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## The Many Faces of Our Auxiliary: Professional Association of Women's Services (P.A.W.S.)

Professional women who put caring and commitment into action!

## 20 Years and Still going Strong

P.A.W.S. was founded in November 1989 as an auxiliary of Assistance League of Tucson to provide volunteer opportunities to women in the workforce. This auxiliary focuses on helping children in crisis. Its mission is to "enrich the spirit of a child." Project Teddy Bear was the first program on which P.A.W.S. embarked. Funding comes from the annual Teddy Bear Tea and the Share-a-Bear campaign. The tea, now in its fifth year, is a Traditional English Tea. It is a fun, kid-friendly event with bears and raffle prizes.

Additional programs for children in crisis supported by these wonderful professional women include Food for Thought and Hooked on Books. Food for Thought

provides healthy snacks for children being helped by the Southern Arizona Child Advocacy Center. Hooked on Books is a program to encourage literacy. Age appropriate books are donated to the Tucson Unified School District Refugee Task Force. Children new to our country and schools learn English with the aid of these donated books.

To accommodate the demands of volunteering and working, P.A.W.S. alternates the time of their monthly meetings between 7:30 am one month and 6:00 pm the next month. To join this group of women who know how to do it all and have fun, please send an email to [PAWS@assistanceleguetucson.org](mailto:PAWS@assistanceleguetucson.org).

## Rescued by a Bear

Every week P.A.W.S. receives cards from the agencies who give out P.A.W.S. Bears, telling the stories of the children who receive the bears. From the Southern Arizona Child Advocacy Center, a four year old boy who was being interviewed for abuse was given a bear. His two year old sister, who became quite upset when she saw

her brother clutching his bear, was thrilled to get her own bear. A grief counselling center gave a bear to a 9 year old child whose mother had been murdered. From University Medical Center, a child entered chemotherapy hugging a P.A.W.S. bear. The P.A.W.S. Bears gave them all comfort during very difficult times.

## 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.



Alanna holding the bear she dressed at the PAWS annual Teddy Bear Tea.

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Assistance League of Tucson is well into its fifty-first year of service to Tucson. As we reflect on the thousands of people we have helped along the way, we never lose sight of the people who have, in their turn, helped Assistance League of Tucson. We are deeply grateful to our donors, our Thrift Store patrons, our community volunteers and our member volunteers. Our success has truly been a result of the support of the community we serve. This issue of *Community Newslink* highlights our individual donors, our community supporters and our grantors. Thank you for working with us.

When we dress the children, when we pack household supply kits for families in need, when we distribute teddy bears, and when we, sadly, supply kits to victims of sexual assault, it sometimes feels as though we aren't doing enough. The need seems endless. There is always another child who needs clothing and another family who needs household supplies. I know that our generous donors must sometimes feel the same way. I am heartened by a story that I heard recently. A village was waiting for relief in a time of drought, and the villagers said to each other, "A day when it doesn't rain is one day closer to the day when the rains will come."

With your help, donors and volunteers, we can be rainmakers. Every person we aid brings us closer to that happy day of rain.



*Assistance League of Tucson would like to thank the 2009-2010 Advisory Council for their participation and their willingness to serve.*

Visit our website to learn more about our philanthropic programs.

Make a donation on-line at [www.assistanceleagueticson.org](http://www.assistanceleagueticson.org)

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Virginia - getting it all just right for every child she helps.



Virginia Rogers, a member of the PAWS Auxiliary, volunteers each week at Operation School Bell. At each dressing, volunteers like Virginia make a difference in the lives of the children they help. Every child feels special leaving with brand new clothes.



*"It was a great year, we dressed more children this year than we ever have! From our Philanthropic Programs Center, we provided clothing for 3,875 children."*

- Judy Andrasic  
Operation School Bell® Chairman



**Traditions of Giving.** Many of our donors are second and third generation supporters of their communities. Operation School Bell is the beneficiary of just such a family of philanthropists. The Wolslager Family started Wolslager Foundation to improve the quality of life for individuals in the Southwest cities where the family owned and operated Coca-Cola bottling businesses.



Josephine S. Wolslager and J. W. Wolslager, founders of The Wolslager Foundation.

"If a child is ashamed of their appearance, how can we expect them to want to go school. Having confidence is key to success. The clothing that Operation School Bell provides makes a profound impact on how these children perceive themselves and how others look upon them as well."

-Stephen Wolslager, grandson  
Vice President and Director

Putting smiles on the faces of the 3,875 children we dressed this year is why the traditions of giving back to the community are so important.

Please send us your family's story so we can share more about our wonderful donors.

This year we were able to provide new clothing

and school supplies to more children than in any other year. Each dressing brings 32 children to the Philanthropic Programs Center on Alvernon where they are greeted by volunteers who work one-on-one with each child. Our reward is the smiles we receive.



**Starting Over Supplies.** Families or individuals who have overcome obstacles such as domestic violence, homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction may not have basic household items like bedding, toiletries or kitchen supplies as they are "starting over." Assistance League of Tucson volunteers are there to help. Last year our caring volunteers assembled kits for 1,342 clients of thirteen social service agencies. 600 kits were packed totaling \$54,700.

*"Thank you everyone for the service you provide to all our members. It's just like Christmas for them when they receive the supplies."*

- Eileen Collins, CODAC Behavioral Health Service Supervisor

*"How powerful it is to partner with Assistance League of Tucson! The kits are the critical help that enables our clients to get their children back. We love Assistance League!"*

- Bonnie Demorotski, Aviva Children's Services Community Resource Coordinator

**Assault Survivor Kits®** Can you imagine the fear and anxiety of victims of rape or assault as they are examined in the Emergency Room? Partnering with the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault (SACASA), we have responded to the needs of these women, men and children in our community, providing supplies for 200 survivors last year. Their clothing is often retained by the police as forensic evidence. Our volunteers... and your donations... provide new sweat pants, socks, t-shirts, sweatshirts, underwear, flip-flops and tennis shoes plus toiletry items. This allows the victim to leave the hospital or trauma center with dignity. The average cost per person is \$10; we spend about \$2,000 each year.

*"During these lean economic times, without the support of Assistance League of Tucson I don't know where we'd find the supplies for our survivors. We are so grateful."*

- Michele Roland-Schwartz, Program Director, Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault



### Save The Date

**Tucson Festival of Books**  
March 13-14, 2010  
University of Arizona  
*Stop by our booth!*

**Assisteens Fashion Show**  
March 14, 2010  
Hilton El Conquistador

**Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure**  
April 11, 2010  
*Stop by our booth!*

**Raytheon Air Warfare Systems Golf Tournament**  
Benefits Operation School Bell  
September 2010

**Teddy Bear Tea**  
Benefits PAWS Auxiliary  
October 3, 2010  
Loews Ventana Canyon Resort

You are invited! Please contact us at 326-8452 or [info@assistanceleagueticucson.org](mailto:info@assistanceleagueticucson.org) to join us.

### AT A GLANCE...

May 2009 - March 2010

Operation School Bell®  
dressed 3,875 children

★  
Starting Over Supplies  
served 1,190 people

★  
Assault Survivor Kits®  
supported 155 people

★  
100% of funding stays  
in Tucson to benefit our  
community.

**Assisteens.®** The Assisteens auxiliary (94 strong from various Tucson high schools) continued its program "Assisteens Helping Tucson Teens" which helps empower middle school students by providing needed supplies in the areas of art, music, and physical education. The funds are raised at the annual fashion show, which is March 14th this year. The young women also have



Assisteens Zoe and Chloe help a customer in the Thrift Shop under the watchful eye of the manager for the day. Every Assisteen must work one or two shifts each year to fulfill their service hours.

assisted in other philanthropic groups like Junior League of Tucson, Community Food Bank, Ben's Bells, Project Linus Tucson, Tucson Botanical Gardens, and Amity Circle Tree Ranch. Assisteens give service to Assistance League's Philanthropic Programs Operation School Bell and Starting Over Supplies, the Tux 'n Boots Gala, and Assistance League of Tucson Thrift Shop (which has included setting up a brand new teen section) rounding out their volunteer efforts.



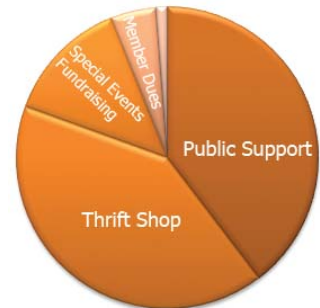
The new teen section in the Thrift Shop is a fun stop on any shopping trip.

Congratulations to these wonderful young women on a job well done!

### Consolidated Statement of Revenue and Expenses

Accountant's Reviewed Report for May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009

Revenue	
Public Support	\$224,151
Thrift Shop	\$231,313
Special Events Fundraising	\$75,598*
Membership Dues	\$27,570
Other Revenue	\$6,954
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$565,586</b>



Expenses	
Philanthropic Programs	\$413,987
Thrift Shop Operating Expenses	\$50,964
Special Events Expenses	\$5,818*
Administrative Expenses	\$35,305
Membership Expense	\$18,377
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$524,451</b>



\*Special Event Totals do not include direct benefit to attendees or cost of merchandise sold.

We are an all volunteer organization. This year our volunteers donated 54,672 hours which, according to the 2009 U.S. Department of Labor guidelines of \$20.48 per volunteer hour, is a donation of \$1,119,682.



*"We are small in number, but mighty in purpose. When we give bears to children in need, we enrich their lives."*

- Missy Weidman  
P.A.W.S. Philanthropic Chairwoman



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*"Started an IV and she was an angel. No tears. Parents so kind. She loved the bear."*

- Postcard to PAWS about 2 year old patient who received a bear  
Registered Nurse, St. Joseph's Hospital



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### Power of the Teddy Bear

P.A.W.S. has distributed over 20,000 teddy bears to children in time of crisis and need through approximately 30 law enforcement, social service agencies and hospitals in Southern Arizona. The cost of the bears and distribution are paid for by membership dues, annual Teddy Bear Tea event and the Share a Bear program. Members participate in the bagging and delivery of the bears.

These small, stuffed, cuddly creatures possess the super hero power to soothe the cries of a terrified child being removed from an abusive home environment, console a devastated youngster when a mother or father dies, comfort a baby lying critically ill in a hospital nursery and even help reignite a lost memory of security in a teenager abandoned and alone.

The stoic, professional service workers, who interact daily with the most vulnerable members of our society, extol the Power of the Teddy Bear. Thousands of response cards from the agencies document how, when, why and to whom the bears are distributed. These notes tell the stories of pain, loss, desperation and fear. These notes also capture the moments of relief when a child encounters the soft, snuggly, squeezable safety of a Teddy Bear.

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 forensic interviewers. Each Teddy Bear enters the life of a child at a moment of crisis delivering a much needed dose of love.

### Bagging Bears.

Volunteers put PAWS Teddy Bears into bags so they will stay clean until they are given to the children.



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*"During my tour of the facility, I could not believe everything you do for the community - you are the best kept secret in Tucson!"*

- Mr. Bob Knill  
Annie's Hallmark, Park Place Mall



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Dermatology Center	Jonathan's Cork	Shaffer Dry Cleaning & Laundry	Walmart Neighborhood Market
Desert Island Designs	Kitay Family Foundation	Sheftel & Associates Dermatology	Store #3357
Desert Sun Gastroenterology	KVOA	Sigis	Walmart Store #1325
Designs by Diana's	Las Margaritas	Skin Spectrum	Zoe

## Community Recipients

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

Altar Valley School District	Corbett Elementary School	Los Amigos Elementary School	Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault
Amity Circle Tree Ranch	Craycroft Elementary School	Los Ranchitos Elementary School	Southwest Family Education Resource
Amphitheater Middle School	Davidson Elementary School	Lynn/Urquides Elementary School	St. Joseph's Hospital
Amphitheater School District	Drexel Elementary School	Manzo Elementary School	St. Mary's Hospital
Arizona Children's Association	Elvira Elementary School	Menlo Park Elementary School	St. Vincent de Paul
Bethany House	Esperanza Elementary School	Mission Manor Elementary School	Sunnyside School District
Borderlinks	Flowing Wells Junior High School	Nash Elementary School	Travelers Aid Society of Tucson
Borman Elementary School	Flowing Wells School District	New Beginnings	Tu Nidito
Brewster Center	Friends of the Library	Ocotillo Elementary School	Tucson Centre for Women and Children
Casa de los Ninos	Holaway Elementary School	Our Family Services	Tucson Unified School District
Cavett Elementary School	Hollinger Elementary School	Parents As Teachers	Tucson Youth Development
Challenger Middle School	Humane Society	Pima County Sheriff Department	UMC Child Life Specialists
Child and Family Resources, Inc.	International Rescue Committee	Prince Elementary School	University Physicians Healthcare at Kino
Child Protective Services	Jewish Family and Children's Services	Pueblo Gardens Elementary School	Van Buskirk Elementary School
Children's Multi-Specialty Center	Keeling Elementary School	Reach Out and Read	World Care
Christian Faith Center	Liberty Elementary School	Roberts Elementary School	Wright Elementary School
CODAC Behavioral Health Service	Lineweaver Elementary School	Robles Elementary School	Youth on Their Own
Community Food Bank	Lions Club Downtown	Southern Arizona Child Advocacy Center	

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**Assistance League Thrift Shop** continues to do a brisk business. We have instituted some new marketing tools which have helped increase our customer base. Our weekly email sales alerts are a big hit and the word is spreading throughout Tucson that this is the place to buy high quality merchandise at very reasonable prices. To quote one of our new customers, "This is one of the best thrift shops in Tucson!" Subscribe to our sales alerts by sending an email to [valuedcustomer@assistanceleagueticucson.org](mailto:valuedcustomer@assistanceleagueticucson.org).

#### Shop Hours

Tuesday - Friday  
10 am - 4 pm

Saturday  
10 am - 2 pm

Located at 1307 N. Alvernon Way  
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#### OUR SPRING 2010 WISH LIST

##### We want to be better known in Tucson

- Printing Services for our brochures and Newlinks
- Laptop and Desktop computers less than 2 years old
- Resources for an advertising campaign
- 15 second spot on local radio or television

##### Items to help us make less of an impact on the planet

- Easels to use for signage at events we attend
- Dry Erase Board (2' x 3')

##### Items to sell in our Thrift Shop

- Gently used or slightly damaged furniture
- Attention retailers: items that have been returned, damaged or that will not be resold in your establishment

##### Display fixtures for the Thrift Shop

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