

Assistance League® of Tucson presents a successful year in review  
Spring 2007

## 25,000 Children Dressed by Operation School Bell®

What organization in Tucson is staffed entirely by volunteers?

What organization in Tucson gives 100% of your donation to the Tucson community?

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.

**WOW!** Thank you donors and volunteers. Your generosity has helped make it possible for Assistance League of Tucson to dress more than 25,000 children for school. Each of these at-risk children now has the opportunity to be a star. Our focus is to keep children in the classroom by supplying appropriate, comfortable, and well-fitting school attire. School performance improves when the children feel good about how they look.



thank you



Operation School Bell is our largest philanthropic project. This year we dressed more than 3,800 children from 33 schools. Our cost to dress each child is \$65. In many cases these are the only new clothes the child ever will have received. Even though we have dressed more children this year than in any other year, we still fall far short of meeting the needs in Tucson. Since 1994 our volunteers have been dressing

school children from families in need. Elementary school children are bused from area schools to our Philanthropic Projects Center which has been designed especially for them using bright colors and appropriately sized dressing rooms and racks for clothes. Our volunteers place the orders for clothes and supplies, stock the shelves, and personally assist each child to pack a bag with a jacket, two shirts, and pants, along with shoes, underwear, socks, and a backpack filled with a hygiene kit and school supplies. We are thankful that we can provide this service as we watch the smiling children board the bus to go back to school. Hurrah for our stars, our donors, and our volunteers who have made it possible to give the children of our community a chance to succeed.





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## A Message from our President

**Dee-Dee Green** ★  
**President 2006-2007**

Assistance League of Tucson  
Celebrating our 48th Year (1959-2007)  
Of making lives better for Tucson and its communities

### A SALUTE TO OUR STARS

Assistance League of Tucson has made great strides towards its goal of improving the lives of others who are less fortunate. Our volunteers diligently work together to analyze the specific needs of our community, develop new programs to meet those needs, raise funds, and implement the programs. More than **forty thousand volunteer hours**, the dollar equivalent of over \$721,600, proved that this past year was clearly filled with action and great growth.

Our participation in a grant-matching program with The Wolslager Foundation, as well as our 'Ring the Bell' and 'Patron' drives were extremely successful. We greatly appreciated the opportunity to be the chosen recipient of the Munger Chadwick Foundation's first fund-raising art show to benefit children. We owe a huge debt of gratitude for the generosity of some amazing supporters and new friends who donated their time and services.

We thank our corporate volunteers from GBP Risk Solutions who came in to give a helping hand in so many ways, invigorating us at every step of the way to be effective in helping those in need in our community. Thanks goes to KUAT's Arizona Illustrated and its filming crew for interviewing and showing Assistance League volunteers in action. Thanks to Tucson shoppers, our **all-volunteer Thrift Shop** continued to provide our organization with a substantial portion of the funding required to support our five on-going community service projects. Our **Tux 'n Boots Gala** put the fun into fund-raising!

Philanthropic services provided by Assistance League of Tucson touch the lives of more than 10,000 men, women and children through auxiliaries and programs. Thanks to the tireless effort and commitment of our members, we expanded our **Operation School Bell** by clothing more children than ever. Additionally, more children's lives were enriched through our **Educational Support Project**. **Operation Tutor** continued its one-on-one peer tutoring for students. **Starting Over Supplies** offered new beginnings to individuals and families who were relocating after being uprooted from violent or abusive situations. **Assault Survivor Kits** supplied simple clothing and toiletries to women, men, and children who had been assaulted.

Fueled by the passion for our commitment to real action, by the outpouring of community support, and with the knowledge that Assistance League is moving ahead, we look to the future with an even greater sense of purpose. Your support has been overwhelming. Your contributions — monetary and otherwise — have encouraged us and we are working harder than ever to deliver! We thank you, as do our recipients.

Sincerely,  
Dee-Dee Green  
President



**Volunteers... Working Together for Tucson**





*In addition to Operation School Bell, our other philanthropic projects are:*

★ **Educational Support Project.** Remember how it feels to struggle with the words when reading aloud? Many children do not have someone at home who can help them. Assistance League of Tucson volunteers work many hours in the classroom tutoring students in reading and math at both Los Ranchitos and Davidson elementary schools. The extra attention can make the difference between a student doing well or falling short. Fourth and fifth grade children also are given the periodical called "Time for Kids," a Time Magazine publication written especially for children.



★ **Assistance League Operation Tutor.** Everyone needs a little extra help now and then. Assistance League of Tucson makes it possible for students in need to get that help by providing funds to pay for one-on-one hourly tutoring. Students of high academic standing earn money by tutoring their fellow students in such subjects as AP Calculus, English, Government, History, and Chemistry. Flowing Wells High School and Sunnyside High School each receive funds to pay for 188 hours of tutoring each year.



★ **Starting Over Supplies.** Families who have been homeless or who recently have come out of shelters or abusive home situations may not have simple things such as bedding, toiletries, or kitchen supplies. Assistance League of Tucson volunteers are there to help. Last year our caring volunteers assembled packages of basic household supplies costing approximately \$125 each. These supplies were distributed to 1,385 families in crisis situations. We work with nine Social Service Agencies in Tucson to assure that these goods are given to those who need them.

★ **Assault Survivor Kits®.** Can you imagine the fear and anxiety of victims of rape or assault as they are examined in the Emergency Room? Their clothing is often retained by the police for evidence and they have nothing to wear home. Assistance League of Tucson volunteers are there to help! Last year, our volunteers ... and your donations ... provided emergency clothing and toiletry items to more than 400 victims of sexual assault at a cost of \$35 for each kit. We work with Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault to make sure there are enough

kits available. In recent years, unfortunately, we have had many requests to prepare kits in children's sizes.

*Our auxiliaries are:*

★ **Professional Association of Women's Services (P.A.W.S.).** Do you work full time and wonder how to fit volunteering into your schedule? Join this auxiliary! Members of P.A.W.S. are career women or college students, who are not available to volunteer during the day. They meet one morning each month at 7:30 a.m. to work on their four philanthropic projects which help Tucson community youth in need. The project *Groom for Success* provides basic hygiene and grooming products for teens that are homeless or living with families below the poverty level. *Hooked on Books* encourages literacy. *Food for Thought* supplies healthy snacks to young homeless people and to Tucson Youth Development for teens taking the AIMS test. Through its *Project Teddy Bear*, P.A.W.S. annually gives more than 1,200 teddy bears to 22 Tucson hospitals and social service agencies to give to children suffering from a traumatic event.







**Assisteens®.** Assisteens is a dynamic group of 85 young women (grades 9 -12) who roll up their sleeves to fill backpacks with school supplies for Operation School Bell and assemble kits for Starting Over Supplies. They help in the Thrift Shop, St. Luke's Home, the Tucson Botanical Gardens, and contribute to "Stuff the Bus" by gathering toys for children in need. Assisteens provide more than 2,000 hours of volunteer service. Their March fashion show supports Project "Wish Lists" which benefits New Beginnings, Ronald McDonald House, Tucson Community Food Bank, and the Tucson Center for Women and Children. Assistance League members honor the Senior Assisteens for their four years of service at the Tux 'n Boots Gala.

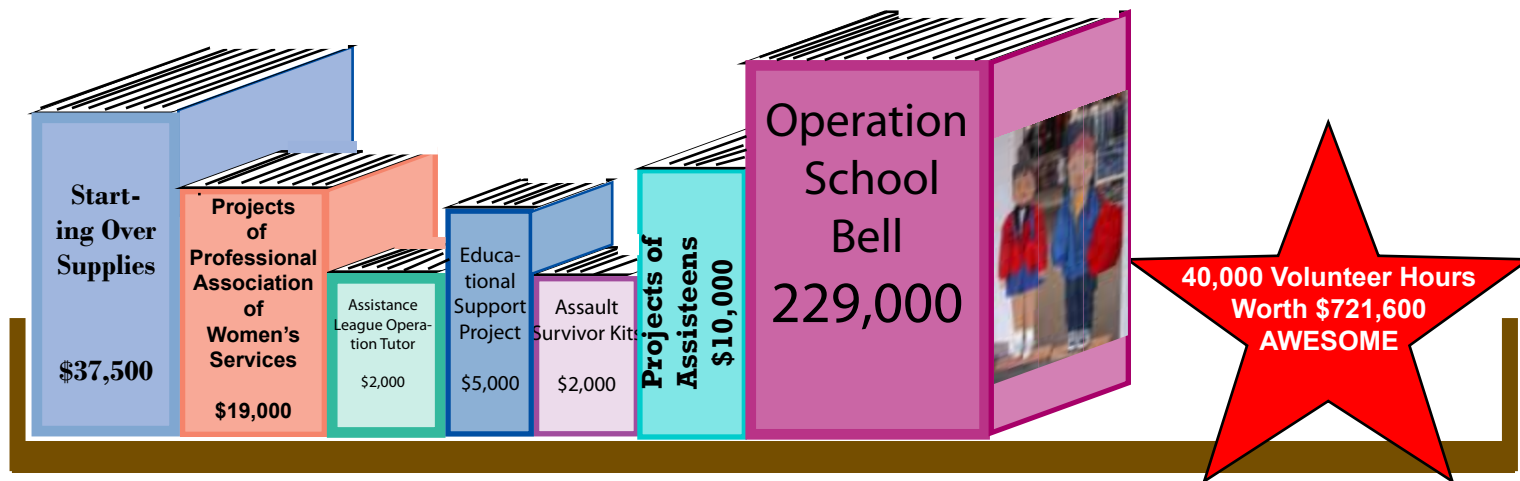


**Our major fund-raiser is:**

**Tux 'n Boots®.** "Elegance with a Kick" portrays our 15<sup>th</sup> annual Tux 'n Boots Gala to be held Saturday evening, December 1, 2007 at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort. This year's fabulous black tie event will include gourmet cuisine and dancing to live music. Recognition of our exceptional Senior Assisteens (shown here dancing with their fathers) is an integral part of the celebration. Proceeds from this event will help to fund our philanthropic projects. Tickets are \$175 per person and table sponsorships are available. Please call 326-8452 to request an invitation.

**Support to Projects**

See how your contributions are allocated. Our books show the dollars given back to the community through our philanthropic projects. Donations can be directed to the project of your choice.



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Southwest Canyon Creations  
Southwest Gas Corporation  
S. Silverberg & Sons, Inc.  
Stagecoach Trails Guest Ranch  
Stewart Kuper Jewelers  
Sunday at the Spa  
Sunflower Market  
Sweeney Canyon Vintners  
Tanque Verde Chiropractic Center  
Target Stores  
Tavolino Restaurant  
The Art Company  
The Asian Trade Rug Company  
The Bag Ladies  
The Closet Factory  
The Lodge at Ventana Canyon  
The Loft Cinema  
The Painted Gecko  
The Training Zone  
Tin Works: Dawn Hollins  
Trader Joe's  
Trattoria Pina  
TRC: Gary Endlebert  
Tropical Kingdom  
Tucson Electric Power  
Tucson Good Eggs, Inc.  
Tucson Jewish Community Center  
Tucson Lifestyle Magazine  
Tucson Racquet and Fitness Club  
Tucson Soaring Club  
Tucson Symphony Orchestra  
Tucson Trophy  
TUSD Print Shop  
University of Arizona  
University Orthopedic Specialists  
W Boutique  
Wal-Mart/ 3925 E. Grant  
Wal-Mart/ 7150 E. Speedway  
Wal-Mart/ 2823 Valencia  
Wal-Mart/ 455 E. Wetmore  
Walter Gaby's Rug Resource  
Wendy Wear  
Wildflower Restaurant

## Our Community Recipients

Altar Valley School District  
Amphitheater School District  
Arizona Children's Association  
Bethany House  
Borderlinks  
Brewster Center  
Casa de los Ninos  
Child Protective Svcs. So. AZ.  
Children's Multi-Specialty Center  
Christian Faith Center  
Cochise County Child

Protective Services  
Cochise County Sheriff's Dept.  
CODAC Behavioral Health  
Community Food Bank  
Flowing Wells School District  
Friends of the Library  
Jewish Family and Children's Services  
New Beginnings for Women and Children  
Our Family Services  
Parents As Teachers Program/

Sunnyside School District  
Reach Out and Read/ Southern Arizona  
Ronald McDonald House  
Santa Cruz County Constable's Office  
St. Joseph's Hospital  
St. Mary's Hospital  
Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault  
Southern Arizona Child Advocacy Center

Southwest Family Education Resource Center  
Sunnyside School District  
Travelers Aid  
Tucson Center for Women and Children  
Tucson Community Food Bank  
Tucson Medical Center  
Tucson Police Department  
Tucson Youth Development  
Tucson Unified School District  
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## SHOP

Assistance League Thrift Shop is the best place in Tucson to shop for quality used furniture as well as vintage clothing, fine linens, antiques, and household goods.

## VOLUNTEER

Assistance League Thrift Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers. This year, those volunteers contributed over 10,000 hours to keep the shop well stocked and staffed. Join us and help out our community.

## DONATE

Donations can be brought to the Thrift Shop on Mondays from 9:30 until 12 noon or during shop hours. We can arrange to pick up large furniture in good condition. For more information about this service please call the Thrift Shop at 326-1585. All donations are sincerely appreciated and are tax deductible.

