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A Security Knot for a Lifetime



Jayne Wikoff (right) with Jeanette Keeler, Life Coach

Jayne Wikoff, 85 year old retired nurse, is eager to tell how Love INC has impacted her life.

Thank you for the privilege of sharing with others just a hint of how big the scope of your organization is. I truly had no idea that one group could band together so many churches to reach out and touch a person they did not know, purely for the love of God. Amen and Amen.

Jayne and her husband moved to Missouri from New Jersey in 1972 and farmed 315 acres in Howard County, before relocating to Columbia. Jayne also had a long career in nursing. Two years ago, Jayne's husband passed away after forty-three years of marriage. Jayne needed to decide whether she would continue to live in Missouri near her friends or return to New Jersey where most of her family resides. She realized that she needed help to find direction for her life. "I'm at a very delicate age," she said. "Because I'm older, I have less time to correct a decision. In the past, I always jumped into the fire, and my husband pulled me out."

A grief counselor recommended she contact Love INC for life coaching. Jayne had donated items to Love INC's furniture bank, but was not aware of the range of services Love INC provides. Through weekly visits with a life coach, she was able to process her grief and establish priorities. "You need help to see who you are, your learned habits, what you do and why," she explained. "My life coach could give me the outside view, but she could also come in with me."

As Jayne's relationship with Love INC developed, volunteers from several churches were mobilized to help with things that her husband used to do such as home repairs and heavy house and yard work. She also received help organizing photos and other mementos to create gifts for her family. Jayne has decided to stay here in Missouri for now with the support of her friends and her newfound Love INC relationships.

Thank you, Love INC, for all you've done and are doing. What a blessing for someone like me to be able to see God's love demonstrated in your deeds. You've added a knot of security to the rope of my lifeline.