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Kansas City

**Celebrating
the Past,
Envisioning
the Future**

**ANNUAL REPORT
2021-2022**



BARBARA CONDRA
PRESIDENT

The year 2021-2022

was a special year for Assistance League of Kansas City, as we celebrated our 35th year as a chartered Assistance League chapter. Our theme for last year was, "Celebrating the Past, Envisioning the Future." That is also the theme for this year's Annual Report. If you look across the bottom of this report, you'll see what we had to celebrate this past year. We always celebrate the great financial support given us by our community and our volunteers. We will also continue to celebrate the great collaboration we have with our partners who continue to support our programs as they donate time and money, without which we could not meet the needs of those we serve. This year we are also envisioning the future of those we serve by reflecting on the impact our services have had in helping lives be changed. Please take some time to read the stories on these two pages. They tell the real story of how we enable individuals to "envision" their own new and brighter future.

Latoya Williams,

recipient of a \$1000 scholarship, became a single mom at age 17. She would have three more children in the next few years. She realized that without an education and four children living on aid, that she was stuck, and couldn't see a way to change things. But she decided to seek out a way. She couldn't work because she couldn't afford a baby sitter, so she homeschooled her children. After a while she realized she also needed an education if she was going to give her children the life she wanted them to have. Latoya decided to get her GED, took the exam and passed on the first try. She has now completed three semesters at MCC-Blue River campus and is determined to stay on course until she is successful enough to get off section 8 and food stamps. With scholarships, she can make her vision of a brighter future become a reality.



Our volunteers are the heart of our organization.

They are the faces with smiling eyes and caring smiles that let those we serve know we care. Our volunteers join to serve, but they are also drawn to Assistance League for a variety of other reasons. Nancy Beard's story reflects the varying reasons people are drawn to Assistance League of Kansas City. Nancy's home is only a few blocks from THE ReSALE SHOP and she often stopped in on Fridays after work. She stated she liked coming to the shop because it was so neat, clean and attractive. She also found the volunteers staffing the shop to be very helpful and friendly. Because of those experiences, Nancy decided she wanted to join Assistance League when she retired, and about a year and a half ago, that's what she did. Nancy now works at the shop every Friday morning and enjoys greeting the customers and getting to know the other staff members. Nancy has also discovered that, in addition to helping those in need at the shop, she has also benefitted from meeting new people and making new friends.

OPERATION SCHOOL BELL®

4,557

local K-12 students
in need served

\$530,584 dollars spent

OPERATION CHILD IN NEED

2,610

items & supplies for students
and families in need

\$178,323 dollars spent

I'M IN CHARGE

6,447

students received
safety curriculum

\$5,004 dollars spent



Assisteens® is an auxiliary of Assistance League of Kansas City for students in grades 7 thru 12. The goal of this organization is to give young people hands-on opportunities to learn about the importance of serving others in need in our community. One of our students said she “enjoyed giving back...to my community by helping others.” She also stated she had become educated about community issues she had not known about before. Another student who joined during the pandemic still found opportunities to give back by making blankets for children and the homeless. She also stated that she became educated about community issues that she did not know existed before. One young man stated he had really been “touched” by learning about the Gift of Life Organ and Tissue Donation. So when he applied for his first driver’s license, he said, “Yes,” agreeing to be an organ and tissue donor. Through Assisteens we are creating a volunteer mindset for tomorrow’s volunteers.

There are hundreds,

if not thousands of stories of families who have been helped through our Operation School Bell® program, which provides clothing for school children at all levels. Families of older children come into shop at select Target stores. When the student has finished shopping, Assistance League pays for their school clothing selections. Last spring, one of our volunteers visited with a grandmother who was on a fixed income and was raising her two grandchildren, who were in middle and high school. Both children were severely disabled, creating many challenges for their caregiver. As the grandmother was checking out with the new clothes, she was so excited and practically in tears over being able to shop for new clothes with her grandson. Our volunteer had this to say, **“What a joyful reminder that what we do makes a real difference in the lives of others!”**



In 1997, Assistance League of Kansas City began a partnership with MOCSA by providing them with our Assault Survivor Kits.® When an assault victim is brought to the hospital, their clothing is typically taken as part of the evidence of the attack. We all know that no one is comfortable sitting on an examination table with the “open down the back,” light cotton gown, especially someone who has just experienced a bodily attack. The kits we provide allow these victims, both men and women, to put on clean clothing and begin to have a sense of well-being. Our kits contain clothing, such as sweat pants and sweatshirts, underwear, and personal care products. The clothing comes in all sizes, from small to 3XL. Through our partnership with MOCSA, we delivered approximately 1,000 kits to 30 hospitals around the Kansas City area this year.



OPERATION HUG

2,967

teddy bears provided for comfort

\$24,131 dollars spent

ASSAULT SURVIVOR KITS®

991

clothing & care items for sexual assault survivors

\$33,873 dollars spent

OTHER PROGRAMS

1,539

Scholarship, Senior Outreach Services, Operation Celebration & Outreach

\$68,918 dollars spent

Community Spotlight

"Sometimes we best serve our community through partnering with like-minded organizations."

—BARBARA CONDRA
PRESIDENT 2021-2022

As a nonprofit organization, we know the value of having partnerships and we say "thank you!" to each one of our partners.

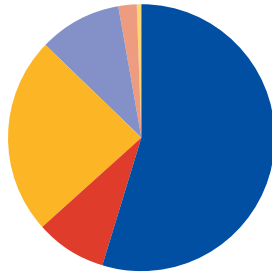


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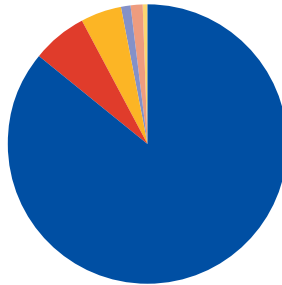
Together...making our community better!

2021-2022 FINANCIALS



TOTAL REVENUE

- \$578,239** THE ReSALE SHOP
- \$91,972** FUNDRAISING
- \$250,094** CONTRIBUTIONS & GRANTS
- \$104,457** NON-CASH CONTRIBUTIONS
- \$25,025** MEMBERSHIP DUES
- \$4,011** OTHER REVENUE



TOTAL EXPENSES

- \$840,833** PROGRAMS
- \$63,011** THE ReSALE SHOP
- \$47,486** MANAGEMENT & GENERAL
- \$10,430** MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- \$14,405** NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DUES
- \$2,865** OTHER FUNDRAISING

86%

RETURN TO COMMUNITY

\$1,629,488

VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS

100%

VOLUNTEER NO PAID STAFF

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