



# Laundry Love Frequently Asked Questions

## **WHAT exactly is Laundry Love?**

- *Laundry Love* washes the clothes and bedding of low/no income families and person(s) across the U.S.
- Laundry Love Abq is a collaborative effort between United Way of North Central New Mexico (UWNCNM) and Shine Partnership.

## **HOW is Shine involved?**

- We collaborate with UWNCNM to fund and serve a monthly effort at Arroyo Services Lavanderia.
- We also support any church community that desires to host their own efforts through training, assisting with finding a friendly laundromat, and logistical support. As of March 2023, we have 2 Shine partner churches hosting monthly efforts.
- Shine helps to maintain the Laundry Love Abq Facebook page.  
<https://www.facebook.com/laundrylovecentralnm/>

## **HOW can my church host a Laundry Love effort?**

- Contact Ynette Colyer, our Director of Partnership Programs, to learn more.
- Schedule a time to observe and volunteer with an ongoing effort.
- Commit to raising funds and supplies needed for each effort.
- Train leaders and volunteers.
- Promote the effort.
- Host the effort. *It is highly recommended to have your efforts happen at a consistent time/day of the month.*

## **HOW do churches fund their efforts?**

- Each church is responsible for funding their own efforts. Some different ways this is done: grant funds, business sponsorships, church member donations.

## **ARE there other ways Shine is involved with the community?**

- **Staying Ahead Network** - Participants attend our quarterly dinners with Getting Ahead Workshop graduates. They develop mutually transformative relationships.
- **Getting Ahead Workshop** - Through partnership with Albuquerque Public Schools, this 16 session workshop provides a space where participants living in poverty can analyze their own situations, assess their resources, and choose their own plans of action.
- **Church-school partnerships** - These partnerships are designed to increase the capacity of our partner schools to meet the needs of their students, staff members, and families.

## **HOW to get started...**

- Contact Ynette Colyer directly at [ynette@shineabq.org](mailto:ynette@shineabq.org) or through our website, <https://www.shineabq.org/laundry-love>.