



Assistance League® of Klamath Basin
2018 - 2019 Annual Report – Philanthropic Programs and Finance
Transforming Lives – Strengthening Community

President’s Message:

This year, 2018-2019, 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.

This year, the Assistance League of Klamath Basin achieved “Gold Level Status” on Candid (formerly GuideStar). We feel very proud to have earned this status and know it will help potential donors find out about our nonprofit organization. We also have become a Better Business Bureau Accredited Charity. We are dedicated to BBB’s 20 Standards for Charity Accountability. This too, is another way for potential donors to 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. Being an all-volunteer organization, it takes many helping hands to achieve our goals of helping children and making a difference in the community.

Thank you so much for your support and generosity. We could not achieve what we do without you.

Sincerely, Leslie Wilkenson, President, 2018-19

Philanthropic Programs

Operation School Bell® (OSB) is our primary philanthropic program. Its purpose is to provide new school appropriate clothing for children in need of clothing in the Klamath Basin including Tulelake, California. Our mission is to promote learning, school attendance and self-worth of children.

Operation School Bell is divided into two programs: (1) Instore Shopping Events, and (2) Clothing Certificates. The students are selected by school personnel.

The Instore Shopping Events involve designated elementary schools. The students, accompanied by parents, shop for new clothes/shoes on scheduled nights in September and October at the Fred Meyer Store. The remaining schools not participating in the Shopping Events are included in the Clothing Certificate Program which involves the K-12 grade students in the Klamath Basin, including Tulelake. Students issued clothing certificates use them at the Fred Meyer Store.

In 2018-19, a total of 895 students participated in the shopping event or received clothing certificates. In addition, they were given hygiene kits, hand-knit winter hats, gloves and scarves. Each elementary student was able to spend up to \$115.00. Middle/high school students spent up to \$120.00.

The Fred Meyer Store has been very supportive and dedicated in helping make these Operation School Bell programs successful.

Another segment has been added to this year’s Operation School Bell program involving Stearns Elementary School’s program entitled “Active Shoes = Active Bodies.” It was established by Brandon Powell, Physical Education Teacher, to provide quality athletic shoes for its students with the goal of improving participation during physical education class and increasing the amount of physical activity students engage in daily as well as helping with their self-worth. The teachers work with the students to select attainable goals to “earn” a \$40.00 shoe certificate. The Assistance League raises money to pay for these certificates used at the Big 5 Sporting Goods Store who, in turn, makes sure these students get quality shoes at a low price.

Graduation Clothing Certificates were sent to eleven high schools: Bonanza, Chiloquin, EagleRidge Charter, Falcon Heights Academy, Gilchrist, Henley, Klamath Institute, Klamath Union, Lost River, Mazama, and Tulelake. Each school received two \$100.00 clothing certificates except for Klamath Union High School whose number is doubled because of the closing of Link River High School in 2014 and the students were transferred to Klamath Union High School.

These graduating students are selected by school counselors using the criteria that these students have demonstrated an effort in being a good student and citizen, and are also in need of financial assistance in purchasing clothing for graduation. The new clothing can also be used by the students when searching for employment.

Citizens for Safe Schools (CFSS): This year, students (K-12) who participate in the CFSS program were added to our Operation School Bell Program. School counselors refer students to CFSS when it is determined they are at risk and need help. CFSS is a nonprofit organization and its goals are to create safe and drug free communities and children in good character. Students are placed one-to-one with a responsible adult mentor.

Project USA: We coordinate with elementary schools to paint large maps (38' x 24') of the USA on school playgrounds for educational purposes. We provide the map stencil, paint, and equipment. Painting is done by volunteers such as chapter members, students, parents, school staff and businesses.

Families in Crisis Program: Last year, Exodus House was included as one of our programs. Our members have been donating food, hygiene and laundry items, shoes, clothing and Christmas gifts. Clothing Certificates have also been provided. Exodus House is a temporary shelter for ages 7 to 17 homeless and runaway youths and those waiting or between foster care homes as well as youths on probation.

Our Chapter supports Marta's House by providing items e.g. diapers, bus tokens, baby wipes, and books. Members donated money for Christmas gifts for the women and children staying at the house.

Award-Winning Books: These books were distributed to all elementary, middle and high school libraries in the Klamath Basin and Tulelake. The elementary schools received the Newbery Award and the Caldecott Award. Middle and high schools received books selected by the Young Readers Choice and Pacific Northwest Library Association. These books were also given to the Klamath County Libraries, Exodus House and Marta's House.

Legacy for Literacy Day: This is a National Assistance League program involving all 120 Assistance League Chapters throughout the country. Books are collected and given to various organizations. This year, our Chapter collected and donated 200 books to the Exodus House.

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

Finance

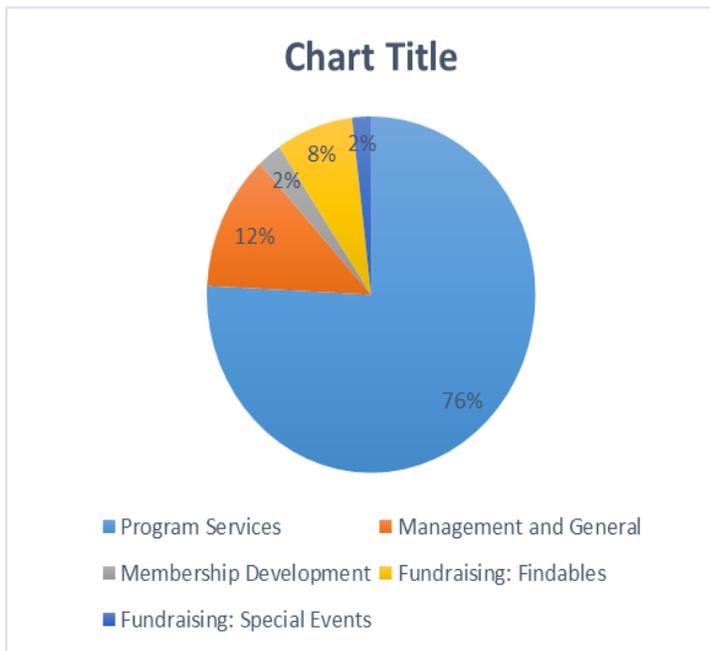
Fundraising: Funds are raised through grants, donations, estate sales, special event fundraisers e.g. the Silver Tea, the Christmas Tree Jubilee, and our Findables Used Furniture and Home Décor Store (which operates with consignments and donations). No funding is received from the National Assistance League. All funds raised are spent in the Klamath Basin.

Financial Summary: We are dedicated to integrity in our financial management and careful stewardship of donated and granted funds. To that end, a local CPA performs a yearly financial review. Our fiscal year is June 1 - May 31.

The following financial information is provided from the CPA Review Report from June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	
Support and Revenue	
Fundraising	\$
Donations	
Grant Income	
Non-Cash Donations	
Member Dues/Activities	
Interest/Other Income	
Total Support and Revenue	\$
Expenses	
Program Services	\$
Supporting Services	
Management and General	
Membership Development	
Fundraising: Findables	

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



More About Us

Who We Are:

Assistance League of Klamath Basin is an all-volunteer organization serving children and adults in the Klamath Basin. Our members contribute in many ways *from* hours spent on philanthropic programs *to* fundraising efforts in support of those programs *to* administrative duties behind the scenes.

We are an organization of caring committed people who form friendships while working together for a common purpose of helping meet the needs of our community in a meaningful way. As a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation, we are part of a national organization that has provided clothing to more than two million children in the United States.

Mission Statement:

Assistance League volunteers transforming the lives of children through community programs.

Our Vision:

Essential needs are met in our community and families flourish.

Core Values:

Assistance League has always recognized the dedication and talents of our volunteers engaged in putting caring and commitment into action in our community. There are five core values that focus members on priorities and actions. They are commitment, ethics, leadership, accountability, and respect.

National Assistance League®:

Our local chapter enjoys a strong relationship with the National Assistance League, an umbrella organization for 120 local chapters located in 26 states with 23,000 volunteers nationwide providing over 3.2 million hours of volunteer service annually. The National Assistance League was founded in 1935 and is dedicated in building effective chapters nationwide through education, inspiration and support, and empowers its chapters to focus on meeting local needs. National enables chapters to effectively lead by providing administrative, legal and operational guidance.

2018-19
Assistance League of
Klamath Basin Board Members



L-R: Leslie Wilkenson, Linda Hartenberger, Denny Jamarck, Patty Barsalou, Merlaine Zwartverwer, Marla Miller and Dorene Ridgway

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ALKB Members Volunteering Their Time During an Instore Shopping Event for Elementary Students Held at the Fred Meyer Store.

How You Can Help:

- Make a contribution.
- Become a member.
 - Donate your time.
 - Shop at Findables Store.
 - Donate or consign furniture/home décor items.
 - Participate in fundraising events, e.g. the Christmas Tree Jubilee.

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