



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 many different philanthropic programs in 8 Conejo Valley communities. Our Thrift Shop located at 2853 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd. in Thousand Oaks is our major fundraiser. All programs are designed, implemented and staffed by member volunteers with no paid staff. We are a working organization.

Our member volunteers give a minimum of 66 volunteer hours per year which includes 14, 3 - hour shifts in the Thrift Shop. We expect members to attend our monthly Regular meetings and to volunteer in the various philanthropic programs described below.

Annual membership dues for new members is \$90 plus an orientation fee of \$25 (\$115 total). The membership dues thereafter are \$90 annually.

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®: This is a national philanthropic program of Assistance League. It provides annual funding for approximately 2500 low-income school children in this region (recommended by their schools) to enjoy a shopping night at Target or Burlington Coat Factory to purchase new school clothes and shoes. Our member volunteers coordinate with local schools to sponsor and staff these events.

"I'M IN CHARGE": Member volunteers conduct an interactive self-awareness program with third grade students on home and personal safety issues.

LITERACY: Member volunteers work with elementary school children in their classrooms to help improve students' reading skills.

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

SHARE-A-BEAR: Provides approximately 3000 teddy bears to local urgent care centers, fire departments, and shelters for children in crisis.

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 when clothing is retained for evidence in an investigation.

SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS: Through our HomeMade Jammers ukulele music group, seniors in assisted living facilities and other senior centers in the community are entertained.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE: Provides eye exams and eyeglasses for students in need whose families can't afford vision care. Students benefit from improved academic performance and increased self-esteem.

READING FOR LIFE: Books are collected and then distributed to low-income schools so that students can create a home library promoting literacy at home.

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

ASSISTANCE LEAGUE® CONEJO VALLEY THRIFT SHOP: Located at 2853 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd. in Thousand Oaks, is the primary source of funding for our philanthropic programs. Staffed entirely by member volunteers, the shop is open Tues. - Sat., 11am to 4pm & Thurs. 11am - 7pm, except on holidays. It has a reputation of providing high quality, gently used, clothing for men, women, and children, accessories, housewares, art and antiques, decorator items, and small furniture. All merchandise is provided by community donations.