



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

We run 13 different philanthropies in 9 communities, including a Thrift Shop at 2853 E. Thousand Oaks Boulevard in Thousand Oaks. All programs are designed, implemented and staffed by ALCV volunteers with no paid staff. We are a working organization.

Our volunteers give a minimum of 66 hours of service a year, which includes 14, 3-hour shifts in the Thrift Shop. We expect members to attend our monthly regular meetings and to volunteer in our various philanthropic programs, descriptions of which are found on column two of this sheet.

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

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member, you may visit our website at www.alconejovalley.org, stop by the thrift shop and fill out an information request card, contact us at alconejovalley@gmail.com or call (805-379-5686).

PHILANTHROPIC PROGRAMS

OPERATION SCHOOL BELL®: Operation School Bell®, the national philanthropic program of Assistance League®, provides funding annually for 2,400 low income elementary school children in this region to enjoy a Target Shopping night to buy new school clothes and shoes. The program serves 18 elementary schools and is staffed by ALCV volunteers.

LITERACY:

ALCV volunteers work with elementary school children in their classrooms or reading lab to improve student reading skills, comprehension and speed.

DICTIONARIES: Dictionaries are provided for third grade students for both home and classroom use to implement classroom and homework assignments at Conejo Elementary School in Thousand Oaks.

EMERGENCY CLOTHING KITS: Clothing, hygiene kits and essentials to help a child who has had an accident and requires a change of clothing are provided for 32 schools.

SHARE-A-BEAR: More than 2,500 Casey Bears are distributed annually to local hospitals, fire departments, EMT centers and shelters for children (and adults) in crisis.

"I'M IN CHARGE": This interactive program, dealing with personal safety issues for area third graders and taught by Assistance League volunteers in student classrooms, deals with difficult issues of home and personal safety in an empowering and non-threatening way and includes a workbook for children and their families.

ASSAULT SURVIVOR KITS®: Kits containing essential items of clothing and grooming aids are provided to women and children who are referred to Ventura County's Safe Harbor East and whose clothes are retained for evidence in the crime investigation.

SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS: ALCV members and their ukuleles visit seniors in area assisted living facilities and other senior centers, providing an entertainment program of singing and ukulele strumming for their entertainment.

SUITS FOR A MISSION: High quality men's suits from the ALCV Thrift Shop are provided to adult males for their graduation from Ventura County Rescue Mission's 10-month rehabilitation program and also for the Weingart Foundation in Los Angeles for men wishing to make a new start in life.

MAKE A DIFFERENCEDAY: This annual book collection drive has created a library for a low income homework club and has provided quality reading material for low income children in various facilities and schools.

ASSISTEENS®: Assisteens is an ALCV auxiliary comprised of area teens who design, staff and fund their own philanthropic programs mentored by ALCV volunteers.

ASSISTANCE LEAGUE® OF CONEJO VALLEY THRIFT SHOP: Founded in June of 2012, the ALCV Thrift Shop, located at 2853 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd. in Thousand Oaks, is the primary source of funding for ALCV's philanthropic programs and provides high quality, gently used clothing for men, women and children, accessories, housewares, decorator items and small furniture. Staffed entirely by ALCV volunteers, the shop is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm, except on holidays. All merchandise is provided by community donations.