



The many faces of the volunteers of Assistance League of 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.

## From Russia With Love

On November 20, 2008, six women from Russia visited Assistance League of Tucson to exchange information and ideas. They were visiting the United States as part of the Open World Program sponsored by the Library of Congress. These women represented a variety of programs from Siberia, St. Petersburg and The Jewish Autonomous Region of Russia. They perform a variety of duties in programs such as assisted living facilities

for disabled and elderly individuals and in programs very much like our parks and recreation facilities. It was a pleasure to show our visitors the Philanthropic Programs Center and our Administration Building. They observed a school dressing in progress and were fascinated by the diverse merchandise in the Assistance League Thrift Shop. They could not believe we are an all volunteer organization.

## How We Do What We Do

One of the things that most amazes people when they first find out about Assistance League of Tucson is that we are an all volunteer organization with NO paid staff. Every job is done by volunteers; the President (CEO), the Treasurer (CFO), the "sales clerks" in the Thrift Shop, the "personal shoppers" who help school children select clothes for Operation School Bell® are all members of Assistance League of Tucson. Member Karen Keck says, "We get paid with smiles."

All of these glamorous jobs are supported by other volunteers working behind the scenes to sort through donations and stock the Thrift Shop and to place orders for clothing and supplies for our Philanthropic Programs: Operation School Bell, Starting Over Supplies, and Assault Survivor Kits®. We gather each year to celebrate and raise money with our Tux'n Boots® Gala. An important part of this event is the recognition of the senior Assistees® for their four years of service.

*We are proud to be Assistance League of Tucson!*



Russian volunteers from the Open World Program sponsored by Library of Congress take a break after touring the Philanthropic Programs Center and our Thrift Shop.

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REWIND!!

Picture it ... Tucson 1959! Ladies wearing fashionable hats and gloves having lunch at the very elegant El Conquistador Hotel. An idea is broached to collect money to help the most needy in the Tucson community. These ladies really started something!

FAST FORWARD!!

Assistance League 2009 ... volunteers wearing jeans and sneakers dressing children, unpacking boxes of clothing and shoes, helping in the thrift shop. Volunteers (still) ... working together for Tucson.

Assistance League of Tucson started in 1959 with community support and we still depend on donations from the community to continue our programs. When you shop in the Assistance League Thrift Shop, you are supporting our programs. When you donate clothing and household items to our thrift shop, you are supporting our programs. Thank you for your support.



On the right: Operation School Bell dressings create smiling faces because the new clothes are a "perfect fit."



Above: Carol Dimon having fun unpacking, sorting and stocking new items.

Left: Boxes, boxes everywhere as Operation School Bell takes inventory of a recent delivery.



**"Volunteers are seldom paid ...  
Not because they are worthless ...  
Because they are priceless."**

## 1959 - 2009



The Charter Members of The Service League of Tucson

Fifty years ago 22 women came together to form what is now Assistance League of Tucson. The first meetings were held in the homes of members, then at the old El Conquistador Hotel ... and look at us now in our wonderful facilities. Little did these founders know that the organization would grow to what it is today, serving close to 10,000 disadvantaged men, women and children annually through our philanthropic programs.

Times certainly have changed and Assistance League of Tucson has changed with them. Today we have over 400 members who donate over 45,000\* hours to our philanthropic programs. We have no paid staff and are a non-political, non-sectarian 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit corporation. We continue to assess the needs of the Tucson community and provide relevant projects that address the realities of a changing environment.

Back in 1959 a gallon of gas was \$0.25, a loaf of bread was \$0.20 and a postage stamp was \$0.04. You could have purchased a polo shirt for \$0.99 or a dozen eggs for \$0.29. The average income was \$5,016 and you could take your family to a movie for \$1.00 per person. The cost today to dress one child is \$70. Imagine what you could have purchased for your child in 1959 for \$70. We continue to assess our program needs and, thanks to our wonderfully diligent buyers, we can assure our faithful donors that we search out ways to get the most bang for their bucks! Requests for our services to the community continue to increase and we can only continue to grow with your continued support.

(\* ) Based on statistical information from the U.S. Department of Labor, the value of a volunteer hour is estimated to be \$19.81 for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2008. 45,000 volunteer hours equates to \$891,450 that Assistance League of Tucson does not pay to staff our programs.

### Save The Date

#### **Raytheon Strike Team Golf Tournament**

Benefits Assistance League  
September 2009  
Arizona National Golf Club

#### **Assisteens Fashion Show**

March 8, 2009  
Hilton El Conquistador

#### **Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure**

April 19, 2009  
Reid Park

You are invited!

Please contact us at [info@assistanceleagueticson.org](mailto:info@assistanceleagueticson.org) or at 326-8452 to join us.

### Special Thanks

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Dr. Bruce Lynn and his wife Anastasha saved the date for the 2008 Tux 'n Boots Gala Fundraiser and had a wonderful time.



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## Tucson 1959

Assistance League of Tucson is founded to help the disadvantaged men, women and children of Tucson.



## Tucson 2009

Volunteers still contributing to our community of Tucson.

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