know the family unit is breaking down and positive role models are lacking in many homes. People often make poor choices because they don't know what else to do. They are hungry to learn and embrace long-term assistance with strong accountability and requirements. We know that volunteers are eager to serve and support ministries that teach people to "fish" and Love INC has a large volunteer base already serving in our current programs.

**The Love INC Campus will take a pro-active, not re-active, approach to those in need**

**The Love INC Campus grows out of the need to expand the New Hope Relational Program**

**Why not just expand the New Hope Relational Program?** The Love INC Campus is an expansion of the New Hope Relational Program, which continues to grow at an amazing rate. We are challenged to provide stability in our current programs as we outgrow donated space and have to move to larger facilities. We have a growing number of potential clients that need more assistance than we can offer during the two hours on Thursday night and the campus would give us this opportunity to help them. All of the services currently being offered in the New Hope Relational Program will be available to clients on the campus.

**What steps have been taken so far?** The leadership of Love INC has been sharing the concept, believing God will guide and provide. We have a donor for the land, but they have requested that we have \$2,000,000 of secured funding in place before the land is transferred to Love INC, to show we can build on it. Design West has agreed to be our Architectural Firm and we are currently drawing up the footprint of the campus and detailed plans of the Community Center, the first building we will build.