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February is the month of **LOVE**. We associate that word with many things. In fact we have diminished the word in many ways...I love ice-cream, I love 70 degree weather, I love my children, and I love Jesus. We show love in many ways...kissing and hugging, cooking a favorite food, petting the dog, gardening, and saying I love you. Thanks to your financial help, Leaving The Cocoon has partnered with you to say I love you to several women this month.

Leslie was released on a Sunday from prison. Her half-way house doesn't process on Sunday so she had nowhere to go. Pam invited her to join her for the night. Pam has a roof over her head because you helped her pay her rent last month while she was laid off work. The ripple effect reached down to help Leslie too! At the same time, you helped purchase Leslie some undergarments from Wal-Mart and some clothes from the Goodwill.

LaQuita has been out several months and doing well. LaQuita said her mother is only interested in the money. She wanted LaQuita to go sell drugs again so they could have more money. LaQuita refused and her mother kicked her out of the house. Her two children wanted to go with her. You helped her stay in a temporary motel while she looked for housing.

Pamela is a grateful lady for the delicious meal you provided for her. She and I went to a nice restaurant and just had "girl" time. She said thank you for such a fun time. She had not been to a restaurant to eat in over a year. She couldn't afford to stay at the half-way house any longer due to the others relapsing. Not all homeless women are unemployed. She was living at the Women's Mission or Room in the Inn while working her job at the Tennessean. Going to a nice restaurant, laughing, talking, and sharing a meal with a girlfriend was like the "old times" for her. It made her feel valuable.

Thank you for sharing the **LOVE**.

Love,

*Vicki*