Love INC Anchorage

Love INC is a partnership with churches, volunteers and agencies serving those in need through a coordinated clearinghouse model of ministry.

Love INC enables churches in the community to coordinate their resources and services so those in need are not turned away due to gaps in services.

Love INC needs volunteers to do things like answer the phones, do basic office/clerical duties, update databases, input data, assist in the newsletter, take photos, participate in fundraising events and collect donated items from those within the community.

Spotlight: Diane Beauvais

Diane Beauvais is the newest member of the RSVP Program. She is a troop leader for Girl Scout Troop 941 in Wasilla. She has been actively involved with Girl Scouts of Alaska for 11 years now. In 2005 she started her first troop with six Kindergarten girls. Now her troop is a multi-age troop consisting of three middle school and three high school girls. They earn badges and learn new things each year. Troop 941 was nominated last year in 2015 for the First Lady’s Volunteer of the Year Award by First Lady Donna Walker. Some of the community service projects that the troop have accomplished are: designing and creating a rain garden at Wasilla Middle School, designing and creating a rain garden outdoor habitat at Burchell High School, volunteering as mock disaster victims for the Mat-Su Borough Emergency Services and the CERT Program, collecting toys in December for The Toys for Tots Program, and adopting an endangered animal every year through the National Wildlife Federation. Every year the girls are traveling on the road system to find new and exciting adventures in The Last Frontier.

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Covenant House Alaska

Covenant House Alaska is an organization which is committed to safeguard and serve youth ages 13-20, with respect and unconditional love.

They offer a wide range of opportunities for those who wish to volunteer. This can be from holiday and event help – to sorting donations – to engaging youth in music, arts and crafts – and participate in a variety of recreational activities. Like the Retired & Senior Volunteer (RSVP) program, their goal is to match volunteers depending on their experience, skills and interest to the needs of the program.

Advisory Council Members:
- Andrei Chakine, Alaska Health Fair, Inc.
- Lorraine Guyer, Alzheimer’s Resource of AK
- Allison McClain, Girl Scouts of Alaska
- Rose Feltz, 20 year RSVP Volunteer
- Janice Krukoff, Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association
- Auna Riffe, Anchorage School District

Site visit with Troop 941 at Iditarod Elementary School (Wasilla) as they did an art project involving glue guns and crayons! They begin every gathering with the Pledge of Allegiance. This project was a lot of fun to watch!

Where does Diane get her ideas and patience from? Diane is a certified elementary school teacher and was a Cub Scout leader for 10 years with her two boys through Boy Scouts of Alaska. She is originally from Boston, Massachusetts. She lives in Wasilla with her husband of 28 years and her three children. Diane is carrying on the Girl Scout Mission Statement: Building girls of Courage, Character, and Confidence, who make the world a better place. It was a pleasure visiting with Diane and her troop, thank you for your service Diane!

The mission of the Anchorage Senior Activity Center is to enhance the quality of life of seniors by managing a well-equipped facility with skilled staff who promote fitness, health and social interaction in a wide range of activities and services.

ASAC’s purpose is to improve living conditions for elderly by providing seniors with access to services and information key to senior living, health and housing. Members enjoy other benefits such as instruction in crafts, arts, computers, and fitness. Members can also take advantage of recreational pursuits such as billiards, cards, dancing, monthly birthday party, and other social events.

ASAC operates a restaurant, a gift shop, catering services, individual room and facility rental-as funding tools and also sponsors fundraising with annual community events such as the fall bazaar, spring plant sale, book sales, raffles, Fur Rondy activities, fashion shows, holiday buffets throughout the year and monthly events such as Zumba parties, Bingo, and dances.

Did you receive your RSVP Name Tags? If not, please let me know!

DON’T FORGET THAT TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016 IS NATIONAL SERVICE DAY! THANK YOU ALL SENIOR CORPS AND AMERICORPS VOLUNTEERS!