



Finding a Home through Collaboration

After retiring from a career with the USDA, Tommy Sallee began volunteering with Love INC. For the past year, Tommy has come into the office each week to maintain a list of available, inexpensive housing options. This list is distributed to 13 local agencies including Voluntary Action Center, Refugee & Immigration Services, Burrell Behavioral Health, Missouri Reentry Group, Welcome Home, Reality House, Central Missouri Community Action Center, New Horizons, Turning Point, In2Action Prison Transition, Services for Independent Living, City of Refuge, and TMT Consulting.

Tommy also serves as a coach in Love INC's *Side by Side* program. He assists individuals struggling to find affordable housing. This often includes budget coaching and sometimes help finding a better job. Additionally, he steps in to help in other ways when needed, most notably, delivering furniture to those he has helped find a home. Tommy says, "I am gratified and blessed to be able to see a tangible outcome from my efforts." Through volunteering at Love INC, Tommy has become acutely aware of the lack of affordable housing in our community. He found discussion at a recent housing symposium very encouraging and has been pleased that the conversation has continued, particularly to identify alternative forms of low income housing for our city.



Tommy Sallee, Housing List Manager and Coach

Tommy and his wife, Gail, have four children and five grandchildren. He serves on the Boone County Extension Services Council and is an active member of Christ our King Presbyterian Church. We are thankful for Tommy's willingness to share his time and energy with our community.