



Assistance League® of Conejo Valley  
Becoming a member



## What Makes an Assistance League® of Conejo Valley Member?

Assistance League of Conejo Valley is a local chapter of Assistance League, a national philanthropic organization headquartered in Burbank, California.

***Our mission is to improve the lives of children and adults in our community.***

We operate a Thrift Shop at 2853 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd., in Thousand Oaks. This is our major source of fundraising along with grants and charitable donations. Our programs are designed, funded, implemented, and staffed by our ALCV volunteers with no paid staff. We are a working organization.

Our members have a volunteer hour requirement which includes shifts at the Thrift Shop (this requirement is waived during the pandemic, but we do count on available membership participation to staff our shop). We expect our members to attend our monthly regular meetings and to volunteer in the various philanthropic programs described in this presentation.

Annual membership dues for new members are \$90 plus an orientation fee of \$25. Thereafter, membership is \$90 per year for voting members.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member, please visit our website at [www.alconejovalley.org](http://www.alconejovalley.org), stop by the Thrift Shop and fill out an information request card, contact us at [alconejovalley@gmail.com](mailto:alconejovalley@gmail.com), or call 805-379-5686 and leave a voice message.



### **Mission Statement**

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

### **Vision Statement**

Essential needs are met in our community and families flourish.

### **Identity Statement**

Transforming Lives • Strengthening Community



## Become a Member

Join an incredible group of volunteers who are dedicated to making a difference in your community.

Assistance League offers unique volunteer opportunities that fit your interest and time.

As a member, you will enjoy the benefits and rewards of:



Volunteering and serving within your own community



Seeing the power of change in action



Developing long-lasting friendships



Experiencing new challenges and opportunities



Using and developing special talents and leadership skills



Knowing about resources and becoming aware of issues in your community



## 10 Good Reasons to Become a Member

- ★ Knowing you make a profound difference in the life of someone you've never met
- ★ The exhilaration of solving challenges with imagination
- ★ Being part of a team who believes their participation can help make the world a better place
- ★ Making friendships that last a lifetime
- ★ Discovering a never-ending capacity for generosity
- ★ The wellspring of emotion you experience with a smile of thanks
- ★ The confidence you gain with each success
- ★ The satisfaction you feel at not just meeting expectations, but actually surpassing them
- ★ Developing skills and talents you never knew you possessed
- ★ Realizing that a single drop of hope can create waves of change



## Our Philanthropic Programs



OPERATION SCHOOL BELL®: Operation School Bell is Assistance League's signature program. Chapters research specific needs in their local communities; then develop, fund and implement programs that support children in need. The goal is to help children succeed in school by providing new school clothing; health assistance, including hearing, vision and/or dental care; and literacy, cultural and higher educational enrichment.

- CLOTHING NIGHTS: Provide funding for low-income children, chosen by their teachers, to enjoy a Clothing Shopping Night for new school clothes and shoes.
- EMERGENCY CLOTHING KITS: Essential items of clothing are provided to schools to help children in need of a change of clothing.
- READING FOR LIFE: New books are distributed to students in low-income schools to promote literacy and help students build a home library.
- RESOURCES FOR LEARNING: Educational supplies, including technology tools for learning, are provided to low-income students in the community so they can have the best chance of success.
- TUTORING: Member volunteers work with students in their classroom to improve their reading and comprehension skills.
- VISION FOR THE FUTURE: Provides free vision exams and eyeglasses for students in need whose families cannot afford vision care.



ASSAULT SURVIVOR KITS®: Essential items of clothing and grooming aids are provided to victims of assault whose clothes have been retained for evidence in crime investigations.

COMMUNITY CRAFTS: Activity mats and other items are crafted by our members and provided to local senior facilities.

HATS OF HOPE: Provides knitted hats to newborns, cancer survivors and the homeless through Los Robles Hospital.

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY NECESSITIES: Kits containing essential items of clothing and grooming aids are provided to ER patients in need at local hospitals.

EYE CAN SEE: Provides free vision exams and eyeglasses for adults in need.

FRESH START: Assists individuals who are in need of appropriate interview and work attire.

I'M IN CHARGE: This interactive program for area third graders deals with difficult issues of home and personal safety and is taught by Assistance League volunteers in an empowering and non-threatening way.

SHARE-A-BEAR: Soft, comforting Casey Bears are distributed to children and adults in crisis situations.

