



The Many Faces of Assisteens.

Assisteens Auxiliary develops personal growth, leadership skills, and civic responsibility. Here's to the young women who make a difference in Tucson!

Assisteens® - A Very Special Group of Young Women

Assisteens, an auxiliary of Assistance League of Tucson, is composed of 95 dynamic high school aged women involved in various philanthropic programs throughout the community. Their group program, "Assisteens Helping Tucson Bell®, work in the Thrift Shop and help assemble Starting Over Supplies kits. They also help at the P.A.W.S. Teddy Bear Tea and at the Tux 'n Boots® silent auction.

Assisteens Auxiliary also has individual class programs. The seniors, working with The Amity Circle Tree Ranch Foundation, gave parties for the children whose parents live there. Ben's Bells is the junior class program; the Assisteens make bells and help deliver them to those chosen for spreading kindness in our community. By combining Santa Cop with Tu Nidito, the sophomore class passes out toys to children suffering from serious family trauma. The freshman class, through Project Linus, will collect materials and make blankets for seriously ill children in local hospitals. Funding for Assisteens' programs comes from their annual fashion show.

In addition to their group program and the individual class programs, Assisteens contributes to the philanthropic programs of Assistance League. They fill backpacks with school supplies for Operation School Bell®, work in the Thrift Shop and help assemble Starting Over Supplies kits. They also help at the P.A.W.S. Teddy Bear Tea and at the Tux 'n Boots® silent auction.

To complete their busy volunteer schedule, the Assisteens participate in outside programs: putting together the clothes and working at My Girlfriend's Closet sale, offering face painting at the Jewish Community Center's B'sghetti Bash in December, and setting up the lights around the garden and giving directions to visitors for Tucson Botanical Garden's Luminaria Nights. Most recently, Assisteens assisted the children who were modeling at the Angel Charity's 3rd Annual Fashion Show.

Tucson is very fortunate to have such hard-working young women who are giving back by volunteering; what an incredible opportunity for young women to learn about and help fulfill the needs of their community.

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.



A Thrift Shop customer, in our newly remodeled boutique, tries on gowns donated by Maya Palace.

A special thank you to Maya Palace for their constant and generous support of Assistance League and the Thrift Shop.

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Visit our website to learn more about our philanthropic programs.

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

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On the first page of Community Newslink we feature the "Many Faces of Assistance League," and this month those faces belong to Assisteens. Our teenage auxiliary is an important facet of our member volunteers. Another member auxiliary, Professional Auxiliary of Women's Services (P.A.W.S.), is featured on page three. Assistance League of Tucson could not provide the same breadth of service to the Tucson community that we do without these auxiliary volunteers. Altogether, members of Assistance League of Tucson donated 54,672 hours of service to the Tucson community last year.

We do this with no paid staff, but we don't do it alone. Tucson generously supports Assistance League not only with financial donations, but also with their volunteer hours. Recently, employees of Raytheon organized and staffed the Third Annual Charity Golf Tournament and raised \$10,000 for Operation School Bell. Employees of Office Max helped with an Operation School Bell dressing and also packed backpacks with school supplies and hygiene items for the children. Supporting our programs is a real community effort, and we are grateful to everyone who has helped in any way.

An old adage that has been around for centuries begins with "For the want of a nail, a shoe was lost." Then the horse was lost, the rider was lost, the battle was lost, and the kingdom was lost. All for the want of a nail. Any one of you could be that nail.

Thank you, Tucson, for all that you do for the children and families we serve.




Picking out skirts.

Assisteens dress children from Amity Circle Tree Ranch at Operation School Bell



Learning how to tie shoes.



Trying on jackets.



The Spackeen Family knows how to volunteer. Grandmother and granddaughters, who are Assisteens, working together for Tucson.

Left to Right: Kalli, Alyssa, Daryl, and Caitlyn



"The charity golf tournament benefiting Operation School Bell raised \$3,300 the first year, \$5,500 the second year and \$10,000 this year. This will provide the bare essentials for more than 140 children."

- Tom McQuillan, Golf Tournament Organizer
Director, Quality & Mission Assurance, Raytheon Missile Systems



Dorrance Scholarship Programs. The Dorrance Scholarship Programs value Education, Innovation (entrepreneurship), Conservation and Community Awareness. Dorrance scholars are encouraged to become active, caring members of their university and municipal communities. Students volunteer their time each semester during their four



Dorrance Scholars
2009

Thank you for recognizing Assistance League of Tucson. Your efforts make our community a better place to live.

years of studies as a condition of their scholarship. Each year, seniors identify local non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations who will be invited to submit proposals to receive a grant from the Dorrance

Family Foundation for up to \$10K. Assistance League of Tucson was fortunate to be chosen to receive a grant of \$7,500 because of its commitment to the Tucson community, the passion of its volunteers to serve and the respect these services afford the recipients. A special thank you is extended to the Dorrance Family Foundation for their tremendous generosity and support.

Generous Community Participants. Thank you Wal-Mart for your partnership with Assistance League of Tucson! Through its Community Grant Program, the Wal-Mart at First and Wetmore awarded Operation School Bell \$1,000. We are appreciative and grateful to John Grothe, the Manager, and the employees of the store for their support.

Jane Glasser and Nina Kersels accept the grant for Operation School Bell from John Grothe of Wal-Mart.



Teddy Bear Tea. On Sunday October 4th, 2009 at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, tea and fun were served in a beautiful setting to raise funds to support the philanthropic programs of the P.A.W.S., Professional Association of Women's Services, auxiliary.



The Teddy Bear Program is the signature effort for P.A.W.S. The members purchase, bag and distribute teddy bears to community organizations working with children in crisis. Bears are supplied to

over 20 agencies in southern Arizona including law enforcement, child welfare, emergency rooms and school districts. When the Teddy Bears appear out of the trunks of police patrol cars, from bags under emergency room desks and out of the desk drawers of sexual assault counselors, they enter the life of a child in a moment of crisis and deliver a much needed dose of love.



P.A.W.S. was founded in 1989 by members of Assistance League of Tucson as an auxiliary providing business women with an opportunity to work together to enrich the lives of children in the community. P.A.W.S.'s philanthropic programs are funded entirely through donations and local grants and are energized through this unique group of women.

Save The Date

50th Anniversary
November 8, 2009
Tucson Country Club

Tux 'n Boots®
January 23, 2010
Skyline Country Club 

Tucson Festival of Books
March 13-14, 2010
University of Arizona

Assisteens® Fashion Show
March 14, 2010
Hilton El Conquistador

Susan G. Komen
Race for the Cure
April 11, 2010
Reid Park

You are invited! Please contact us at 326-8452 or info@assistanceleagueticucson.org to join us.



Members of Raytheon's Security Department golfed and cheered their department for sponsoring a hole.

A huge thank you to all of the hole sponsors and to the golfers who supported this event. You make a difference.



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Celebrate 50 years of volunteering in Tucson.*



"God willing, the future will see the Service League become an outstanding, dignified and highly regarded women's organization in Tucson that will serve this community in the best possible way." - Polly Knight Ledford, First President of Assistance League of Tucson, May 9, 1960

*Sunday November, 8, 2009
4:30 - 6:30 pm
Tucson Country Club
(where our first annual meeting was held)
Please call 326-8452 for more information.*

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.