

Assistance League® Conejo Valley Receives \$35,000 Grant for Operation School Bell®.

In December 2019, Assistance League® Conejo Valley, a nonprofit organization located in Thousand Oaks, California, received a \$35,000 grant from the S. Mark Taper Foundation for our Operation School Bell® Clothing program. The S. Mark Taper Foundation, founded in 1989, is a private family foundation dedicated to enhancing the quality of people's lives by supporting nonprofit organizations and their work in our communities.

Assistance League of Conejo Valley is a nonprofit organization comprised of volunteers who identify, develop, implement and fund ongoing philanthropic programs to improve the lives of children and adults in the Conejo Valley.

Serving this community since 1995, Assistance League's Operation School Bell is our largest philanthropic program. Eligible students can choose their new school clothing and shoes at local stores. Last year, over 2,600 children benefited from this program. With increasing demand, this program serves K-12 students including foster and homeless youth.

Mari Hill, President of Assistance League of Conejo Valley, is quoted as saying, "Helping children feel better about themselves improves their self-confidence and the likelihood of academic success, giving them a path to become self-reliant, contributing members of our community. Children are our future, why would we not want to help them be the best they can be?"

Assistance League of Conejo Valley is one of 120 chapters of Assistance League, a national nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization whose mission is to transform the lives of children and adults through community programs. Organized as a nonprofit in 1935, the roots date back to the twentieth century when founder, Anne Banning, pioneered a tradition of compassion and benevolence carried on today. In addition to the Operation School Bell program, we also manage eleven other philanthropic programs. As a volunteer-run organization, all donated funds go to the individuals we serve, rather than overhead. Please visit our website www.alconejovalley.org to find out more about us.