



The many faces of our dedicated volunteers who make a difference every day in Tucson.

Make a difference - join Assistance League of Tucson today.

Putting FUN into Fundraising

Does the idea of fundraising terrify you? Do you have visions of cold calls and asking strangers for money? Often fundraising IS done that way, but there is a way that it can be a fun and simple part of your everyday life. Many credit cards and consumer loyalty cards (like Basha's) let you designate a charity to receive rewards based on your spending.

You do buy groceries and go out to eat, don't you? Check to see if you can designate Assistance League of Tucson to receive these benefits when you shop or dine around town. Member Charity Kirkpatrick likes to eat at Pastiche, which donates to local charities. She told us "They

gave me the list of charities the other day and we were not on it so I wrote in Assistance League of Tucson. They eliminate the three least marked charities at the end of the year and add new ones. Wish we could make the list."

Let's get out the vote—make sure Assistance League of Tucson benefits whenever you spend your money. Our number for the Basha's member cards is 24534. The cards should be updated annually. Please check all your favorite places to shop and see if they have the option for you to designate Assistance League of Tucson as a recipient for any award or bonus points.

Painting and Planting

A wonderfully synergistic event took place Saturday, October 18, 2008 at the Chapter Office. Tool diva Brenda Smith, our Chairman for Property & Grounds, got to watch as the Members' Lobby and small conference room were repainted. Normally, she is the painter and the job would take a couple of weekends instead of one day. Some future shade trees were also planted in the parking lot.

This time, the workers were part of Boy

Scouts of America Troop 747 and Venture Crew 747, augmented by Assistance League of Tucson members and friends from the community supporting Scout Zachary Mathis for his Eagle Project. The Troop and Crew are sponsored by Corpus Christi Catholic Church. To attain the rank of Eagle Scout, a scout must complete an approved project that benefits the community. All materials were donated and the volunteer workers gave nearly 70 hours.

Mission Statement

Assistance League of Tucson is an all volunteer organization that provides essential goods and services to disadvantaged men, women, and children in the greater Tucson area.



What organization in Tucson uses 100% of your donation to support programs that help the Tucson community?



What organization in Tucson is staffed entirely by volunteers?



Assistance League of Tucson does all of these things.



Boy Scouts along with members donated and planted trees for shade in the parking lot.

You Can Help Us Make a Difference.

A message from our President Nina Kersels.

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Make a donation on-line at
www.assistanceleagueticucson.org

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Assistance League of Tucson's Thrift Shop provides more than 50% of the funds needed to provide brand new clothing, shoes, personal hygiene items and school supplies annually to over 3,800 children in the greater Tucson area.

The challenges of these uncertain economic times have brought new customers to the shop, however, donations have declined slightly. Many demands upon our time, the cost of gasoline, and the fact that many people simply are not replacing household goods as frequently as before are just a few of the reasons we think led to this decline.

Every member of our all-volunteer organization is dedicated to making the shop a success. These volunteers not only make the public part of our shop hum, but much of the real work is done by those unsung heroes in the back room who sort, price and so beautifully display items for sale. Quite often household items are cleaned and minor repairs performed, just to ensure that we will be able to get the best possible price for every item sold.

Thank you for helping us celebrate the success of our thrift shop. We hope you will continue to support this effort to raise funds to assist in improving the lives of disadvantaged men, women and children.

Please ask your family, friends and neighbors to remember Assistance League of Tucson when they are cleaning out or replacing items in their homes. We will gladly take donations of gently used clothing, miscellaneous household items, jewelry, books, sporting goods, etc.

Visit our shop ... donate ... consider becoming a member ... remember, you too can make a difference in the life of someone today !




Members working
together to make a
difference.



"Our shoppers are fabulous. They are generous. They are fun. They are astute buyers. We love them all."

- Gail Purvis
Chairman, Assistance League of Tucson Thrift Shop



ATTENTION THRIFT SHOP SHOPPERS !

You may not realize this but your donations and purchases help us provide brand new clothing, hygiene/personal care items and school supplies annually to over 3,800 disadvantaged children in the greater Tucson area through Operation School Bell®. Over 50% of that program's budget is provided by revenues generated in the thrift shop. The need for this program is growing every year and we ask for your continued support to meet these needs.

As you know, we operate one of the finest thrift shops in Tucson and our "Boutique" far exceeds many in town and features top designer labels. The merchandise is displayed with as much care as you would find in any fine retail outlet. The merchandise is always clean, very gently used and always in working order.



The shop committee works diligently to be sure stock is rotated on a regular basis and they conduct daily and weekly sales to encourage more shoppers to make purchases.

As you may know, Assistance League of Tucson is an all volunteer organization with no paid staff. That, of course, applies to the very friendly staff who greet you upon arrival and do everything they can to make your shopping experience an enjoyable one.



We cannot expect to operate without your very generous donations of gently used clothing, furniture, jewelry and miscellaneous household items. Please continue to think of Assistance League of Tucson when you are cleaning out. Tell your friends and neighbors about the good work we do and encourage them to donate – and, of course, shop.

To show our appreciation, please use this coupon when you are next in the shop. Your name on this coupon will be entered into a drawing for a \$25.00 Assistance League of Tucson Gift Certificate. This offer expires January 1, 2009. Drawing will be held January 14, 2009.

Assistance League of Tucson 1307 N. Alvernon Way Tucson, AZ 85712 326-1585	Thrift Shop Hours: 10-4 Tuesday-Friday 10-2 Saturday Closed Sunday and Monday Closed July and August
10% off on purchases of \$10.00 or more Not Valid on Sale Items. Offer expires January 1, 2009.	
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Phone Number	

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December 6, 2008

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Assisteens Fashion Show

March 2009

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Special Thanks

- Lauri Kaye,
Create Café & Catering
- Susan Allen,
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- Bob Ramsey,
Tanque Verde Motors
- Estate of Elizabeth Tolbert
- Mrs. Darrel Canfield
- Raytheon
- Air Warfare Systems
- Michael & Karen Osborne,
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- Maya Palace
- Dillard's Park Place
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Air Warfare Systems of Raytheon employees play golf at fundraiser held at Arizona National to benefit Assistance League of Tucson.



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IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION WORKING POOR TAX CREDIT

Under the provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes Section 43-1088, an individual can make a contribution of \$200 and a couple can make a contribution of \$400 to Assistance League of Tucson, Inc. and receive a maximum tax credit of \$400 on their Arizona return and a Federal Itemized Deduction of \$400 (assume 25% tax bracket).

There are three types of tax credit contributions:

Working Poor Tax Credit,
Public Schools Tax Credit,
Private School Tuition Credit.

Assistance League of Tucson is qualified to receive contributions under the Working Poor Tax Credit.

If you make contributions under the other categories of Tax Credits (Public Schools or Private Schools), this does not reduce the amount you can give to Assistance League of Tucson under the Working Poor Tax Credit.

Please make checks payable to Assistance League of Tucson, Inc.
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Make sure that your contribution is postmarked by December 31, 2008

As always, please consult your tax advisor about the benefits of this credit and thank you for considering Assistance League of Tucson in your planning.

Assistance League® of Tucson, a chapter of National Assistance League®, is a nonprofit, nonpolitical, nonsectarian volunteer organization and is qualified under IRS code 501(c)(3) and Arizona Tax Credit Law ARS-1088.