

# LIVING GENEROUSLY

By Wildhorse Resident Vicki Reed, Article sponsored by Thrivent Financial

Recently, Jane Harbron of Horse Creek Court in Wildhorse told us about an organization she works with. Assistance League of St. Louis is a nonprofit, all-volunteer service organization. There is no paid staff and they celebrate the power of the volunteer to evoke positive change in our community. They improve the lives of thousands of children and adults in St. Louis with programs designed to empower, not enable; provide opportunity, not promote dependence. They have 517 volunteers engaged in hands-on delivery of much-needed goods and services directly to deserving individuals. In 2017, members and friends donated over 80,000 hours through 9 philanthropic programs, touching over 44,000 lives. These hours have a value of \$1.9 million and are equal to 38 paid full-time paid employees.

Jane chose to work with this organization because of the hands-on approach to the work they do: providing clothing, hygiene products and books for children; take care of abused women and families with new clothing and necessities; they support a sexual assault program, homeless children, drug and sex trafficking shelters. They also distributed 12,000 books last year to schools and libraries, provided activity kits to kids in emergency rooms, comfort bears for fire and emergency workers, and one-time requests of needs that other agencies cannot fulfill.

Jane herself has served as the IT Chairman, Authors Brunch Chair, Grants Chairman, VP Fund Development, President-elect and President. Her whole



Jane Harbron and Jayne Foley at a function at the headquarters of the organization



Volunteers working with the Assistance League's "Project Hug" program



"Books from Friends"



Rosa Kim, Jane Harbron and Lynette Roccia at the resale shop




Jayne Foley and a chamber member working at a fair

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family has been involved with the charity, including husband, Rick, son, Grant, and daughter, Laura. Grant lives in the Tower Grove area and works for Boeing, while Laura lives in LA and works in reality TV.

This very active group can always use your help! They have a resale shop which is their major fundraiser. You can drop items at Fantastic Finds in the Bellerive Plaza (12778 Olive Blvd). They take upscale clothing, hardgoods, linens, shoes, books, and toys. They also need diapers for the emergency shelters, hygiene products for their schools and shoppers for their Fantastic Finds shop!


Along with Jane, several other ladies in the WHCL area also volunteer for Assistance League of St. Louis: Jayne Foley and Kay Calcagno of Greystone; Carolyn Goedeke and Barb Cossarini of Wildhorse. Please support this charity if you can! Thank you, ladies! For more information, visit [aslstl.org](http://aslstl.org).



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