



CARING AND COMMITMENT IN ACTION

Assistance League of Klamath Basin Newsletter

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

April 2023

Better Together

Taking care and giving back. The power of a generous heart.

Welcome to the annual newsletter of the Assistance League® of Klamath Basin (ALKB). Our charitable programs rely on hands-on involvement by our volunteers and spring from their generous hearts and minds. Each innovative program is designed to meet specific needs in our community. ALKB member volunteers achieve true transformation in our community with our signature program Operation School Bell® (OSB). We have additional programs which encourage literacy and provide assistance to our vulnerable unsheltered students through a partnership with McKinney Vento and Children in Foster Care. We are better together, as we join with contributors throughout southern Oregon to make a better world possible. **Thank you for your support.** We hope you will take a moment to read this newsletter and please consider joining us, making a contribution, attending a fundraiser, or shopping and making a donation at our quality used furniture and home décor shop, Findables.

The smiling faces of Operation School Bell September 2022!



The 2022-2023 Board

Operation School Bell

Operation School Bell is the corner stone of our philanthropic programs. Its purpose is to provide new clothing and shoes for K-12 students who need assistance purchasing appropriate school clothing. Students are also given hygiene kits, hand-knit winter hats, and gloves. This program includes all K-12 schools within the Klamath Basin as well as the Tulelake Basin Joint Unified School District in Northern California.



Our mission is to promote learning, school attendance and self-worth for children and families. OSB is divided into two programs:

(1) Instore Shopping Events, and (2) Clothing Certificates. All students are selected by school personnel. A total of 317 children from nine elementary schools were able to spend \$125.00 each for clothing and shoes at our Instore event in October. They also received hygiene kits, winter hats and gloves.



This year, we distributed over 1,250 Clothing Certificates worth \$125.00 each to K-12 schools. The number continues to grow due to the problems students and families are facing. As part of our OSB program, we have added homeless students under the McKinney Vento Homeless Student Program (MKV) which is part of the Federal Assistance Act of 1987. It is focused on students experiencing homelessness and poverty. We work closely with the city and county MKV Coordinators who distribute the certificates. Approximately 600 students were added to our clothing certificate program with MKV in addition to students being mentored by Citizens for Safe Schools.

Recently our members voted to make Children in Foster Care a permanent addition. This program entails working with local officials from the State Department of Human Services and includes children from infancy to 18 years of age who are removed from unsafe environments and placed into foster care. We supplied clothing certificates for these children at \$135 each. We also supplied hygiene items, school supplies, socks, underwear, warm clothing, t-shirts, blankets, hats, gloves, and stuffed animals for the foster children in the Klamath Basin.

In May, clothing certificates worth \$125 each will be given to selected graduating seniors from eleven high schools who can't afford clothing for graduation. This clothing can also be used when applying for a job.

We would like to thank the Fred Meyer Store which has been very supportive and committed over the past years in helping make our Operation School Bell Program a success.

Other philanthropic programs we support are Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program, Stearns Athletic Shoe Program "Active Shoes = Active Bodies", Award Winning Books Program, and Project USA (painting large USA maps on elementary school playgrounds for educational purposes). All our philanthropic programs are fully funded by ALKB. Funds are raised through fundraising events such as Blazing Paddles III Pickleball Tournament, "Findables" gently used furniture store on East Main Street, the Silver Tea (a direct mail campaign) as well as grants and contributions from generous donors and members. We are a volunteer, non-profit organization with no paid staff.



Our Financial Picture

The following financial information is taken from CPA review reports for the fiscal year June 1, 2021– May 31, 2022

We are pleased to note that 81% of our Total Expenses were spent on Philanthropic Programs, as shown below.

Statement of Activities

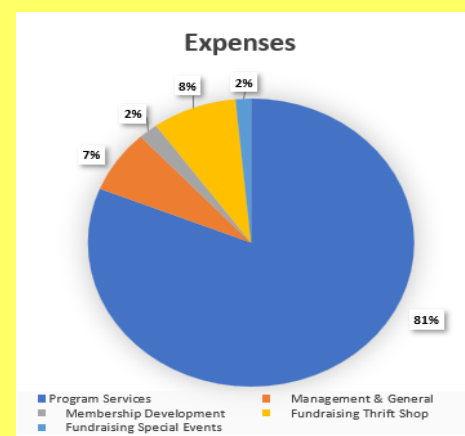
Support and Revenue

Fundraising including thrift shop	\$ 135,886
Donations & Grants	103,000
Non-cash Donations	2,291
Member Dues/Activities	6,091
Interest Income	2,822
Investment Return net	(7,693)
Total Support & Revenue	\$ 242,397

Expenses

Program Services	\$ 174,363
Supporting Services	
Management & General	15,171
Membership Development	4,141
Fundraising Thrift Shop	18,009
Fundraising Special Events	3,286
Total Expenses	\$ 214,970

Change in Net Assets	\$ 27,427
Net Assets, Beginning Year	\$ 625,188
Net Assets, Year End	\$ 652,615





Blazing Paddles III Pickleball Tournament

Once again this year, ALKB was pleased to co-sponsor the Blazing Paddles Pickleball Tournament with the Klamath Basin Pickleball Association (KBPA) to raise funds for children in the Klamath Basin through Operation School Bell.

**Special thanks to our
Pickleball Tournament
sponsors and donors for a
combined \$27,625**

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President's Message

From Sally-Ann Palcovich

Popular "how-to" books on fundraising recommend thanking donors seven times. That hardly seems like enough thank you's to all of you, our very special donors.

You are the people who help us make a huge difference in our community. Children in the Basin are mentally and physically healthier and happier because you care about them. And, through your support for the projects and programs of ALKB, you provide clothing, hygiene products, school supplies, and award-winning books.

More importantly, your support tells the 1900, and growing, children ALKB serves that there are people in our community that care very much for their health and well-being. The difference you make in their lives isn't just something that is felt today. Anecdotal stories come in to ALKB from adults who share what a difference your gifts made to their lives. Differences that gave them the courage to dream about a better, stronger life for their future.

Their stories reinforce our commitment to Operation School Bell and give us the impetus to go to you for your support. As you conduct your business both personal and professional in the Klamath Basin, we hope you keep in mind that the person serving you at the restaurant or store you frequent likely received support as a child from you through ALKB. You helped make them who they are today.



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Grantors 2022-2023

Umpqua Charitable Foundation
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WaFd Foundation
Gordon Elwood Foundation
Autzen Foundation
The Norwood Foundation
Ford Family Foundation

The Fisher Nicholson Realty E-bike and Turn Thom Raffle

Thank you to FNR and Turn
Thom and those who
purchased tickets!
We clothed 62 children and
raised \$7,750

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

To make a Clothe A Child Donation Visit our website:

www.klamathbasinassistanceleague.org



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Join Us! Our membership application is available on our website

Web: www.klamathbasinassistanceleague.org

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Address: _____ Telephone _____

Email Address: _____

Enclosed is my donation in the amount of \$ 125 ____ \$200 ____ \$500 ____ other \$ ____

Cash: ☐ Check: ☐ VISA or MC ☐

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Signature: _____

Thank you for your generous support. We will provide a receipt for your donation.

Mail to: Assistance League of Klamath Basin, 1330 E. Main St. Klamath Falls, OR 97601

Tel: 541.883.1721 or

Donate on-line: Use the donate button on Assistance League home page to donate on-line at www.klamathbasinassistanceleague.org

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