

CARING AND COMMITMENT IN ACTION

President's Message

This year, 2018-19, marks the 33rd Anniversary of the Assistance League of Klamath Basin. We are very grateful for all the generous donors and community support which has helped our organization transform lives of children and adults throughout the Klamath Basin. We are associated with the National Assistance League® with 120 chapters located in 26 states and 23,000 member volunteers nationwide, all making a commitment in their communities to make a difference.

The Assistance League of Klamath Basin has achieved "Gold level status" on Candid (formerly "GuideStar") this year. We feel very proud to have this status and know it will help potential donors find out about our nonprofit organization.

We are also fortunate to have a committed and dedicated group of volunteers who work hard to achieve our philanthropic goals.

Because of the generosity of the community and businesses, this year we are hoping to clothe over 850 students in grades K-12. We have been able to raise money through donations, grants, our "Findables" store, the Christmas Tree Jubilee Fundraiser and other fundraisers, allowing us to continue our philanthropic programs. We have received ongoing feedback from school personnel and families that our programs do make a difference in the children's attitude and self-worth.

I want to thank you for your continued support and commitment to helping children who need assistance and making a positive difference in their lives.

Regards, Leslie Wilkenson, President 2018-19



**Assistance League of
Klamath Basin Newsletter**
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Welcome to the yearly newsletter of the Assistance League of Klamath Basin. The newsletter contains a quick recap of programs and fundraising activities. We hope you will take a moment to read it. And we hope you will consider joining us, making a contribution, attending a fundraiser, or consigning or shopping at our second hand furniture store, Findables.

Thank you for your support

We would like to thank everyone who have supported our philanthropic programs this past year – donors and schools, businesses and members.

Rhinestone Cowboy

Christmas Jubilee 2018

- is in the books! This year was a fun year with our overall Jubilee net revenue up 4% over last year. I sometimes wonder how difficult it is to see the whole process at work, from fundraising to clothing vouchers and In-Store shopping nights. This year I determined to spot as many human connections as I could, and so I share one with you here, to assist you in seeing how desperately needed your gifts are.

The big rush of students and parents is always a highlight of the in-store shopping night for me. One fellow, "Dad", was there with his energetic daughter, trying to figure out the process. He seemed a little overwhelmed so I stepped up to give him help. "Dad" understood the premise but not the discounts the store offered. As I explained them, he asked me to write each discount on his paperwork.

"Dad" shared that for the last couple years he has had seizures and can't always remember correctly, but that he was a number guy and could get within a penny of the limit if he knew how to calculate it. And by calculate, he was sure to point out that he did it in his head. While I was skeptical, I wrote it all down and wished him happy shopping. When he came through the line I asked him how he did. He looked a bit sheepish and told me, "I was .06 off. I did not understand a couple of the ways they calculated." .06cents! I was humbled and amazed.

You never know why people need help, who they were before they arrived at this moment in time, or what changes a simple wardrobe for school might bring, but I was impressed by the humble tenacity and grateful heart of this dad who could no longer work in his profession but was determined to be a good steward of what was so generously given.

Patty Barsalou – Recording Secretary

OPERATION SCHOOL BELL®



Rhinestone Cowboy Christmas Jubilee



2017-18 Financial Picture

The follow financial information is taken from CPA review reports for the fiscal year
June 1, 2017 - May 31, 2018

Support and Revenue

Fundraising	\$94,660
Donations	54,677
Grant Income	\$7,500
Non-cash Donations	\$4,789
Member Dues/Activities	\$6,317
Interest/Other Income	\$2,277
Total Support & Revenue	\$170,220

Expenses

Program Services	\$108,263
<u>Supporting Services:</u>	
Management & General	\$17,646
Membership Development	\$3,449
Fundraising: Findables	\$10,845
Fundraising: Special Events	\$2,654
Total Expenses	\$142,857

Change in Net Assets	\$27,364
Net Assets, Beginning Year	\$515,468
Net Assets, Year End	\$542,832

76% of total expenses were spent on Philanthropic Programs as shown in the following chart.



PHILANTHROPIC PROGRAMS:

Operation School Bell® - (OSB) is our primary philanthropic program. Its purpose is to provide new clothing for children who are in need of clothing in the Klamath Basin. Our mission is to promote learning, school attendance and self-worth of children and families by providing new clothing. OSB is divided into two programs: Instore Shopping Events and Clothing Certificates. Students are selected by school personnel. Note: The Fred Meyer Store is very supportive in helping make this program successful.

Other Philanthropic Programs: Stearns Elementary School "Active Shoes = Active Bodies"; Citizens for Safe Schools; Exodus House; Marta's House; Project USA, Literacy Month; and Clothing Certificates for Graduating Seniors needing assistance to purchase clothing for graduation and job seeking.

Note: The philanthropic programs are fully funded and managed by the Assistance League of Klamath Basin. Members volunteer their time during fundraising events. All chapter members are volunteers. There is no paid staff.

Visit our high quality second hand Furniture and Home Décor Store!

FINDABLES "The Shop"

1330 E. Main Street

Klamath Falls, OR 97601

Store Hours: 11:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday through Saturday

Yes! I Want To Help

Clothe a Child!

***It costs \$110-\$125 to
clothe a child in need in the
Klamath Basin.***

Please mail to:

Assistance League® of Klamath Basin

***1330 E. Main St., Klamath Falls, OR
97601***

Tel: 541.883.1721

Return to:

Assistance League of Klamath Basin

1330 E. Main Street,

Klamath Falls, OR 97601

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Name (Print)

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Email Address:

***Enclosed is my donation in the amount of
\$ _____***

Cash: ***Check:*** ***VISA or MC:***

VISA/MC # _____

Signature: _____

***Thank you for your generous support -
any amount helps: We will provide a receipt for
your donation.***

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