

A Village of Time and Talents

“It takes a village to raise a child.” This African proverb conveys the message that it takes many people to provide a safe, healthy environment for children, where they are given security they need to develop and flourish, and to be able to realize their hopes and dreams. I would edit this quote to say,

“It takes a village to become our best version of ourselves.”

I believe it is vital that *throughout our lifetime* we have a safe, healthy environment where we can feel secure as we develop and flourish, realizing our hopes and dreams, the dreams *God* had in mind when He created us.

Love INC strives to create this village within our New Way Program. This is a place where stories of brokenness can be set free and given an opportunity to heal. It is a healthy environment of positive relationships, discovery, and dreaming. It is rich with the Holy Spirit. It is a place where if Jesus walked in, we hope He would say,

“Now this, this is a village living out my commandment to love your neighbor.”

In this village there are many kinds of people with many kinds of gifts, gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, and reliance on God to do the work through us and sustain us. This village also gives the gift of time. Developing and flourishing takes time, a lifetime really. *Every single one of us* was equipped with one or more of these gifts to share with others. If God is calling you to use them, maybe

Love INC is your village.

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