

# Love and Compassion Ministries

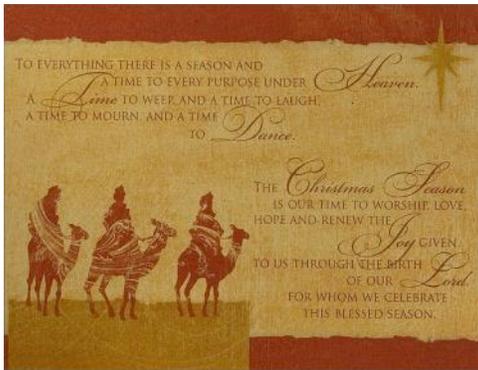
*In the Name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit*

December 1, 2016 In The Year of Our Lord

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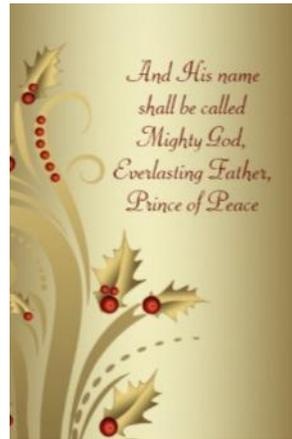
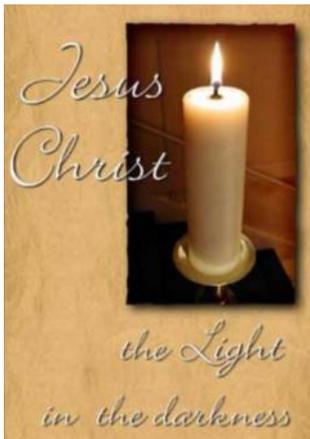
## FAITH, FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND JESUS

### *Merry Christmas!*



WHEN YOU RECEIVE CHRISTMAS CARDS  
THIS SEASON PLEASE  
DO NOT FORGET THAT  
JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE TO SOMEONE THIS  
CHRISTMAS.  
TELL THEM ABOUT JESUS!



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Thank You For Your  
Support And Prayers!



Love And Compassion Ministries wishes to give a heart felt thank you to  
**ESTERRA SPA AND SALON**

for choosing LCM to be the chosen charity of the month of November and to all the wonderful businesses and guests that participated in helping make the event a fun filled evening! We raised \$977.00!

**Mark your calendars for January 19th to join us there again, focusing on the homeless!**



**Congratulations goes out to Bill and Linda Serber. They won the prize basket valued over \$1000!**

**THANK YOU! To ALL Participating Businesses on the Promenade!**



- 1 Ships Store/Boat and Kayak Rentals
- 2 Pinchers
- 3 The Looke
- 4 Lorne's Frame Gallery
- 5 Gathering Place
- 6 Esterra Spa (2nd Floor)
- 7 She Sells Shoes & Resort Wear
- 8 Tarpon Point Realty
- 9 Gulf Coast Fudge Co.
- 10 Eva by the Sea
- 11 Westin Family Kids Club
- 12 Melograno
- 13 Silver King Beach and Dolphin Shuttle Boat
- 14 Nauti Mermaid Dockside Bar & Grille
- 15 Marker 92 Waterfront Bar & Bistro
- 16 Westin Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village
- 17 Public Parking
- 18 Westin Conference Center
- Restrooms



## Bread Ministry



Twice a week for several years now Publix Grocery Store has provided Love And Compassion Ministries hundreds of wonderful bakery items from homemade bread to wedding cakes. We are so thankful for their willingness to provide such items to the needy. This ministry delivers bread to three churches every week.

Rev. William Stewart with a team of volunteers makes this ministry what it is. We are so proud to help serve this community through Publix. May God bless Publix, all that serve within this ministry and all the people that partake from the items. This is a ministry that is so needed.

**If you would like to participate or donate to this cause, please contact  
Love And Compassion Ministries  
at  
239-574-LOVE (5683)**

## Jail and Prison Ministry



**Florida DOC Work Camp**



**Lee County CPU's**



**Charlotte Correctional Institutional**



**Lee County Stockade**

**Seeing the same people returning to the prison system time and time again will break your heart. Pastor Jim Holbrook, Mark Decker and Nick Trosterud have been ministering to men at the Lee County Stockade, Lee County CPU's, Charlotte Correctional Institutional and Florida DOC Work Camp for years.**

**We so much appreciate their service.  
May God bless them!**

## Love and Compassion Ministries, Inc.

## DRUG PROGRAM

When you look at an addicted person, you usually see a person who is not happy, who is struggling and ashamed of what they are doing to themselves, their family and friends. I have personally worked for more than 21 years now helping people see that Christ is the answer to their alcohol / drug problem. We see children at the age of 13 on drugs. Many people I have dealt with, have been in detox several times and yet they are still addicted.

Drug abuse and alcoholism affect the entire family and community, not just the addict. The cost is great! Quite often family members do not realize how deeply they have been affected by chemical dependency. I have heard the cries of mothers who are so grateful that they have found out that their son or daughter is now in jail. I have heard the cries of the addicted begging to be released from the demons of alcohol and drugs, but they want a quick fix. They try outpatient treatment and counseling that does not work, nor does a short term 28 day program work either, even though they can cost as much as ten thousand dollars a month, but without treatment many will end up in jail, prison and or dead.

Drug and alcohol-related traffic accidents are a major cause of death and disability. Drug and alcohol use also is linked with the deaths of young people by drowning, fire, suicide and homicide. Teens who use drugs and alcohol are more likely to become sexually active at earlier ages and are more likely than others to be victims of violent crimes, including rape, aggravated assault and robbery. The message is clear; drug and alcohol use is very risky business.

Breaking free from drug addiction is tough, but doable. They need a long term (7 months to 1 year) drug program that will teach them Christ's way to stay off drugs. We never recommend any drug program that is not Christ based, in-house and long term. Love and Compassion Ministries works directly with many very wonderful Christian drug and alcohol programs. We believe that without Jesus Christ you cannot be delivered from your addictions.

Many times we go to court and ask the judge to allow a person to complete a drug program rather than go to prison. We do our own evaluations of people who desire to stop living under the bondage of alcohol and drugs, and help the ones who want change in their lives! We do all we can to make sure that when we recommend a person to a program that it is the right place, at the right time and that the person will be able to complete the program. LCM makes all the arrangements for the entry, including transporting the person to the program.

By: Ron Willis

Please Pray For Finances To Build God's Place Drug Program



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Most people do not have the ability to minister to the hungry, clothe the needy, visit the sick, drive an addict to a detox facility or visit the imprisoned, but when you give to Love And Compassion Ministries

**YOU** are partnering with **US** to do so.

**Your Support Is Greatly Needed Today!**

**You Can Donate with a Debit or Credit card at:**

**[www.LoveCompassion.com](http://www.LoveCompassion.com)**

**You Can Use Your Bank's Bill Pay,**

**Or**

**Mail Your Donations to:**

**239-574-LOVE (5683)**

**THANK YOU!**



**Please join others that have become a compassion partner that give every month.**

# Homeless Ministry

We Can Break the Cycle of Homelessness With Your Help!



Oscar winner Halle Berry once stayed in a homeless shelter in her early 20s.



Personal finance guru Suze Orman lived out of her van for four months in 1973. Today Orman is worth an estimated \$35 million.

Dr. Phil, America's most famous psychologist once lived in a car with his father. Today the author and TV personality is worth an estimated \$280 million.



Jewel Kilcher once lived on the streets after losing her job. She ended up homeless because her boss propositioned her and she wouldn't sleep with him and he didn't pay her.



Jim Carrey once lived out of a VW camper van and in a tent on his sister's front lawn.



Ella Fitzgerald, "arguably the finest female jazz singer of all time," was abused by her stepfather when her mother died at a young age. She ran away from home and was homeless until debuting at the Apollo Theater in 1934.

People are living on the streets, out of their cars, under bridges, in the woods, behind dumpsters, in doorways of businesses, and various other places where law enforcement will allow them to sleep. These people know far too well how dangerous it can be to sleep in these areas, yet they have to because the homeless shelters we do have are full. Many of the homeless are trying to keep their families together, and the children are suffering because of it!

**Please help us help them!**

# Youth Ministry

45991 Bermont Road ☆ Punta Gorda, Florida 33982



**Crossroads Monthly Lunch and Dinner**  
 \* Fourth Saturday of each month  
 Join John Domino and a group of wonderful Godly people that serve lunch and dinner while interacting with the youth.

**Crossroads Weekly Bible Study**  
 \* Every Wednesday  
 Join Nick Trosterud in a wonderful Bible study while interacting with the youth.



## Street Outreach Ministry

On Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>, we enjoyed a beautiful day in Clemente Park. Once again we fed approximately fifty people and gave away clothing, shoes, hygiene packs and most importantly, Bibles. Pastor Raymond gave another inspiring message concerning the violence in society and our loving and caring for one another.

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**Come And Join Many Others At  
Clemente Park  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Ford Street  
2:00 PM - Saturday December 3, 2016  
And Receive a Blessing For God**

**Call 239-574-1128 if you wish to join this Godly team, donate items  
or provide monetary support.**



## *In His Service*

Come enjoy an afternoon meal and volunteer with Nick Trosterud and his wife Jackie at the Suncoast Community Center. This area is in much need of the Lord and your prayers.

We deliver a Biblical message, give out Bibles, provide homeless supplies and help meet people's needs. Our goal is to lead as many homeless and veterans to our Lord's saving grace. If you would like to volunteer serving with this ministry or would like to sponsor the lunch, please call us!

Thank you!  
Nick and Jackie Trosterud



**COME SERVE THE LORD WITH US!**

**EVERY THURSDAY  
at 12:00 (NOON)  
SUNCOAST COMMUNITY CENTER  
2441 Case Ln North Ft. Myers**

**CALL US TO SERVE!  
239-574-LOVE (5683)**



**Good Food - Good Fellowship - Good Biblical Teaching**



Friends and Partners,

I would like to thank each and everyone of you that have served, supported and prayed for Love And Compassion Ministries over the past eighteen years. I thank LCM's Board of Directors and of course Rev. Willis for his confidence in my taking over as President. This is such a honor and privilege to be used by God to lead this ministry to greater heights. I am optimistic that our Lord will bless us and guide us through uncharted territories, as we serve Him with gladness in our hearts. Our prayer would be that people of all walks of life see and feel the Love of Christ through us!

I pray that Churches, businesses and individuals will join us in building up Christ as He gives us the privilege to serve Him day in and day out. We do not know the day nor the hour of our Lord's return. Therefore, it is prevalent that we join as the body of Christ to help equip each other in our specified areas of expertise, to become stronger against the enemy and help protect those that have been weakened or deceived by the world.

We are looking for a few Godly men and women to help us on the advisory board within this ministry. If you believe that God wants you to be a part of LCM, please contact me. We also need people that are on fire for the Lord and the work He has set before us. I have heard over and over again, what separates LCM is our consistency and faithfulness, which have been established by a few dedicated men and women. I invite you to activate your faith and step into something God has ordained and we will be able to share your story with the world!

The ministry runs on volunteers. We want you to find your gifting and place you in the LCM network to watch God work through you. We are in need of people that want to grow as a disciple of the Lord, daily. Areas of service opportunities are a volunteer coordinator, business partnership development outreach, a social media specialist/event photographer, app builder and a disciple builder for LCM. Lord, send us your servants and let us build up the body of Christ in Southwest Florida!

All of this is not possible without our faithful supporters. I am truly amazed to see and experience the blessings from faithful supporters. I personally thank you for answering His call and allowing LCM to be a light to others, when they are presently living in darkness. I have heard from so many callers, that they have been turned away from everyone, and we have been the only ones to help. Sadly, we have also denied fulfilling others needs, due to the nature of need and expense people were asking. Times are really tough on people in this area due to high living expenses, causing increased evictions and homelessness. Remember we are so very blessed to have all that we do.

We are so blessed that Jesus was born, lived and died for us. His Love is holy and with Him all things are possible. Let us remember this month, that many do not know Him and need Him. Let us not turn away from people in need, for if each of us did what God called us to do, I believe we would see many more miracles.

Thanks and God Bless You All!

In the Presence of our Lord,

*Heidi Veres*

Heidi Veres, President  
Love and Compassion Ministries, Inc.

May God bless you all during this holiday season with peace, love, and a brighter future. May we all reach out to someone and touch them in a way where they will feel the love and compassion from our Savior !

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**GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS**

Prayer requests are very important to us!  
We always need people who are caring and willing  
to personally pray for others' needs.

SEND YOUR PRAYER REQUEST TO ...  
[PrayerRequest@LoveCompassion.com](mailto:PrayerRequest@LoveCompassion.com)

**WITH CHRIST, WE HAVE THE  
POWER TO CHANGE LIVES!**

By supporting Love And Compassion Ministries,  
Inc. you are helping us reach the lost, imprisoned,  
homeless, drug addicts, troubled youth and hurting  
people!

**Please consider giving a  
tax-deductible gift!**

**Thank You for all that you do!**