



LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

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NEWSLETTER



GROUNDING IN

Hope

This past March, our Grounded in Hope church partner gathering became a powerful picture of unity and shared purpose across our community.

Representatives from 29 churches gathered under a single roof, each bringing a unique story, yet all anchored in the same calling—to serve, to love, and to strengthen those walking through difficult seasons. From the very beginning, the room carried a sense that this was more than a single gathering; it was the beginning of

something that would continue to grow.

Throughout the evening, conversation flowed easily as ministry leaders shared ideas, resources, and encouragement, discovering new ways to support one another in the mission ahead. What emerged was not just collaboration on paper, but deeper relationships and practical alignment in how we care for our neighbors. There was a shared recognition that together, the impact reaches further and lasts

longer. Even months later, the fruit of that day is still unfolding. Churches are following up, connecting more regularly, and stepping more intentionally into shared initiatives alongside Love INC.

What began as a simple gathering has become a catalyst for ongoing unity and action—strengthening the foundation of trust and collaboration that allows hope to take deeper root and continue growing across Brevard County.





New Hearts in Our *Mission*

As our journey of compassion continues to grow across Brevard, we are filled with gratitude to welcome these incredible individuals and organizations who have come alongside us.

Each new partner brings a shared commitment to love, serve, and support our neighbors in meaningful ways, strengthening the mission we carry together.

Please help us welcome:

- [Integrity Pest Control](#)
- [Recovery Connects](#)
- [Redeemed Remodeling & Restoration](#)
- [Room2Bloom](#)



GIVE TODAY!



Hi Friends,

It is hard to believe we are already in May. The first half of the year has been full, and through every season, we have continued serving clients with excellence—thanks in large part to the faithful partnership of the Church. Your support is the backbone of this ministry, and we are deeply grateful. After temporarily pausing new client intake in late 2025 due to a volunteer shortage, your encouragement and commitment helped us reopen our doors to new clients by early 2026. Even in a challenging financial season that required staffing adjustments, we have seen God's provision in remarkable ways.

One beautiful example is the generous donation of women's clothing, shoes, and accessories to Village Thrift, where 100% of proceeds go right back into helping individuals and families in need across Brevard.

As we continue to grow, there are meaningful ways to strengthen this work together. We are still seeking mentors willing to give just three hours a week to walk alongside a client by phone, with training provided. We are also working to cover an urgent \$1,200 firewall upgrade following a recent email breach, along with a \$5,000 investment in furniture and carpet cleaning equipment so we can expand the use of donated items and serve even more households with dignity and care.

Your partnership makes this possible. Whether through becoming a monthly supporter, stepping into mentoring, or adding an extra item to your Amazon cart, every gift helps carry hope into another story.

Kristy

Kristy Stuart
Executive Director



Anchored in Hope

Earlier this year, our team prayed over several important needs that simply were not in the budget—including shelves for storage and a freezer for Life Curricula. In a beautiful reminder of God's faithfulness, a week later, brand-new hardware and shelving were donated to Village Thrift. Volunteers from Anchor Church then generously stepped in to help us build and organize the new space. Then, just a week later, a freezer was unexpectedly donated for Life Curricula! Such powerful reminders that God often provides exactly what is needed through the kindness of His people.



The Glory of Giving

This Mother's Day, we were blessed by a thoughtful outreach from Jars of Glory, who generously prepared and delivered 20 beautifully assembled gift bags for the moms we serve. Each bag included a few small tokens of encouragement along with a \$25 Amazon gift card, offering a heartfelt reminder that they are seen, valued, and appreciated.

We are truly grateful for this meaningful new partnership and for the way it helped us celebrate and honor the moms in our Life Curricula program.



Rooted in Excellence

Our team is deeply honored to have received the Pursuit of Excellence Certification from Love INC National, a distinction awarded to only a select number of affiliates across the Nation.

This recognition reflects a strong commitment to missional excellence, organizational health, and faithful stewardship in how we serve our community and care for our neighbors.

We are especially honored to have served as a pilot affiliate in helping shape this initiative. This achievement is a testament to the faithful dedication of our staff, volunteers, and church partners who make this mission possible every day.

While the certification is not a requirement, it serves as an encouraging reminder to continue pursuing excellence in how we love and serve our neighbors throughout the community.

we've been nominated!

Village Thrift Love INC



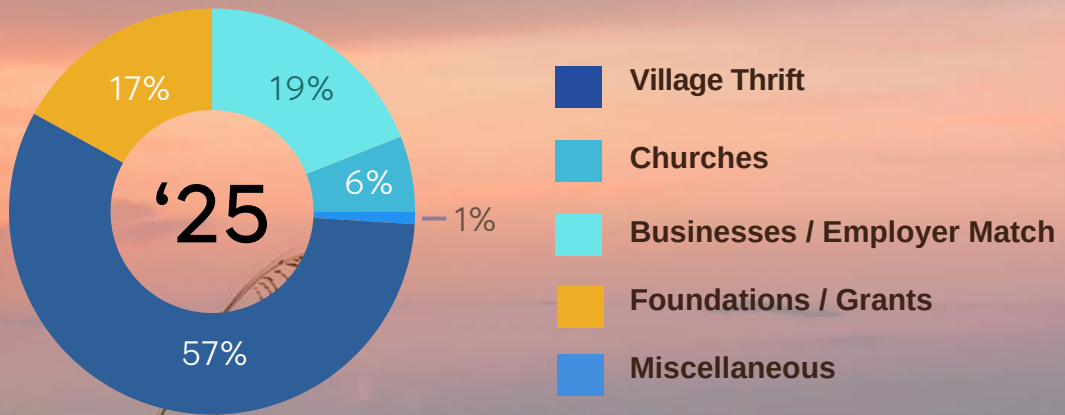
VOTE DAILY UNTIL 7/31



Serving Our Community

At Love INC of Brevard, we exist to mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ.

Our Funding Sources



The Investment Behind Every Story of Hope

\$2,400

Cost of Care Per Client

It costs the ministry \$2,400 to walk alongside one individual client—covering personalized support, coordination, and care. (This does not include any additional tangible resources they may receive.)

\$1,276

Investment Per Life Curricula Participant

It costs \$1,276 to guide one participant through Life Curricula (LC)—equipping them with tools, encouragement, and community that foster lasting change and transformation.

Our mission is not just to meet needs, but to build relationships that inspire lasting change. We walk alongside individuals facing hardship—connecting them to practical resources, life skills classes, and a caring community of believers who serve with compassion and dignity.

In FY2025, we walked alongside:



198 CLIENTS (89 New Clients)

220 PEOPLE IMPACTED by our ministry
74 AVERAGE ACTIVE Monthly Clients

We Received:

 **2,044**
CALLS FOR HELP

We Fulfilled:

 **2,608**
CLIENT NEEDS

- 9 - Dental Services
- 9 - Major Car Repairs
- 6 - Home Repairs
- 1 - Vehicle Donated
- 527 - Mental Health Sessions
- 1,689 One-on-One Mentoring Sessions

265 VOLUNTEERS
Donated 16,128 Hrs.



\$583K COMMUNITY VALUE

162 COMMUNITY PARTNERS



3 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

39 COURSE COMPLETIONS



13 RETURNING STUDENTS



These figures are part of our overall financial report and are reviewed by Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC.



Heart
for *Service*

*Village*THRIFT

We are incredibly grateful to welcome Kerstin back to Village Thrift as our Assistant Manager. Her return has already brought renewed joy, stability, and leadership to the team. With a deep love for people and a strong commitment to the mission, Kerstin makes a meaningful impact each day—not only through her work, but through the care and encouragement she brings to those around her. We are truly grateful to have her back serving where her gifts and heart shine so brightly.

NOW HIRING!
PART-TIME



APPLY TODAY!

New Doors To Opportunity

At Love INC of Brevard, we believe that when God opens doors, He also expands our opportunity to serve. Thanks to your continued support, we are excited to share several updates that reflect the growing impact happening through Village Thrift and our broader mission.

New Leadership at Village Thrift

We are thrilled to announce RuthAnn's promotion to Store Manager following Linda's recent retirement and relocation to Wisconsin to be with family. Linda will be dearly missed, and we are deeply grateful for her faithful leadership and the strong foundation she helped build. We celebrate RuthAnn as she steps into this new season with excellence, heart, and a continued commitment to our Love INC mission.

Updated Store Hours

To better serve our shoppers and meet growing community demand, Village Thrift is now open Monday through Saturday, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. These expanded hours create more opportunities for our community to shop, donate, and engage with the work God is doing daily through our store.

Celebrating Impact & Recognition

This past year, we have been blessed to receive regional, county, and statewide recognition for the impact being made through Village Thrift. These milestones are a reflection of the heart of our community. Every donation, every purchase, and every act of support continues to bring hope, dignity, and transformation across Brevard County. Thank You!



RuthAnn Chiang,
Store Manager



We're "INN" This

Together

Two years ago, pastors and members from several local churches came together with a shared vision: to be better neighbors to the residents of [America's Best Value Inn in Satellite Beach](#). What began as a simple expression of compassion has grown into a consistent and meaningful outreach through the Bridge Builder Hotel Ministry. Since March 2024, they have faithfully served monthly meals, growing from 40–45 individuals to now regularly serving 50–60 adults and children. These gatherings have become a place of connection, conversation, prayer, music, and encouragement.

In these two years, we have seen God provide in remarkable ways as we've met both practical and personal needs. Alongside meals, residents have received holiday dinners, school outfits and haircuts, hygiene supplies, prayer support, and care during times of crisis.

One powerful moment of provision came when a resident suffering from cataracts received restored vision through the help of the [Satellite Beach Lions Club](#). More recently, when a 65-year-old woman in a wheelchair was evicted and left outside in the cold with her belongings, our Executive Director Kristy, was able to quickly secure temporary housing until further support was available, and also assisted in acquiring a replacement battery for her wheelchair.

Today, the Hotel Ministry continues to be a faithful presence, led by volunteers from [Satellite Beach United Methodist Church](#), [Church For the Beach](#), and [Trinity Wellsprings Church](#). From shared meals to "Karaoke for Jesus," it has become a space where residents are known, valued, and loved.



Packed With *Love*

At the end of last year, our community came together in a beautiful expression of generosity, donating canned and non-perishable items to help meet real and pressing needs. At the same time, our friends at [Greater Allen Chapel](#) (pictured above) were faithfully praying for God's provision. What followed was a powerful overflow of support that reached beyond one place or moment, with [Rock Harbor Church](#) also generously contributing \$5,000 to support the drive and expand its reach. These gifts were distributed to strengthen additional partner ministries' food pantries, including [Church on the Rock](#), [Eau Gallie First Baptist Church](#), [Faith Fellowship Church](#), [River Run Church](#), [Satellite Beach Church of Christ](#), and [Wholeness to Freedom Ministries](#). A vivid reminder that when generosity and prayer come together, hope arrives exactly where it is needed most—right on time, and in abundance.



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