Below is an e-mail from a cancer family...their 5 year old daughter passed away September 2007.

"Before The Hope of Heaven Conference, I had begun the anger phase of my grief. In my case, I had become very angry. It’s not that I didn’t know or trust that my child was in Heaven; my anger came from not understanding “Why.” My analytical personality wanted to know why God could calm the storms, walk on water, raise the dead, etc. BUT He wouldn’t allow my child to live. I understand it’s all in His plan, but that was no longer an acceptable answer for me. I was angry!! I didn’t want to talk about God, didn’t want to hear anyone else talk about God. I didn’t even want to go to church and hear people talk about how amazing God is.

After hearing Don Piper speak about his experience, and how he had come to realize that he was to stay here on earth to help others that have gone through the same experience, I began to feel better about things. Maybe we’re supposed to experience this kind of pain and grief so that we can understand and possibly help others who have gone through the same emotional roller coaster.

On Saturday, I had no idea what God had in store for me. Pastor Mike Mille delivered what would be an uplifting and spirit refreshing message. What he said helped me put my feelings and thoughts all back in balance. I realized I had let my soul get out of balance with my spirit. I had allowed my feelings, my thoughts, and my soul to take over. I gave up the fight. I no longer was fighting the battle between my soul and spirit. Pastor Mike’s message opened a lot of doors. It allowed me to talk to my husband about what I had been going through. We had always been able to talk but because of everything being out of balance, I had shut that door.

I absolutely LOVED the conference!! I left with a New Hope of Heaven and a New Balance so that we can continue with our New Normal. Thank you BIG for sponsoring the conference."
Chaney and Jessica...

“We were honored to have been a part of the Hope of Heaven conference. It was truly a privilege to serve those seeking the Lord’s comfort beyond their grief and sorrow. We noticed people’s countenance change immediately once they realized they were among others experiencing a similar journey. No doubt, they quickly recognized that they were not alone in their sorrow. They were in the midst of many going through the journey of grief. They were able to see and hear, from a God far greater than the dark valleys of despair and hopelessness, that hope and healing IS possible.

The conference left behind an understanding and reassurance that our loved ones are not only in our past but a glorious part of the future that awaits us all! Eternity was spelled out clearly. Knowing this, we can all look to the future under the new light of Hope. There was so much love in the atmosphere that a healing took place in us all. God did it! He restored our lives with purpose to help those around us who see no way out, with the feeling at times of perhaps wanting to end their own life just to be with their loved one. Hope has begun anew once again for many.

Thank you so much for taking up the call to help heal the broken hearted, restore the wounded and set the captives of grief free. This conference was ordained by our Heavenly Father’s heart to those sitting in darkness...and now life has begun again. It’s a new path, a different course, and a new way to live with hope for tomorrow...” From a Cancer family, their 17 year old son passed away December 2005.

A Special Thanks to our Event Sponsors:
Cross Life Church - Arkansas, Chad and Alena Phillips, Sarah and Brian Kicker, Dr. Meredith Denton, St. Luke’s United Methodist Church - Houston, Mary Gonzales, David and Brenda Turner, Bubba Goodson, April and Darrell Madding, Rita Benton, First Angleton Church and Brazosport Christian School.

Author of “90 Minutes in Heaven” Don Piper
“I can’t wait to be a big part of next year’s events. You see, in my personality, the more I push away from everyone, the easier it is for me to cope. I now see that this has some serious potential to do damage to myself and my relationships. It takes a lot for me to process things that happen and things that should be happening. I have really never been one to ask for help either...so that also pushes me more toward being alone. This weekend was a divine appointment made by God for me. I could not have gotten that from anywhere else so B.I.G. Love does BIG things.

I love you all and am proud to have known so many people that live to help others out, including myself. Thank you again for inviting me. The whole heaven description helped my son too. Now when I talk to him, we can talk on a mature level. He knows that if anything happens to me, I will be in Heaven, and I will be waiting for him, at the Gate, in his time.”

From a cancer patient...
We want to extend a great, BIG Thank You to LimuKids Foundation and Vitamark for raising over $5,400 for B.I.G. Love at their Annual Fun Run and for donating loads and loads and loads of wonderful toys for the kids at the TCH cancer clinic! The kids have enjoyed all the toys so much! Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity! You are AWESOME!

Sock-It to Childhood Cancer

We are excited again to have the profits from the Pumpkin Patch benefit BIG Love Cancer Care.

We will be filling laundry baskets in the coffee bar with Life is good socks to help brighten the days that the children and their families spend in the hospital during treatments. You can help us "Sock It To Childhood Cancer" by purchasing a pair of Life is good socks to toss in the basket. Donate 1 Pair and take 10% off your total purchase. Donate 2 pairs and take 15% off.

~ Love, Sunny Hearts

Pumpkin Patch begins October 5th!

Thank you so much, Tim Marusich at NDH Piping, LLC, West Columbia, TX, for buying all our toys for the month of August! And a special thanks to Teia, Rob and Leslie.

Thanks to the CREW at the ICE-HOUSE for supporting B.I.G. Love.
**Upcoming Projects & Events...**

**Christmas in the Park**  
National Oak Park - Alvin, TX  
Saturday, December 12th  
10:00 - 5:00 pm  
Parade, Concert, Car Show, Food and Festivities.

**2010 Monthly Calendar Pledge Drive - support B.I.G. Love monthly and receive our new 2010 desk calendar.**

**Weekly grocery delivery to Arkansas Children’s Hospital Cancer Unit - beginning soon.**

**GriefShare Support groups, sponsored by B.I.G. Love, starting soon. Our first group will be led by Carlos and Valerie Garcia. We already have 10-15 people signed up!**

**Adopt B.I.G. Love as your chosen charity for one month. Businesses, churches, and organizations (during whichever month you desire) can help us sell B.I.G. Love t-shirts and cookbooks, help us raise awareness about Childhood Cancer and help us raise funds. Read below...**

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**Update...**

We deliver groceries to approximately 15-25 families each week on the cancer floor of Texas Children’s Hospital.

We provide New Diagnosis Care Bags to all new cancer families at TCH and Arkansas Children’s Hospital. We also provide $100 parking passes to families in need.

We provide toys each month at the TCH cancer clinic.

We are providing living accommodations for a TCH bone marrow transplant family in our B.I.G. Love Trailer!

We recently hosted the Hope of Heaven Conference. Over 200 families attended!

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**A BIG thanks to...**

**Shear Perfections Hair Salon in Lake Jackson, TX for “adopting” B.I.G. Love for the months of September and October!**

In honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month (September), Rhonda, Lisa and all the ladies of Shear Perfections decorated their windows, sold B.I.G. Love t-shirts and Cookbooks and posted pictures of Brookie all around their shop. Rhonda, the owner of the hair salon, loves the color purple...so BIG Love fit right in. Until the end of October, you will see the Salon with BIG Love decorated windows and pink and purple everywhere. So far, the ladies have raised over $400.

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“**My son is a cancer patient at Texas Children’s Hospital. When we were inpatient with fever and low counts, my wife, who was pregnant with our third child, went into labor that day...three weeks early and gave birth to our daughter. We had my son, Wife and new baby girl in Texas Children’s for the next two weeks. During this time, we had only been home a couple of times, and I had forgotten to get half my stuff. I had no razors or socks. The delivery of the Father’s Day bag had to be the best timing EVER! Also, I cannot tell you how impressed we are with BIG LOVE. We see your work every time we are at clinic or the hospital, not just on holidays or times when it is convenient. I cannot tell you how much we appreciate all that your group has done for our family and others.”**

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Send your memorial gift to B.I.G. Love Cancer Care in the attached envelope.

How to help B.I.G. Love...

I can provide a location and help host a GriefShare Support Group.
I will purchase materials for a GriefShare Support Group. ($300)
I will support B.I.G. Love monthly in 2010 in the amount of $ __________ per month. You will receive a new 2010 Desk Calendar.
I would like to “adopt” B.I.G. Love as my charity for the month of _________________.
I would like to purchase a parking pass for a family in need. ($100 each)
I will collect Toys for the Cancer Clinic!

“We cannot all do great things but we can do small things with great love.” Mother Teresa
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Thank you!