



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

Assistance League® 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 11 different philanthropies and we operate 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 members have a volunteer hour requirement which includes shifts at the Thrift Shop. We expect members to attend our monthly regular meetings and to volunteer in the various philanthropic programs described on the back 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](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 [\(805-379-5686\)](tel:805-379-5686).

## PHILANTHROPIC PROGRAMS

**OPERATION SCHOOL BELL®:** Operation School Bell, the national philanthropic program of Assistance League®, provides funding annually for low-income K-12 children in school districts in our community to enjoy a clothing shopping night to buy new school clothes and shoes. The program is staffed by ALCV volunteers.

**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 Los Robles Hospital, whose clothes are retained for evidence in the criminal investigation. *Hospital Emergency Necessities* provides clothing and grooming aids to emergency room patients in need. *Hats of Hope* provides handmade hats to newborns, preemies, cancer survivors and the homeless through Los Robles Hospital.

**EMERGENCY CLOTHING KITS:** Essential clothing is provided to elementary schools to help a child who has had an accident and requires a change of clothing.

**EYE CAN SEE:** This program provides vision care for adults in need. Adults identified by clinics are directed to an eye care provider to have an exam and be fitted with new frames and lenses.

**FRESH START:** This program will assist individuals referred to us, who are in need of appropriate interview and/or 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.

**LITERACY:** Member volunteers work with students in a classroom environment to improve their reading and comprehension skills.

**READING FOR LIFE:** New books are distributed to low-income schools so that students can create a home library promoting literacy at home.

**SHARE-A-BEAR:** CASEY Bears are distributed annually to EMT centers, fire departments and shelters for children and adults in crisis.

**SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS:** Assistance League members visit seniors in local assisted-living facilities and senior centers, providing an entertainment program of songs of their era played on the ukulele.

**VISION FOR THE FUTURE:** Assistance League provides eye exams and eyeglasses for students in need whose families cannot afford vision care or do not have insurance. The students benefit from improved academic performance, increased self-esteem and a new view of the world around them.

**ASSISTEENS®:** Assisteens is an Assistance League auxiliary comprised of area teens who design, staff and fund their own philanthropic programs and are mentored by adult member volunteers.

**ASSISTANCE LEAGUE® CONEJO VALLEY THRIFT SHOP:** Founded in June, 2012. It is the primary source of funding for Assistance League philanthropic programs and provides high quality, gently used items for sale. It is staffed entirely by member volunteers.