



Ministry Update

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Love INC

Hello Ministry Friends,

We are praying that you and your family are safe during this time of crisis. Florida is currently under an official stay-at-home order, but Love INC is exempt as an essential social service. Although our offices are closed to the public, our staff is working to assist the church in helping the community.



When the schools closed suddenly to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, thousands of children in our community who depend on weekend food backpacks were

cut off from this valuable resource. The Children's Hunger Project reached out to us to mobilize the church to help fill this food gap (thankfully the Brevard Public Schools has now received more funding and is managing this previous gap). Together we purchased materials for weekend packets, secured donations of fresh fruit from Thrifty Produce, assembled 1,000 meal packs, and distributed them from 3 designated local schools (Rivera Elementary, Port Malabar Elementary, and Christa McAuliffe Elementary). Special thanks goes out to all the volunteers from First Baptist Melbourne, New City Church, Brevard Baptist Association, Christian Care Ministry, Church at Viera, and the Grant Community Center. There are plans being formulated now to help local churches continue to provide food to their neighborhoods. We are blessed and honored to serve our community alongside you, the local church, during this difficult time.

Local Resources

When we become aware of local resources we will share them on our website at loveincbrevard.com/covid-19-resources/ In the meantime, here are some helpful resources:

Food

- Brevard Public School District is now providing pick-up meals for ALL children Monday - Friday at 27 schools, including weekend packs. Visit www.brevardschools.org for school locations and times.
- Burger King restaurants are offering 2 free kid meals with a purchase of an adult meal. Order meals via their app to receive free kid meals.
- BreakSpot locations are a place for kids and teens 18 and under to come and enjoy free meals while school is out. There are thousands of supervised meal sites, in locations such as parks, libraries, churches, etc. that offer breakfasts, lunches, snacks or supper. Any child 18 or younger can simply come during meal times to receive a meal. For locations visit <https://summerbreakspot.freshfromflorida.com/>.

Uniting The Church to offer people in need...

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Hand-up to freedom in Christ

Love INC Connection:

The Haven for Children was faced with needing to provide breakfast and lunch unexpectedly for the children for the first week schools were closed due to COVID-19. Church for The Beach, Pizza Gallery, Calvary Chapel Surfside, Satellite Beach Church of Christ, Trinity Wellsprings, Coastline Community Church, and the Satellite Beach Lions Club sprung to action to provide these meals and more! What a beautiful picture of Christ's Church (Christians) coming together to meet this important need!

Can you meet the need?

Individuals who are interested in volunteering for COVID-19 relief efforts please register at <http://loveincbrevard.com/covid-19-volunteer/>.

We will contact you for specific service opportunities as they arise.

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- Give-a-Meal - The Bearded Chef has partnered with Love INC and a group of volunteer drivers (background checked) to deliver free meals to seniors, the immune compromised, and those required to self-quarantine at home. To register for help, call Love INC at 321.253.9543 Tuesday-Thursday from 11 am to 2 pm.

Brevard's Employers are Hiring!

- Now Hiring: Aldi, Amazon, Brevard Achievement Center, CVS, Darden Restaurants, Domino's, Instacart, Publix, 7-Eleven, Sodexo, Sourcepoint Mortgage, Walgreens, Walmart, Wawa, Winn-Dixie, and more! Direct links to apply online can be found at <https://careersourcebrevard.com/>.
- Hiring Now: Restoration Workers, Carpentry, and Equipment Operators plus temp jobs available now! Learn more here and complete registration at www.employflorida.com.

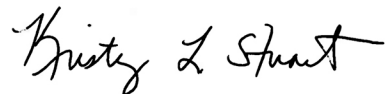
Free COVID-19 Online Risk Assessment - Parrish Medical Center | Parrish Healthcare is now offering a free COVID-19 Online Risk Assessment (COVID19HRA) and Care Navigator Consultations to help direct you to the most appropriate care. The COVID-19 online risk assessment takes just a few minutes to complete and provides immediate feedback. Take the COVID19HRA risk assessment by visiting www.parrishhealthcare.com/COVID19HRA or by texting "Coronavirus" to 321-204-1966.

Ways to Help Now

- **Help a neighbor** - Offer to run an errand for a senior neighbor, pick up a prescription for the family next door with sick kids, hold church in your driveway We are looking forward to hearing about how you, The Church, responded to your neighbors in need to show the love of Christ through this difficult time
- **Volunteer** - Individuals who are interested in offering help through volunteering please register at <http://loveincbrevard.com/covid-19-volunteer/> . We will contact you for specific service opportunities as they arise.
- **Make Masks** - Hospice of St. Francis is now accepting donated handmade procedure masks. To donate email bfowler@hospiceofstfrancis.com or call 321-704-2319. Please e-mail before or after a drop off so they know you donated and the date of that donation. CDC for mask making guidelines need to followed -- utilize this YouTube tutorial <https://youtu.be/9tBg0Os5FWQ> .
- **Donate to Give-a-Meal** at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/Brevard-Give-A-Meal> to provide free meals to seniors, immune compromised people, or those mandated to self-quarantine at home.
- **Donate to your local food pantry** - Church food pantries will be a vital resource for many as the relief impact starts to taper off and those left jobless and behind in their bills try to recover.
- **Donate to Love INC** at <http://loveincbrevard.com/giving/>. Can you pass on your relief check? Give to our COVID-19 relief fund to help with urgent needs now or donate to the ministry and invest in recovery help for those who will experience longer-term impact of this pandemic.

May the Lord strengthen and keep all of us safe during this difficult time. We are all Christ ambassadors!

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"Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke?"

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh and blood?"

Isaiah 58:6-7