



The Heartbeat

Newsletter of Life Saver Ministries

February 2018: Valentine's Day Edition

How do I love thee... Let me count the ways

Here it comes...Valentine's Day. Like it, love it, hate it, ignore it...either way, it's everywhere! Sweaty little palms will place paper Valentine's on the desk of their elementary school crush, nervous hands will fumble for the ring over the dinner table in hopes of hearing a "Yes!", a late night panicked run to the store will ensure that cards and chocolates are waiting on the counter for one's kids and spouse.....All of these little gestures intended to remind the ones we love that they are loved. Isn't it incredible that we have all of the love we will ever need and all of the love needed to transform the world through our relationship with Christ? Isn't it amazing that we don't have to fumble for the right words, present the right token, or just hope that our good deeds have been impressive enough to earn a "Yes" to Heaven when we face eternity. What a beautiful, beautiful love we have. What a beautiful love we ARE. What a beautiful love we will forever BE as the children of God, the bride of Christ.

Here at Life Saver Ministries, I will say in absolute honesty that we would be NOTHING without love. Love is the driving force behind absolutely everything done in this place and through these efforts and it is a love that's very essence comes from God and the very essence of which returns to God as an offering of love from grateful hearts. I am so thankful to serve a God Who fuels His work with Himself because without that, we would all be looking at an empty building of deafening silence at 16 East Pine Street. What we see instead is a place brimming with life, sounds of laughter, piercing cries from wailing babies, words of life as the Living Word of God is spoken into broken lives; if you listen closely, you'll hear sighs of exasperation, mutterings of restless hearts, and everything that goes along with the brokenness of this life. What will be a steady, constant echo above the noise will be the ways that love in action is making an impact as only genuine love can do. I want to share with you some of the ways that how deeply we love the people we have been called to serve is showing up, day in and day out, showing up to consistently love and lead the women, children and families God is calling to Himself here in this little corner of the world that is a microcosm of the brokenness and pain found worldwide. How do we, the people of God, united in purpose as Life Saver Ministries, love the least of these? Let me count the ways....

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Pictures at right: This little man's face always light up the room! We are so thankful to have him and his family as part of our Soulutions family. This precious lady has worked so hard at making good choices and seeing her life change by God's grace; we are so excited to see where this year will lead!



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LOTS of Help Wanted

We invite you to take part in our 2nd annual Love 4 Life Fundraising Campaign! This important effort kicks off on Valentine's Day and runs through St. Patrick's Day and is the way that we fund our inventory of diapers, hygiene and household items here at the Soulutions Center of Life Saver Ministries.

How much can \$18 do?

I'm glad you asked!

\$18 can purchase over 100 pounds of needed items from our bulk supplier.

Over ONE HUNDRED POUNDS.

This is one of the ways that we try to be as resourceful as possible and is a key piece in stocking our diaper inventory for the entire year. Would you consider making a \$18 donation (or more!) as we can assure you, it will go to VERY good use. If you would be willing to promote this effort in your church, workplace, or community organization, we would appreciate it immensely as TOGETHER we can have an enormous impact in 2018! Please join us and be part of this beautiful work! Contact Abbey at lifesaverheartbeat@gmail.com or 725-5777 if you would like a fundraiser kit!

"...Now these three remain, faith hope & love; but the greatest of these is love."

1 Corinthians 13:13

The note below was from an area agency who has gotten to know us; praise God for giving us a platform to serve Him by helping our community!



This little sweetheart above has been part of our Soulutions family for several years and we love to watch her grow!

"We believe in the work that you do. We love to see that you help moms in our community and making the clients invest in their own growth while helping them get what they need is fantastic." (Enclosed with a gift of \$200 toward class curriculum for the Soulutions Center.-wow!)

Counting the ways....(Continued)

We are honored to be able to continue offering an average of 6 classes a week including some one-on-one parenting classes for ladies who have been referred to us by area Social Service agencies; our Tuesday morning flagship class is robustly attended with class sizes ranging from 15-30 ladies. Being able to offer assistance throughout the year to families who need clothing, hygiene items, and basically everything that we all need to run our households is such a visible form of love in action. Seeing women come in for some down time to watch a movie together, work on quilting, or have a Bible study is such a beautiful thing to witness; because of you, our supporters, we can offer a place to go when it's tempting to sit home and do nothing. A place to go when the worries of life could easily swallow up a heavy heart. A place to belong and feel loved knowing that week after week, month after month, there will be limitless opportunities for personal growth. The ways we are loving the community we have been called to serve are numerous, and now, with the re-launch of our men's group, Band of Brothers, we have opportunity to breathe life and truth into men's hearts as the brokenness and need for real fellowship among the fathers, sons, brothers, and leaders of our community is enormous. We are so thankful to be fueled with His love so that we can continue to love others as an ultimate expression of love to Him. As we count the ways He loves each of us, may all the glory be His!

