

350+ MEMBERS
DONATE MORE THAN
50,000 HOURS PER YEAR



THE MONEY THEY RAISE SUPPORTS

★17 PHILANTHROPIC
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



How You Can Help

Donate Items

Each year, thousands of donated items pass through our workroom where they either become a Thrift Shop treasure or are donated to other charitable organizations.

Donate \$\$

While the majority of our funds are raised through Thrift Shop sales, we also appreciate every dollar we receive. The need is great — your dollars always make a real difference.

Become a Member

Please consider joining our ranks as an Assistance League member. Enjoy camaraderie, meaningful community service and a sense of accomplishment.



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Assistance League of Santa Barbara is an all-volunteer organization that provides hands-on support to improve the lives of local children, teens and families, seniors and people with developmental disabilities. Chartered in 1948, it's one of 120 chapters of **National Assistance League®**, which began in Los Angeles in 1919.

Our Two Auxiliary Groups:

Las Aletas Auxiliary

Formed in 1964, members of Las Aletas, or *The Little Wings*, manage three philanthropic programs: **Operation School Bell®-Goleta**, the **Kids on the Block** and **Operation Bookshelf**, in addition to helping staff the Thrift Shop.

Assisteens®

Formed in 2006, it provides teenagers (grades 7-12) with opportunities to serve, develop a sense of responsibility and community, and learn leadership skills.

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Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have.
Margaret Mead



The Thrift Shop

Assistance League's major income source is the **Thrift Shop**, which sells donated clothing, books, jewelry, toys and household goods and is entirely staffed by Assistance League volunteers.

Hours of Operation

Mondays & Wednesdays 10AM to 3PM
Saturdays 10AM to 1PM



Programs

Bear Hugs

Provides teddy bears to comfort injured and traumatized children and convalescing adults.

- 2000+ bears distributed yearly

Community Friends

Distributes items that can't be sold in the shop or used in our programs, to other local community nonprofits with similar missions.

Family Learning Center

Assists children and families with homework, English literacy, academic skills and enrichment activities.

- Served 30 Housing Authority Students

Faux Prom

Encourages social interaction among residents at a senior living community with dancing and entertainment.

Fostering Friends

Provides clothing and personal support for those entering and leaving foster care or shelter care.

- Assisted 140 youth; ages 1-24

Friendship Luncheon

Provides home-cooked luncheons and entertainment for senior citizens at our chapter house.

- 6 luncheons served over 600 attendees

Fun in the Sun

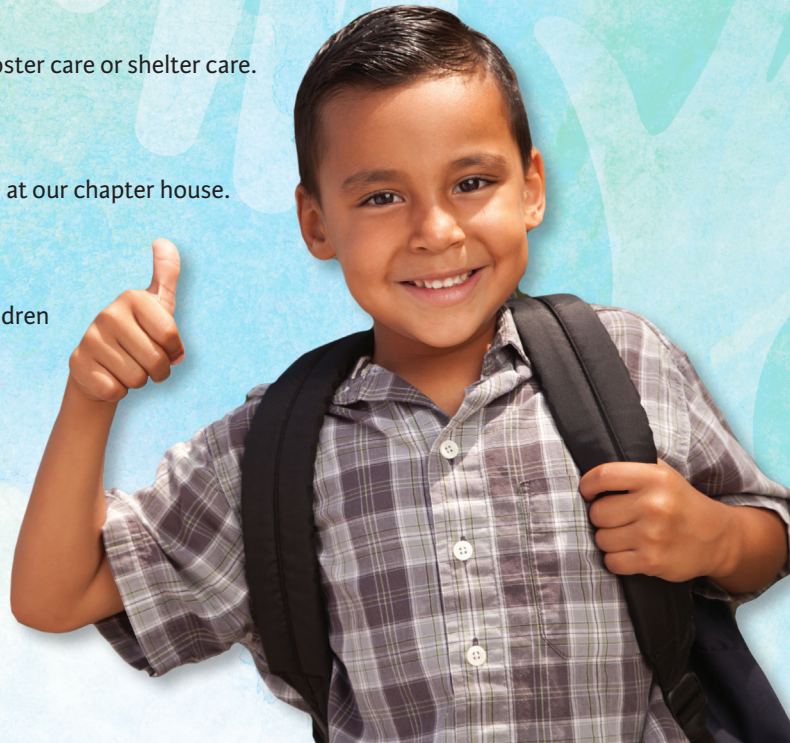
Supports United Way's summer enrichment program for elementary children by clothing participants and funding part of the summer swim program.

- 250 children served

Hillside House

Provides special enrichment programs for residents of this nonprofit facility caring for people with developmental disabilities.

- Significant financial help given yearly
- Secret Pals program for all 59 residents to help celebrate birthdays and holidays



Kids on the Block Las Aletas

Performs educational programs with puppets which enlighten and encourage discussion on childrens' social issues faced daily.

- 2150 children in Goleta classrooms and Safety Town

Operation Bookshelf Las Aletas

Assists home-bound individuals by selecting and delivering books, audio books, etc. from the library.

Operation School Bell®

Provides school clothing for elementary children at three sites in the county.

- Dressed 1860 children

Prom Dress

Loans dresses and accessories for teens attending proms in SB County.

- 125+ dresses loaned

Santa Barbara Smiles

Creates and distributes dental kits at health fairs and dental clinics and educates families about dental care and nutrition.

- 1086 children / 630 adults attended
- 1850 kits distributed

Scholarships

Awards higher education bound graduating seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence and community service.

- 7 scholarships granted to students from local area high schools

Teen School Bell

Provides identified junior and senior high school students with new school clothing.

- 170 teens received new clothes

Tender Touch

Provides a book *When Hello Means Goodbye* and a layette for parents who have just lost a child at birth.

- 13 families received help

VIP Luncheons

Honors middle school students who have demonstrated 'very improved performance' in grades, citizenship, attendance, or attitude.

- 165 children & their parents were honored



VISION STATEMENT

Improve lives of residents in Santa Barbara County by providing financial, educational, and societal support to children and adults in need.

