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Community Partnership Award presented to LOVE INC

COLUMBIA - Missouri Department of Corrections (DOC) Director George A. Lombardi presented LOVE INC with the DOC's Community Partnership Award on October 26. LOVE INC was nominated for the designation because of its continued commitment to offer assistance to those in need in the Columbia area.

"Critical factors in the adjustment of offenders coming out of prison are housing, work, being mentored and addressing substance abuse issues," Lombardi said. "LOVE INC has been an excellent catalyst in helping in each of these areas for offenders in Boone County and especially in Columbia. Their efforts have added measurably to public safety by the altruistic and competent attention they offer to offenders and their families. We take great pride in recognizing their efforts."

LOVE INC is a not-for-profit organization that coordinates the efforts of partnering churches to respond to the needs of the community. Executive Director Randy Hodill said many of his organization's clients are prior offenders who are reentering the community.

"We are truly honored to receive this award and appreciate our relationship with our local probation and parole office and the Department of Corrections," Hodill said.

All services offered by LOVE INC are free of charge and range from bus passes and employment readiness classes to providing professional clothing. LOVE INC has also created a program in which they hire prior offenders to pick up and deliver furniture. The presentation was held at the organization's headquarters in Columbia.

The Community Partnership Award is given to businesses and organizations that offer individuals on active supervision employment opportunities and resources needed to make a successful transition back into the community.

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