Assistance League® of St. Louis

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FACT SHEET

WHO WE ARE

WE ARE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE, a national nonprofit organization that celebrates the power of the volunteer to evoke positive change in the world. We touch the lives of thousands of children and adults in the St. Louis area. We are a respected and effective all-volunteer service organization whose members believe a giving heart and simple compassionate acts can make a world of difference.

WHAT WE DO

We provide:
-New school uniforms for deserving children
-Teddy bears to comfort children and adults in traumatic situations
-New shoes for deserving students
-Activity kits to entertain children and adults in hospital settings
-Personal care gift bags along with household items for women and their children in shelters
-Short-term assistance with community needs

HOW WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

Assistance League has always looked for unmet needs in the community.

- In 1988, we were one of the first nonprofit organizations to distribute **teddy bears** to emergency personnel and social agencies. We now serve 24 agencies in the St. Louis community.
- Last year 3,400 elementary school children received two sets of new uniforms, socks, underwear and dental hygiene kits. 3,000 children from 20 area schools received uniform-type clothing during our fall dressing period. An additional 400 children received clothing given to school nurses and counselors to distribute on an as-needed basis.
- After 25 years of service, we have provided more than 48,000 children with **new school clothing**.
- We deliver kits for quiet activities to 13 hospitals to entertain children and adults in various hospital settings. This program started in 1996 and last year we provided almost 20,000 **activity kits**.
- Since 2001, our members have delivered **gift bags** to women in area shelters, affecting over 10,000 lives. Each month our members serve 4 shelters and deliver bags containing clothing, personal care items and household items for residents and their children. In an effort to show a caring spirit, we add cake and a fruit basket each month.
- In 2001, we began to provide **athletic style shoes and socks** to school children. Last year, our members visited 24 elementary schools to properly fit and provide shoes and socks to over 2,400 children.
- As we continue our mission to serve others, we now cooperate with other area agencies to identify **unmet community needs**. Our new program, added in 2007, enabled members to provide assistance to over 32,500 lives since its inception.

Our members have contributed over 51,000 volunteer hours to serve 32,000 individuals in the St. Louis community during our last fiscal year. Assistance League has been in existence in the St. Louis area for over 25 years. As one of 120 chapters nationwide, our members put ***Caring and Commitment in Action*** through community-based programs.