

Laundry Love 2019

Laundry Love has continued its community mission at Classic Coin Laundry on Balson Avenue. Held on the third Tuesday evening of each month, Laundry Love has become a staple in the schedules of our regular “customers,” many of whom are waiting for us when we arrive. In addition to free wash, dry, laundry soap and fabric softener, the Laundry Love community offers free pizza and activities for children so that parents are able to focus on laundry.

In 2019 the Holy Communion branch of Laundry Love was able to do the following:

- 169 families served from 21 different zip codes
- Over 800 loads of laundry completed
- Consumed 75 pizzas and numerous baked goods provided by LL volunteers
- Used up 350 coloring pages, went through 6 boxes of crayons, and played countless games of Uno with the children who attended Laundry Love with their families

On average, Holy Communion supplies 12 volunteers per month for Laundry Love, and sometimes as many as 20! We are so grateful to the congregation for their faithfulness to show up and do the work of community -- which is so much more than handing out quarters or putting laundry soap in a machine. They hold doors, carry heavy loads, have deep conversations, listen well, share smiles and hugs over slices of pizza... and they show up month after month.

In addition to our monthly LL gathering, Holy Communion volunteers staffed a table at the (very hot) Back to School event for University City School District. We've found this event to be a fantastic way to connect with the community and get the word out. We are hoping to deepen our connection with the school district in the future, as well.

We are exploring the possibility of partnering with other local churches to expand Laundry Love to another night, for a total of two nights per month.

Laundry Love is such a delightful way to connect with our neighbors. We are grateful for the support of the vestry and of the congregation as we seek to share the love of God in tangible ways.

Submitted by your Laundry Love Coordinators:
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