



What did you do this summer?

Chelsea Goodacre, a sophomore at the University of Arizona, donated the earnings from her summer job to Assistance League of Tucson so we could dress more children through the Operation School Bell® program.

Youthful Philanthropy in Action in Tucson.

Chelsea Goodacre, University of Arizona softball player worked this summer at University of Arizona youth softball camps and at home in Southern California with underprivileged youth. After those experiences, she decided to donate the money she made to a charity in Tucson.

After extensive research with her father, they decided upon Assistance League of Tucson. Her father was touched by his daughter's generosity, and he matched her donation for a total of \$2,500.00. Together their donations will clothe 300 children this year. The college sophomore said, "I realized how fortunate I have been during my life and assisting children that do not have those opportunities is an honor."

Chelsea attended the first Operation School Bell dressing of the year and got to see the

smiles of the children she is helping. Their faces lit up when they learned that she was on the University of Arizona softball team. They asked her questions about what it was like to be on the team and if they were going to win all their games this year.

Chelsea was asked to sign a softball for a raffle gift basket for the Professional Association of Women's Services Annual High Tea. Not only did she sign it, but she also had the entire University of Arizona 2012 softball team sign it.

When Jannine Mathis, Assistance League of Tucson President, toured Chelsea through the Philanthropic Programs Center and explained that this is where her donation would be used, Chelsea said, "That's awesome!" We think Chelsea is awesome, too.

Charitable Contributions Make a Difference.

As you plan your end of year donations, remember to put us on your list. Your contribution may qualify for both a federal and a state deduction on income tax returns. As a nonprofit organization, Assistance League of Tucson is qualified under I.R.S. Code Section 501(c)(3) to

accept charitable gifts. Don't forget that as residents of Arizona, your gifts also may qualify under Arizona Tax Credit Law ARS 43-1088, the Arizona Working Poor Tax Credit. Please check with your tax advisor to determine to what extent your donations are tax deductible.

Mission Statement

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



Which Tucson organization uses 100% of your donations to support programs that help the Tucson community?



Which Tucson organization is staffed entirely by volunteers?



Assistance League of Tucson does all of these things.



Assistees® Auxiliary supports Assistance League programs. These high school student volunteers are packing backpacks with school supplies (notebook, ruler, scissors, crayons, pencils and erasers) and hygiene kits (shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb) for the Operation School Bell program.



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Hello, Tucson! If you like reading happy stories and good news, then this is the newsletter for you. The theme this month is youthful philanthropy: Chelsea Goodacre, Assisteens and kids braving the summer heat at a lemonade stand.

Take a deep breath and snuggle into that sweater. Yes, autumn is here with its cooler days, chilly nights and Halloween decorations. The spider webs remind me of the world wide web. We are all connected, but machines and electrons aren't real connections. How is your web built?

Joining Assistance League of Tucson when I moved here over 6 years ago has helped my web grow. Tucson is a great place with great people. Check out Mayor Rothschild on our WHATZ IT WORTH?® web site; his mother is a founding member of our organization. Thanks to Dark Horse Media, we have some terrific ads in The Desert Leaf, Tucson Lifestyle Magazine and on Cox and Comcast cable networks.

Where does philanthropy come from? Assistance League of Tucson has been here since 1959. Some who regularly volunteer have been members for over 20 years. We have families with multiple generations of volunteers. One of our customers is a social worker; he was helped by Operation School Bell® and now supports us at the Thrift Shop. Philanthropy - a web starting with a strand of love, some good examples and a lot of hard work.

The member-volunteers of Assistance League are always finding connections. One is Suburban Miners, an environmentally friendly recycling business. They are helping us stay green. We have "Pass It On" agreements with other local charities for items that we cannot use or sell in our Thrift Shop. Your donations are important to us and to Tucson.

Another connection is with the Festival and Events Association of Tucson and Southern Arizona (FEATSAZ). They meet monthly and the members are interested in promoting Tucson; there is always something going on in Tucson. This group works together to let the rest of us know when and where.

We have two websites and Facebook pages and you can learn about us there. But let's really meet. Drop by our Thrift Shop, one of the best in Tucson. Come to WHATZ IT WORTH?--definitely a fun fundraiser. Find us at the Tucson Festival of Books; we have a wonderful selection and bargain prices. Better yet, become a member! As the heading says, my paycheck is a smile (or a handshake). And on a really good day, it's a hug.

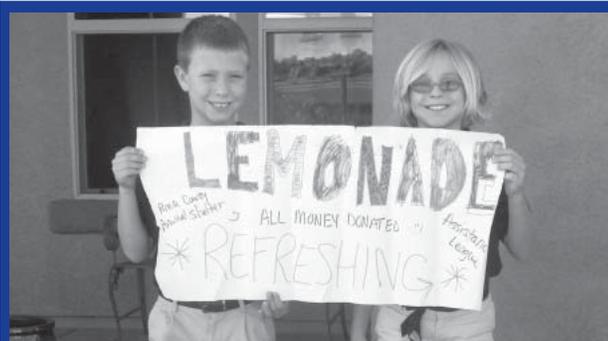
We're here for good!

Jannine Mathis

Visit our website to learn more about our philanthropic programs.

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

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The Lemonade Stand

Zander and Alexis Los braved the hottest days of the year and sold ice-cold lemonade from their front yard lemonade stand. They donated their proceeds to Operation School Bell to help dress children in Tucson and encourage them to attend school.



"We are so grateful for the Starting Over Supplies Kit. It is extremely important for our children to have all of the items. Thank you."

- Starting Over Supplies recipient



Operation School Bell® receives the Mano a Mano award. The Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's 2012 Noche de Exitos Gala and Bi-National Awards honored the Operation School Bell program which has served Tucson for 13 years and helps over 3,600 children a year who are in need of clothes and supplies for school. The Gala featured the chamber's Hispanic Business Man of the Year, Omar Mireles of HSL Properties, Hispanic Business Woman of the Year, Alma Gallardo of Arizona Bilingual, the Legacy Award, Joel Valdez, the La Estrella Award, Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and Bi-National Ambassador of the Year, Mike Hammond who serves on our Advisory Council. The Gala was held on October 13th at the Casino del Sol Resort. To see photos of the event, please visit the chamber's website at www.tucsonhispanicchamber.org.



The Joint Standoff Weapon (JSOW) team plays for a better future for Tucson's children. Raytheon's Air Warfare Systems Golf Tournament on September 21st at Arizona National benefitted Operation School Bell. Many of the Raytheon programs formed teams and competed in the Marshmallow Drive. Sticky clubs and all, a great time was had by everyone.

Shop for Bargains and Get a Big Smile. Volunteer Lorraine Russell said "I love working in the Thrift Shop because I meet diverse and interesting people, some sharing humorous life tidbits." She likes volunteering; the customers are friendly, entering the shop with a greeting and a smile. Perhaps they are anticipating that special find at a bargain price.

Our Boutique offers designer labels at low prices with a look-new value. Household items include dish sets, cookware, glasses, table and bed linens and a great selection of decorative accessories. We sell, as well as pick up, usable furniture. A main attraction, the jewelry counters, offer great wearable art, some antiques and collectibles.

For your leisure, we sell a variety of books, videos, children's toys, and craft supplies. We were fortunate that donors gave us many original fine-art pieces which were exhibited and sold in October. We always have great art in our shop; come by and select something just right for your home. The holiday specialty items have just arrived in our shop, so stop by for great gifts and decorations. Purchase that special something to bring a smile to you and a smile to the children who benefit from your purchase.

A Magical Afternoon - A lovely venue, delicious food, a professional harpist, and wonderful company made the PAWS Seventh Annual High Tea the best ever. Our 142 attendees were enthralled by the lavish basket and raffle offerings. The youngsters were entertained by a reading of *Cloud Watchers* by the author, Ethel K. Coffey, and the illustrator, Betty Schweitzer-Johnson. Teddy bears, including a choice of several outfits, were available for purchase with the proceeds benefiting the PAWS Teddy Bear Program and the Community Outreach Program. Be sure to join the celebration next year.



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January 26, 2013
Skyline Country Club



WHATZ IT WORTH?®
DoubleTree Hotel
February 17, 2013

Tucson Festival of Books
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April 14, 2013

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Benefits Operation School Bell
September, 2013
Arizona National Golf Club

8th Annual High Tea
Benefits PAWS Auxilliary
October 6, 2013
Tucson Country Club

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

AT A GLANCE...

May 2011 - April 2012

Operation School Bell®
dressed 3,844 children



Starting Over Supplies
served 1,059 people



Assault Survivor Kits®
supported 516 people



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in Tucson to benefit our
community.



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