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## **ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF ST. LOUIS PROVIDES BOOKS AND MORE TO URBAN LEAGUE OF METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS**

Assistance League of St. Louis volunteers on April 24 packed a truck carrying 1,500 new books for pre-Kindergarten to 8th graders. The books will be distributed by the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, when the Urban League hands out more free meals. Urban League has been hosting drive-through giveaways at locations in the city of St. Louis and Metro East since early April, giving out food and cleaning supplies to thousands of families.

Along with the books, Assistance League included in the Urban League toys donated by Barnes and Nobel of West County, 100 hygiene kits and professional clothing for women and men entering the job market. This contribution follows Assistance League's October 2019 delivery of 42 women's suits, infant and toddler clothing, 6 bags of canned goods for the Urban League food pantry plus formal wear for proms.

Later this summer, Urban League will be conducting a version of its annual Back to School Expo, where Assistance League will be supplying over 3,000 books for the deserving children who attend.

"Collaborations like these demonstrate the willingness of the strong non-profit community in St. Louis to work together to continue serving our most vulnerable residents during these trying times," said Assistance League President Jane Harbron, *(shown here with the loaded truck destined for the Urban League)*.

**ABOUT ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF ST. LOUIS.** Assistance League of St. Louis is run by an all-volunteer group of more than 500 volunteers. The organization's mission is to identify, develop, fund and implement ongoing philanthropic programs to serve specific needs of children and adults in the St. Louis community. In 2018 alone, Assistance League members and friends donated nearly 80,000 volunteer hours through eight philanthropic programs, touching more than 50,000 lives. Each program has a special focus from providing new school uniforms to shoes and socks and from personal care items for crisis shelter clients to teddy bears for comfort. All funds raised are returned to the St. Louis community. Assistance League of St. Louis is an accredited charity of the Better Business Bureau and has achieved a Platinum Transparency Rating from GuideStar.