

## LAUNDRY LOVE 2022

Laundry Love remains committed to our mission and our community. You can still find us on the third Tuesday of every month at the Classic Coin Laundry on Balson Ave. By November of 2022 we had moved fully back inside the building, making it so much easier to engage with the community we serve. And easier to serve pizza.

In 2022 we served an average of 24 participants each month. Some months it is in the 30s and some less than 20. During the gas crisis we had more; during summer we averaged less. However, each month we see many of the same faces waiting for us when we arrive, so we know that we are an essential part of our community's lives. It is particularly significant to us when new people walk through the door to say, "Are you here for Laundry Love?" and they ask, "What's that?" Then we discover that they are currently out of work or are caring for a sick loved one. We know that, at least on that night, we are making a difference in their lives.

When we were still posted out in the parking lot we could not offer any activities for the children who came. Now that we are back in the building, we have a box of coloring activities (even some adults join in). At the moment, we can't offer our more elaborate activities from pre-pandemic time because that requires volunteers who come consistently and have undergone a background check. If one or two volunteers are interested in hearing more about this role, talk to one of the Laundry Love leaders.

Before this year is out, we look to build back up our steady pool of 6-8 volunteers each month to fill the 6-7pm and 7-8pm shifts. Make sure you're on our mailing list for the announcements by signing up on the Laundry Love sheet on the table at the church entrance. Furthermore, we would like to add one or two more leaders to our rotating group of people in charge each month. It would require you to be in charge only 2 or 3 times each year (with the support of other leaders). The responsibilities of a leader each month are not complicated, and you can learn more by talking to any current Laundry Love coordinators.

We are grateful for all the volunteers who have joined us faithfully and for the vestry for supporting us in this mission as we share God's love in our community. Love never ends and neither does laundry.

Laundry Love Coordinators,

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