



CARING AND COMMITMENT IN ACTION

Assistance League of Klamath Basin Newsletter

a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

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Welcome to the yearly newsletter of the Assistance League® of Klamath Basin. This newsletter contains a quick recap of programs and fundraising activities. We hope you'll take a moment to read it and please consider joining us; making a contribution; attending a fundraiser; or consigning or shopping at our quality, used furniture and home decor shop, Findables. **Thank you for your support.** We sincerely thank everyone who has supported our philanthropic programs this trying past year — businesses, schools, donors, foundations, and members.

The photos below are a trip down memory lane from years past. In-store shopping events at Fred Meyer in 2020-2021 were cancelled because of the pandemic. However, we distributed approximately 1,400 clothing certificates to the schools this year which can be redeemed individually at Fred Meyer.



Scenes from past Operation School Bell® in-store shopping at Fred Meyer



Assistance League of Klamath Basin designated February as its "Share and Spread the Love" month. Members donated to the Operation School Bell program new, warm clothing, hoodies, socks, underwear, backpacks, and a variety of hygiene items. These were much needed items for students in need within the Klamath Basin. Also through our Families in Crisis program we are providing clothing certificates and other useful items for infants through high school children transitioning into foster care. The program will operate throughout the year.

Operation School Bell

Operation School Bell® is the primary philanthropic program of the Assistance League of Klamath Basin. Its purpose is to provide new clothing and shoes for school children who are in need of clothing in the Klamath Basin including Tulelake. Our goal is to promote learning, school attendance and self-worth of children and families by providing new clothing. Operation School Bell is divided into two programs: (1) Instore Shopping Events, and (2) Clothing Certificates. In addition, these students are given hygiene kits, hand-knit hats, and gloves. All students are selected by school personnel.

Unfortunately, this year, we were unable to hold the Instore Shopping Events held at the Fred Meyer store due to the COVID-19 restrictions. All students are being clothed through our Clothing Certificate Program. Approximately 808 clothing certificates have been issued to elementary schools. These certificates were increased from \$115.00 to \$120.00 each. Approximately 563 certificates have been issued to middle/high schools and the certificates were increased from \$120.00 to \$125.00 each. Compared to last year's statistics, this was an overall increase of 65%. Our goal was to issue 900 certificates, and we have surpassed that number. The number is still increasing due to the problems students and families are facing because of COVID-19.

We are currently working with city and county social workers involved with over 350 homeless students. Our Chapter has issued clothing certificates as well as warm clothing, socks, underwear, backpacks and an assortment of hygiene items.



At the end of the year, clothing certificates will be given to selected graduating seniors from eleven high schools who can't afford clothing for graduation. This year, the certificates have been increased from \$100.00 to \$125.00 each. This clothing can also be used when applying for a job.

We would like to thank the Fred Meyer store personnel who have been very supportive and committed over the past years in helping make these Operation School Bell programs such a success. Other philanthropic programs we support are Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program; Stearns Athletic Shoe Program "Active Shoes = Active Bodies"; Newbery and Caldecott awards winning books program; Exodus House; Citizens for Safe Schools; and Project USA (painting of a large USA map on elementary school playgrounds). Our philanthropic programs are fully funded by the Assistance League of Klamath Basin. Funds are raised through events such as the Christmas Tree Jubilee; the "Findables" gently used furniture store; and the Silver Tea, a direct mail campaign; as well as grants and contributions from generous donors and members. We are a completely volunteer, non-profit organization with no paid staff.

We would like to take this opportunity to again thank all our generous donors for allowing us to increase the number of students we have been able to help during this extremely difficult and troubling time. Your commitment to help students and in turn, help families and our community is heartwarming and very much appreciated.

Our Financial Picture

The following financial information is taken from CPA review reports for the fiscal year June 1, 2019– May 31, 2020.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Support and Revenue

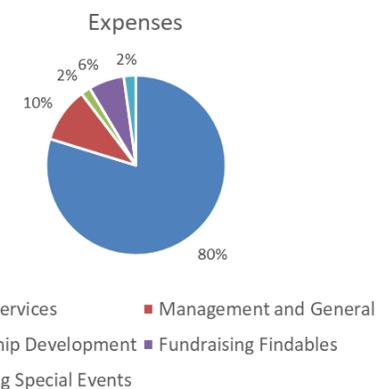
Fundraising: Thrift Shop	\$	82,503
Donations		64,708
Grant Income		5,000
Non-cash Donations		2,218
Member Dues/Activities		6,225
Interest Income		3,660
Total Support & Revenue	\$	164,224

Expenses

Program Services	\$	130,413
Supporting Services:		
Management & General		16,198
Membership Development		2,875
Fundraising: Thrift Shop		10,455
Fundraising: Special Events		3,569
Total Expenses	\$	163,510

Change in Net Assets		714
Net Assets, Beginning Year	\$	561,420
Net Assets, Year End	\$	532,134

We are pleased to note that 80% of our Total Expenses were spent on Philanthropic Programs, as shown below.



Tropical Christmas Tree Jubilee 2020

In 2020, our Christmas Tree Jubilee was a "virtual" event for the first time. Thanks to our generous donors and community partners, we were able to assemble a wide variety of goods and services for our online auction. Participation was terrific as we had over 150 active bidders and the online event attracted a wider audience than we have ever had before. Despite serious technical problems with the live auction portion of the program the Jubilee overall was a huge success and raised significant funds for our community programs, especially Operation School Bell. Many participants have shared how much they enjoyed the online bidding process and watching their favorite items by phone or computer so we are considering keeping some sort of online auction component as we look to the future. The Assistance League of Klamath Basin would like to thank all who contributed to the 2020 Jubilee, whether by donating, volunteering, and/or bidding!

Mark your calendar!
December 8, 2021 is Christmas Tree Jubilee auction/dinner. Watch for details!



Assistance League members 2020-2021 During Pandemic

President's Message from Patty Barsalou, President

This year, 2020-21, marks the 30th Anniversary of the Assistance League of Klamath Basin. I am sure you can join me in saying we have never seen a year quite like this one! A year ago, we were all hunkered down; our main fundraising store, Findables, was closed up tightly and we all wondered how we would manage to provide clothing and supplies in the fall. I am delighted to share that the generosity of our donors, both in the Klamath community and beyond, seemed to know no bounds when it came to giving to those in need this year. As schools re-opened, we made the commitment to provide for every student in need and to turn down no request by teachers or counselors. To date, we have issued over 1,371 clothing certificates, up 65% from last year! While need was definitely up, so was giving by those who were able.

We are very grateful for each of our generous donors and the 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 volunteer members nationwide, all making a commitment in their communities to make a difference.

The Assistance League of Klamath Basin achieved GOLD status on GuideStar in 2018 and is also a Better Business Bureau Accredited Charity. We are dedicated to BBB's 20 Standards for Charitable Accountability. We are very proud to have these two seals of credibility status and know it will help potential donors find out about our nonprofit organization. I encourage you to go to GuideStar and check us out. Here is a link to assist you: <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/93-0934777>

As you can imagine, it has been a challenge to volunteer during this year's pandemic, particularly since a large number of our volunteers are in the higher risk category. We are fortunate to have a committed and dedicated group of volunteers who work hard to achieve our philanthropic goals for our community. Being an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization, it takes many helping hands to achieve our goals of helping children and making a difference in the community. We are pleased that our membership has had growth in the last three years and want this trend to continue. New members are always welcome.

We have received ongoing feedback from school personnel and families that our programs do make a difference in children's attitudes and self-worth and contribute to their long-term success.

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.



Board members 2020-2021

Local Chiropractic practice donates over \$4,000 from proceeds of special events held at their office.

Mission: Assistance League volunteers transforming the lives of children and adults through community programs.

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Email Address: _____

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Cash: Check: VISA or MC

VISA/MC # _____

Signature: _____

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