

# COMMUNITY LINK

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## Love inc

On Monday, March 31 at 12 noon, the ribbon will be cut to open the Santa Cruz County affiliate of "Love INC." This partnership of churches will serve the growing number of needy individuals in Santa Cruz County. The ribbon cutting, dedication and open house will be held at the Love INC office at Life Spring Church at 1255 41st Ave. in Capitola. Lunch will be served. Representatives of participating churches, the Love INC board and staff, and local government leaders will participate.

Love INC, which stands for "Love in the Name of Christ," enables churches and ministries in a community to pool their resources and outreach services to better serve neighbors in need. Families in need receive immediate and long-term help. Church members develop their gifts and talents in hands-on ministry. Local churches working together, model the unity of the Body of Christ.

People often come to churches in desperation, but no single congregation can meet all their needs. Love INC will provide a telephone clearinghouse where

individuals seeking help can call. Volunteers will evaluate their needs and then match them with members willing to help, from congregations throughout the county.

Love INC has been mobilizing churches for more than 25 years. There are currently 115 affiliates, representing 6,000 churches in nearly 30 states and serving more than 400,000 people in need each year.

The local affiliate of Love INC is a nonprofit organization staffed mainly by volunteers and funded by local churches and individuals.

**For more information  
Call 464-7929**

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## Hand in Hand

Hand in Hand Foundation seeks Christian

Families to Adopt Young Children.

Hand in Hand Foundation is an adoption agency licensed by the state. Their goal is to place children for adoption in Christian families. It is their belief that the only hope for the next generation is for children to grow up with strong Christian values, learned at home.

Fred and Bebe Barnes have worked with children for the

past 30 years and have focused exclusively on adoptions for the past 3 years. This small agency guides a family in its journey through adoption. They provide loving support and help through the legal process. Most of their families can finalize their adoptions without the cost of a lawyer. There is financial support for families who adopt these children.

The children available for placement are wonderful kids who may be a little older (about 1 1/2 to 8), sibling groups or children of various ethnic

backgrounds. They all have one thing in common: they need a loving family. They are known as special needs children because they are under protection of the court. Please call us if you have a place in your heart, and a place in your home, for a child who needs a loving family. Hand in Hand would be happy to send you further information and explore adoption as an option with you.

**Contact Fred and Bebe Barnes at (831)476-1866  
www.handinhandfoundation.com**

Serving Christ in the Church and in the Community.

- Ministry Opportunities—within a church or para-church organization
- Community Outreach—helping our community

# Ministry Opportunities

## Children's Learning Museum

Committed to enriching educational opportunities for all children through outreach programs in literacy, music, art, science and life principles.

Needs: Committee members, script writers for their educational program, administration help and event helpers.

Contact: Franklin 420-1765

## Cindy's Celebration's

Provides care and support to seniors through lunch and outings.

Needs: Needs: People to help prepare and serve food Mon.- Thur

Contact : Cindy 479-7509

## Elm Street Mission

Serving food to the needy of Santa Cruz County.

Needs: Help serving food on Fri, Sat and Sun evenings.

Contact: Ben 295-3099

## Pajaro Rescue Mission

Provide necessary meals to the needy of this area.

Needs: People for a March clean up day, to sort clothes on Tuesday and on Saturday morning to help with their kids program.

Contact: George 724-9576

## Passing Bread Outreach

Provides packed sack dinners for handing out downtown.

Needs: People to help assemble and pass out meals. Meets every Friday at the Santa Cruz Bible Church Worship Center kitchen at 7:00 PM

Contact: Robert 336-2502

## Pregnancy Resource Center

The P.R.C. provides pregnancy medical assistance to all who are facing an unplanned or unwanted pregnancy.

Needs: Volunteers for counselors, cleaning, event assistant or receptionist.

Contact: Ted 475-9255

## Project Grace

Ministering to people in Santa Cruz County living with AIDS. Project Grace works with the Santa Cruz AIDS Project.

Needs: People to serve Christ through service to individuals and families living with AIDS. .

Contact: Leigh 465-3313

## Siena House

Dedicated to helping women find a positive solution for themselves and their children, before and after the birth.

Needs: People to transport patients to medical appointments, being mother's helpers, putting together sewing projects, clerical helpers, gardening. Donations of wipes, diapers, maternity clothes, infant clothes, equipment and furniture.

Contact: Maureen 425-2229



# Volunteer Services

Volunteers can improve the quality of life in our community through work that is both satisfying and challenging.

The Volunteer Center's mission is to promote volunteerism throughout the community. The Center maintains a wide variety of volunteer opportunities for the special needs and interests of all segments of the population. We enable all people, despite age, race, physical ability or

other special circumstances, to share their skills and time to extend needed services in Santa Cruz County.

The mission operates two types of programs: those designed to recruit and orient volunteers for placement in other nonprofit agencies; and those providing direct services to address specific needs by the Board, using volunteer services.

Whether you're looking for a one



day project or a long term opportunity, for yourself, your family, or group of people, Volunteer Services can be your key to unlocking the volunteer opportunities that best fit your interests.

**For more information  
call 427-5070.**

# The “human race”

## The Human Race: Coming In May 2003!

In 2002, this walkathon and fun run involved 1,800 people (and 150 dogs!) who walked or ran to raise money for their favorite agency. 135 agencies received over \$130,000 in pledge money! This year, on May 10, 2003, The Human Race is coming again!

The Human Race represents a great opportunity for Christians in Santa Cruz County to get involved in the

community and to help raise funds to meet human needs in our county. For some agencies, the Human Race is their sole source of support.

Community Link encourages churches and individual Christians in our county to get involved. Adopt an agency and raise funds for it. Register your service group or ministry team and raise funds for it.

The Santa Cruz Volunteer Center, which organizes and runs The Human Race each year, also needs race day volunteers.

For more information on how to sign up to support an agency, how to be a race day volunteer, for pledge forms or a complete list of participating agencies, please visit

[www.scvolunteercenter.com](http://www.scvolunteercenter.com)

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# Community outreach opportunities

### Second Harvest Food Bank

Contact : Leigh Selby 662-0487 x 205

Needs volunteers, individuals or groups to help sort food the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month between 9 AM and 1 PM. Drivers also needed to distribute food at the food banks weekday mornings.

### California Grey Bears

Contact: Will 479-1055

Needs help with Brown bag program, selling at the Thrift shop, Turning Up The Earth and the Recycle program. Help also needed with their Gleanings program every Wednesday at 7:30 AM.

### Suicide Prevention Service

Contact: 459-9373

Needs volunteers for the suicide and crisis line. Training begins April 8th.

### Graffiti Free Santa Cruz

Contact: Bobbie 420-5303

Needs individual and group volunteers to remove reported graffiti or graffiti in your neighborhood. Next info meeting is March 17th 7 PM at the main library in SC.

### Big Brothers and Sisters

Contact: Marie 464-8691

Needs volunteers for one on one and after school mentoring. Help is also needed in their upcoming event “Bowl for Kids Sake” on March 15th and 16th.

### Hospice Caring Project

Contact: Rodha 688-7684 x 213

Needs volunteers to provide both emotional and practical support to Hospice patients and their families at home. Training provided – next training starts March 25th – April 26th.

### Elderday Health Care Program

Contact: Shea 458-3481

Needs volunteers for positive, cheerful visits with seniors on weekdays.

### Meals on Wheels

Contact: Evon 464-3180 x 12

Needs volunteers to help prepare and serve food at one of their four dining centers. Drivers are also needed – one day training provided.

### Friends of the Library

Contact: Jenny 420-5793

Need individual or group volunteers to help with their bi-yearly “Book Sale” at the Civic on April 18th and 19th.

### Try Foster Parenting

Contact: Susan 454-4375

If you have been thinking about becoming a foster family, there is an easy way to try it out. Consider providing respite care for other foster families from your own church.

### Jacobs Heart

Contact: Elizabeth 477-0690

Needs volunteers to provide a meal to a family or to do thank you notes.



# About us...

**CommUnity Link** wants to help churches link together to meet the needs of our community. Our goal is to be a hub of information. Our monthly newsletter posts what's going on in the Christian community—where and how our united effort can make a "world of difference" in Santa Cruz County.

**Our vision** is to promote unity in the body of Christ by identifying opportunities to link His love with the community.

**Our mission** is to provide a network of communication that identifies, profiles and disseminates opportunities, uniting Christians to use their time, talents, and resources in impacting our community with God's love.

**We seek** key lay contact people in your church and their input. To place an article about your church's community-oriented initiative, a need in the community, or other opportunities for local Christians to serve their community, or to join our team...



We're on the Web  
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# Santa Cruz



Santa Cruz Children's Learning Museum The Santa Cruz Children's Learning Museum makes learning an exciting, multi-sensory experience. Its interactive exhibits and innovative programs encourage creativity, discovery and curiosity. It is an educational resource for the entire community, especially families and schools.

We have outreach programs in literacy, music, art, science, life principles and esteem. We build a welcoming environment where children and adults are encouraged

to learn together. We celebrate imagination and boost children's intellectual and creative potential. We build their knowledge of self, other people, and the world.

The new museum building will add to the cultural development of Santa Cruz County. We seek to grow with the community. We will offer a "Museum Without Walls" program in the main facility and other locations locally.

We welcome volunteers from the Christian community.

These committees need your help:

- Administration
- Education
- Public Relations
- Development
- Events and Programs

Please call (831) 420-1765 or email [clmuseum@cruzers.com](mailto:clmuseum@cruzers.com)

# Best Buddies

Best Buddies is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Best Buddies Citizens pairs people with developmental disabilities in one on one friendships with volunteers like you! Without love, support, and friends, our lives would be empty.

Best Buddies finds friends for people with disabilities who would benefit from a friendship. Once a pair is

matched, the two can plan outings together twice a month or more. They can also talk on the phone weekly to grow their friendship.

Best Buddies invites members of congregations throughout the county to reach out. Wouldn't it be wonderful if adults with disabilities among us had friends from our own church to encourage them in their spiritual walk? These friends would make a personal investment in them,

take them out during the week, sit with them in church or invite them to spend Sunday afternoons with them after church.

For more information or to get involved, please contact

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