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Faces of Assistance League Today

Business women, students, artists, professors, mothers, engineers, doctors, writers, grandmothers.

Women who care about Tucson.

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.

Who are the Many Faces of Assistance League?

Assistance League of Tucson is an all volunteer member organization with no paid staff. We are your friends, your relatives, and your neighbors, all answering to a similar voice which calls us into service to help those in need in our community. We come from all walks of life and diverse educational and social backgrounds, yet we come together every day to provide a variety of

programs and services to men, women and children in the greater Tucson area. There is a place for you in our organization as a member, financial contributor or sponsor for media and fundraising events. We encourage you to call 326-8452 for information and to visit our website at www.assistanceleagueticucson.org.

Why Should You Volunteer?

Since the Assistance League of Tucson has no paid staff and is entirely run by volunteers, it is no secret that a dedicated group of volunteers is one of the most important cornerstones of our organization. These members provided 40,000* volunteer hours this past year, implementing the programs that benefit the community.

Tucson women find volunteering with the Assistance League interesting and challenging because they can see first hand the benefits of their efforts.

Our organization's goals are twofold. First and foremost we are here to fulfill our mission within the community. A second priority is to enhance the lives of the volunteers who help carry our mission forward. Our volunteers feel welcome and are offered many ways to contribute.

As we look to the future with even a greater sense of purpose, Assistance League of Tucson will need more member volunteers. Please join us!



Karen Keck helps out at Operation School Bell®. She helped this young girl choose new clothes, a purple jacket, new shoes, and a backpack filled with school supplies.

* The U.S. Department of Labor in Washington D.C. has placed a value of \$18.77 per volunteer hour for the year 2006. Assistance League of Tucson would have to spend more than \$750,000 to accomplish what our volunteer members did this past year.

Making a Difference.

A message from our President Gail Cohn.

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I think many of us can agree that turning on the news is often distressing. We are constantly confronted with war, poverty, economic problems, homelessness, and abuse. As members of Assistance League we are witnesses to these problems in our own Tucson community on a daily basis. Assistance League of Tucson, through our philanthropic programs, addresses each of these problems at some level. I love being a member of Assistance League. We make a difference.

Hearing about all the problems in our world can be overwhelming and frustrating. Sometimes it seems easier to ignore them or just say, that's horrible. As a

member of Assistance League, I can say that one of the most rewarding experiences I have had in my life is volunteering. I know I can't change the world but I realize I can help make things better for someone in some way.

Making a difference is looking into the smiling face of a child as they excitedly choose new clothing and shoes. I think of all the children we have dressed who have never had new school clothes and I know we make a difference. Whether the impact we make is that the child attends school more regularly, is better prepared to do well in the classroom or just feels better about themselves, we make a difference. Maybe we simply help them feel like the special people they are. I love being a member of Assistance League.

Making a difference is helping a family who has managed to move into an apartment after being homeless by giving them some basic supplies to start their new life. It is allowing a sexual assault survivor to leave the hospital in clean clothes. It is giving a child who is experiencing an incomprehensible crisis the security of a teddy bear to hold. It is giving young high school girls the opportunity to learn and experience the meaning of giving back. I love being a member of Assistance League.

I have the utmost appreciation and respect for all the donors and supporters of Assistance League of Tucson. Individuals, businesses, corporations, foundations - all contributing to make life a little easier for people. I am in awe of the willingness and concern of so many just wanting to make a difference in some capacity. With the help and compassion of concerned community members, whether with their money, time or support, we all have been able to help those in need.

Philanthropy is simply about caring and making a difference.

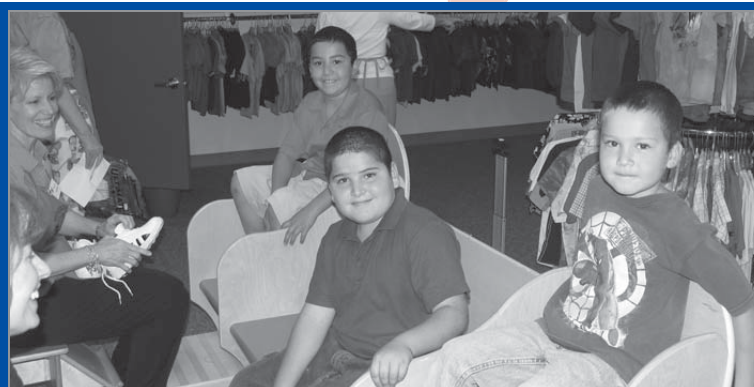


Members help three brothers try on new shoes at Operation School Bell.



"The best minute you spend is the one you invest in someone else."

- Ken Blanchard



Visit our website to learn more about our philanthropic programs.

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

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"How lucky am I? To find out, please view our video 'How Lucky am I?' at www.assistanceleagueticuson.org."

- Paula Harris
Chairman, Operation School Bell®



Can a building be a 'tool'? Yes, we think so!

Our new Philanthropic Programs Center is a 'tool' that's allowed our volunteers to clothe over 3,700 children this year. We're able to purchase in large quantities, store more clothing, shoes and school supplies and handle the ever increasing number of children served through our Operation School Bell program. The basic items we provide through the Starting Over Supplies program and the Assault Survivor Kit program are also purchased in quantity and housed and packed for distribution in this wonderful space. With this 'tool', we are able to do more for many more people.



Philanthropic Programs Center

Work is easier and more efficient when you have the correct tool for the job.

OPERATION SCHOOL BELL® Assistance League of Tucson is proud to report another record breaking year for our Operation School Bell program.

"Assistance League has helped alleviate the shame our students feel when they arrive at school with torn or borrowed shoes." - John Michel, Principal, Hohokam School

"Menlo Park is truly blessed to have an organization who truly understands the needs of our students. We are grateful for your incredible contribution and hope we can continue to praise your organization in the years to come." - Menlo Park School Official

"At Borman Elementary we support and appreciate this important project that provides our student-participants with a positive point for learning and academic success. I would like to say thank you to the Assistance League for supporting Borman Elementary." - Borman School Official

Thanks in part to the generosity of our donors we were able to provide the students of Hohokam Middle School with 150 grooming kits, 353 Payless Shoes Gift Cards, and reference books and classics for the school library.

ASSAULT SURVIVOR KITS® Partnering with the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault (SACASA), this program provides basic clothing and toiletry items for women, men and children who have been victims of sexual assault. The number of kits requested by SACASA has increased every year, and we have also seen an increase in the number of kits requested for children.

"Without the generosity of the Assistance League, The Center Against Sexual Assault would be unable to provide survivors with the items necessary to exit the hospital with dignity. We are so grateful for the Assistance League of Tucson for their continued support of our mission in providing the best care possible for survivors of sexual assault." - Susan Carneal, SACASA

STARTING OVER SUPPLIES Our Starting Over Supplies program provides a variety of brand new household items to clients of 9 social service agencies. These individuals have overcome a number of obstacles including domestic violence, homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction. Assistance League of Tucson is proud to announce that we have provided 443 kits to date which have served a total of 1,173 clients.

"The SOS kits are essential in helping a family with basic household items. Your donation is given to those who need it the most. Your gift is appreciated and does make a difference in their lives." - Tana Jones, Director of Development, Tucson Centers for Women and Children/Brewster Center



Save The Date

Tux 'n Boots®

December 6, 2008
Skyline Country Club



Raytheon Strike Team Golf Tournament

Benefits Assistance League
September 19, 2008
Arizona National Golf Club

Teddy Bear Tea

Benefits PAWS Auxiliary
October 4, 2008
Chantilly Tea Room

Assisteens Fashion Show

March 2009

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



President Elect Nina Kersels and her husband, George, at the Tux 'n Boots gala. Proceeds from this event help fund our philanthropic programs. Join us this year and don't forget to wear your boots; George will have his on!

Who are these Caring, Committed Women?

They are Assisteens, an auxiliary of Assistance League for high school girls. Paula Harris, Senior Advisor, says the Assisteens really like doing hands-on and interacting with the people they're helping.

"Assisteens has been an incredible opportunity to learn about my

community and its needs and also about myself." - Amy Rogers

"It's opened me up as a person and to the community. It's helped me branch out and take chances." - Audrey Menager

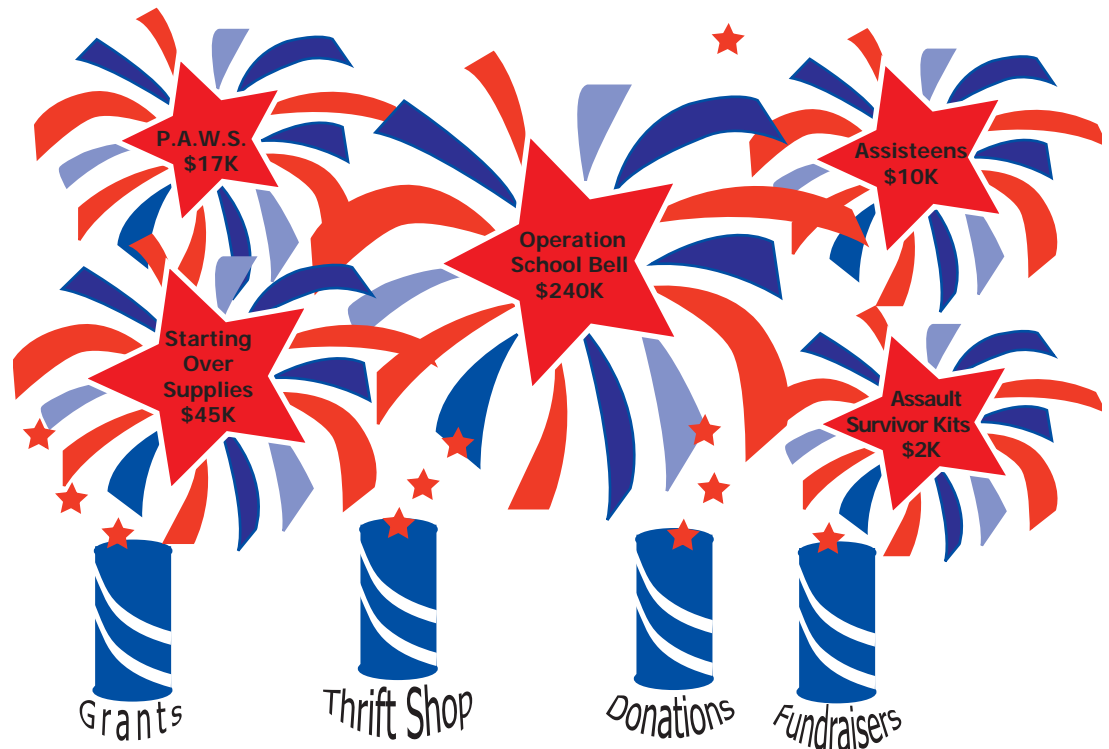
Assisteens Seniors in their gowns ready for the Tux 'n Boots gala dance with their fathers.



Where do all those Teddy Bears go?

The Professional Association of Women's Services (P.A.W.S.) is an auxiliary of Assistance League of Tucson. The mission of this auxiliary is to provide business women with an opportunity to work together to enrich the lives of children in our community. Members who participate in their Teddy Bear Program experience much satisfaction in providing plush, child-safe teddy bears to comfort children who have been traumatized or injured. More than 18,500 bears have been given to children in times of crisis and need.

Celebrating your support!





"Put your money where your heart is!"

- Sally Shobe
Website Administrator



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- Madora Mills



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Community Recipients

Assistance League and its Auxiliaries benefit the following organizations and agencies with needed goods and services.

Altar Valley School District
Amphitheater School District
Arizona's Children Association
Bethany House
Border Links
Brewster Center
Casa de los Ninos
Child Protective Services
Children's Multi-Specialty Center
Christian Faith Center
Cochise County Child Protective
Services
Cochise County Sheriff's Department
CODAC Behavioral Health Services

Community Food Bank
Davis Monthan Air Force Base
El Dorado Hospital
Flowing Wells School District
Friends of the Library
Humane Society of Southern Arizona
Jewish Family and Children's Services
New Beginnings for Women and Children
Nogales Holy Cross Carondelet
Open Inn
Our Family Services
Parents As Teachers Program/
Sunnyside School District
Pima County Sheriff's Department

Primavera Foundation
Reach Out and Read/Southern Arizona
Ronald McDonald House
Santa Cruz County Constable's Office
St. Joseph's Hospital
St. Mary's Hospital
St. Vincent De Paul
Southern Arizona Center Against
Sexual Assault (SACASA)
Southwest Family Education
Resource Center
Sunnyside School District
Tucson Centers for Women and Children
Tucson Downtown Lions Club

Tucson Medical Center
Tucson Police Department
Tucson Youth Development
Tucson Unified School District
Tu Nidito
University Medical Center Child
Life Specialists
University Physicians Healthcare
at Kino Hospital
World Care
Youth On Their Own

Tribute Fund

Assistance League of Tucson offers an opportunity for you to honor the memory of loved ones or to honor friends and relatives on special occasions by contributing to the Tribute Fund.

Madora Mills told us about her Tribute Fund experience, "Before Ken died, we were able to talk about a lot of things that weren't fun. One of them was, 'where do you want your memorial funds to go?' Without missing a beat, he said 'Assistance League, of course.' He knew how passionate I was about our organization, as was he, and had always been extremely supportive of all of our programs. And, whenever there was a need he would 'step up' financially."

When you make a contribution to the Tribute Fund, we make note of your contribution in our monthly newsletter and send a notice to the person you are honoring as well as a record of your donation to you for your tax records. As a non-profit organization, Assistance League of Tucson is qualified under I.R.S. Code Section 501 (c)(3) to accept charitable gifts and, as such, gifts to Assistance League are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



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Shoppers, can't find just the right do-dad or thing-a-ma-bob?



Don't forget to check in our Thrift Shop for unique, hard-to-find items, artwork, furniture, jewelry, clothing and much more! It is a fun place to browse and chat with our friendly members who staff the store. Be sure and check the Boutique for designer fashions at very low prices!

Your tax-deductible donations are needed and appreciated! Donations of gently used merchandise are accepted during shop hours and also on Monday from 8 AM to noon when our members are sorting and pricing donations. The shop closes from mid-June to mid-August for cleaning and restocking but is open to receive donations. Do call ahead to be sure someone is there.

Our Thrift Shop provides the largest source of funds used to support our philanthropic programs.

Introduce your friends to our Thrift Shop by giving them a gift certificate, available at the front desk.

Do stop by!



Shop Hours

Tuesday - Friday
10 am - 4 pm

Saturday
10 am - 2 pm

Located at 1307 N. Alvernon Way
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