

BECAUSE I KNEW YOU...



ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

OUR MISSION:

Assistance League of Kansas City is dedicated to alleviating the consequences of poverty or crisis for children and adults in the greater Kansas City community.

BE A CHANGE FOR THE GOOD



Assistance League of Kansas City (ALKC) is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to making a difference in our community. That sounds so clinical, but what we really do is build relationships. We build relationships with our community, with our volunteers, and with the one, the many, and the few.

**Because I knew you, I can make a difference in your life and in mine.
Because I knew you, we have both been changed for the good.**

We share with you the year 2022-2023 and who we knew and how we made a difference. We couldn't do this without the help of community partners and friends. We stand on the shoulders of visionaries who were not afraid to build this organization. We stand alongside our volunteers and donors to continue to build and to be a change for the good.

—Linda Craigie, 2022-23 President



SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICE

SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICE (SOS) works to improve the life of older citizens who are either homebound or in the nursing homes we work with. Our homebound older adults are identified through the help of Clay and Platte Senior Services Meals on Wheels. At our nursing homes, we try to provide entertainment and companionship through "older adult pals." With our homebound older adults, we have provided "blizzard bags" for snowbound days and extra surprise bags of treats.

We received a thank you from one of our older adults who shared what she did with the Walmart gift card we added to the bag. She loved the surprise treats, but shared "you changed my life" with the gift card. She could buy a blender to help make food the right texture for her to eat with her dental issues. Many older adults feel unseen in this world, but she felt seen.



OPERATION HUG

OPERATION HUG provides our stuffed comfort bear (ALex) to hospitals, surgical centers, fire departments and schools as a comfort for those, especially children, who are anxious about treatments. The bears are used in a variety of ways to help someone through a stressful situation.

One of our member hospitals tells us they use the bear to show children where the IV will be inserted, how the bandage will look, and what will happen in surgery. Our ALex bear becomes a surrogate for the child. Even as a child, the more you know, the more secure you feel. Children have been known to take ALex to post-op checkups.

WITH YOUR HELP WE PROVIDED:

1,170

ASSAULT SURVIVOR KITS®

6,572

STUDENTS with SAFETY TRAINING

20

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS



OPERATION SCHOOL BELL®

OPERATION SCHOOL BELL® (OSB) works with school counselors to identify those students (K through 12) who would benefit from a unique shopping opportunity to select new clothing for the school year. Feeling good about what you wear and how you look helps, to not only create positive self-confidence, but also improve the mental and social well-being of a student to thrive in the school environment.

One of our counselors told this story: "Every day before school starts, I stand by my office door and welcome students as they come to school. One day a young girl who was always shy and seemed to want to blend into the wall came toward me. She had been to OSB the day before. This shy, quiet girl walked up to me, threw her arms out to her sides and with a radiant smile, said 'TA-DA!!' She was wearing her new clothes, but even more, she was glowing with self-worth. That meant everything to me. Thank you!"



OPERATION CHILD IN NEED

OPERATION CHILD IN NEED provides children (0 to 18 years) with items or services to enhance their educational, physical, or emotional development. We work with counselors to identify the child whose essential needs cannot be met by their family or other means. We treat each occurrence with individual emphasis on how best to serve that person.

We also supply backpacks and school supplies. When children feel like they fit in, their whole world changes. Parents and counselors have shared the impact of our efforts on their children.

**WHEN CHILDREN FEEL
LIKE THEY FIT IN,
THEIR WHOLE WORLD
CHANGES.**



112

OUTREACH NEEDS

1,329

SERVED THROUGH ASSISTEENS®

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT

YOU!

HEARTS OF GOLD

THE HEART OF GOLD AWARD acknowledges community members who have been consistent and valued partners to ALKC. They share our desire to make a difference and support our community. Last year we presented awards to **DR. RYAN POWELL** and **PATTY GARNEY**. Both these recipients understand and practice the virtues of giving back and we honor them.



DR. RYAN POWELL of Vision Source Eyecare is a partner who works with ALKC on many community projects to enhance the welfare of children.



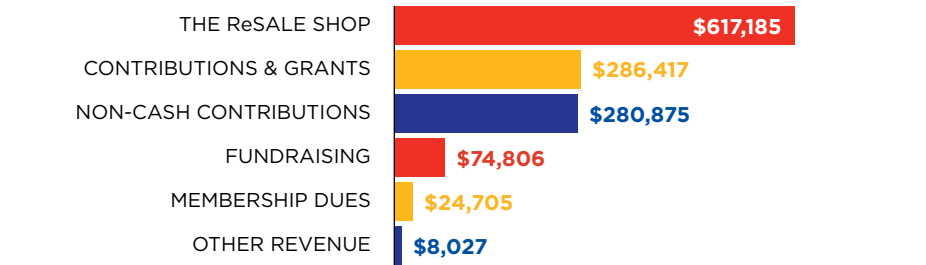
PATTY GARNEY is a well-known philanthropist who fundraises for ALKC to support our programs.

As you can see, ALKC is proud of our volunteers and community partners who help us optimize our resources to care for our community. We always welcome assistance in helping create those "TA-DA" moments.

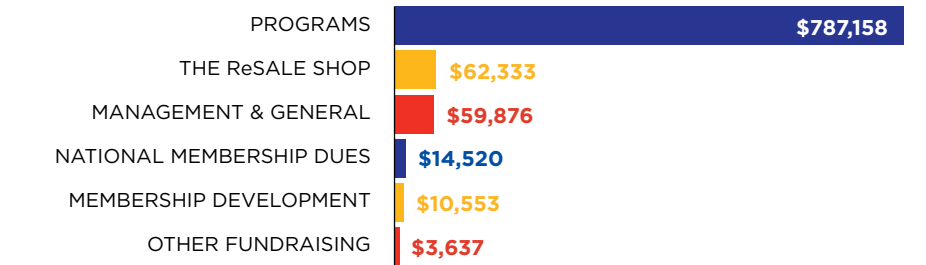
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPS US SEE THE UNSEEN. BECAUSE OF YOU, WE ARE A CHANGE FOR THE GOOD.

TOGETHER... MAKING OUR COMMUNITY BETTER

TOTAL REVENUE \$1,292,015



TOTAL EXPENSES \$938,077



84%

RETURN TO COMMUNITY

\$2,048,715

VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS

100%

VOLUNTEER NO PAID STAFF

GRANTORS

- The Edward G. and Kathryn E. Mader Foundation
- The Oppenstein Bros. Foundation
- QuikTrip Foundation
- Irven E. and NeVada P. Linscomb Foundation
- Clay County Senior Services
- Royals Charities
- Country Club Plaza Centennial Award
- Mason L. Dean Foundation - Bank of America Trustee
- Capital Federal Foundation
- J.B. Reynolds
- State Farm
- Northland Community Foundation and Harvest Ball
- Opus
- Harrah's
- Mary Elizabeth Martin
- Target

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