



## **Accomplishments 2024-2025**

### **Caring Kits**

- Distributed 379 kits to Bay Area Turning Point, Bridge Over Troubled Waters, UTMB Galveston, Memorial Hermann Southeast, League City Police Department, and Harris County Constable, Precinct 2.
- Kits contain scrubs, undergarments, flip-flops, and a hygiene kit. They are distributed to adults and children who must give up their clothing for evidentiary purposes.

### **Community Outreach**

- Provided families in need with emergency clothing and household items.
- Items included clothing and household goods.

### **Literacy for Life**

- While we have supported three Little Free Libraries for several years, one at our Resale Shop, one in Middlebrook Park, and one in La Porte, along with donating books to children yearly, we have formalized this as our latest philanthropy.
- Barnes and Noble generously offers a book drive for shoppers to donate a book to our chapter when shopping during the Holiday season in November and December. This year, 605 books were donated, and we presented elementary children at K.E. Little Elementary in Dickinson ISD with the opportunity to choose their favorite books and have fun reading.

### **Operation Cinderella**

- Provided 137 students were provided with prom dresses, shoes, purses, and jewelry, along with silk corsages and boutonnieres to make their prom night special.
- Twenty-seven (27) students received suits, dress shirts, ties, and shoes to attend their prom. They were able to keep their suits to use for graduation or job interviews.
- Provided one senior with a tuxedo rental.
- Expanded the program to include senior girls from Galveston ISD.

### **Operation Support Our Schools**

- Provided at-risk students with services on 26 campuses in Clear Creek ISD and Dickinson ISD in partnership with Communities in Schools – Bay Area.
- Provided students with vision referrals through the Nasa Vision Center. Dr. T. Thomas donated \$48,294 in vision care and glasses to 97 students.

- Dr. Cindy Castille donated \$12,698 in dental care for seven students over several appointments.
- Provided \$10,251.21 in non-food support.
- Provided \$30,777.39 in nutritional support through bulk food purchases to address the growing problem of food insufficiency.

### **Ready for School**

- As of May 2025, two thousand four hundred forty-five (2,445) students, for \$380,000, were dressed across eight partner school districts (Clear Creek, Deer Park, Dickinson, Friendswood, Galveston, La Porte, Santa Fe, Texas City) and with the public charter schools of Mosbacher Odyssey Academy.
- Pre-K through 5th-grade students received a budget of \$150, and secondary students received a budget of \$200 each.
- We partnered with JCPenney® for in-store shopping at three local stores, allowing students and their families to visit on designated days.
- For families with transportation issues, members shopped at three area Target stores to purchase clothing for the students, using forms filled out by their parents with the students' needed sizes. The clothing was then delivered to the schools.
- Every child was given school-appropriate clothing and a hygiene kit, along with special hair products for African American students, if they chose.
- The academies with standardized dress received their clothing through orders from our committee, and orders were delivered directly to the schools. Items that could be purchased, such as shoes, undergarments, and jackets, were purchased at three partner Target stores and delivered to the campus.

### **Ready for Work**

- Continued support of our partnerships with United Way Greater Houston THRIVE Center in Bay Area, Bridge Over Troubled Waters, and Family Promise of Clear Creek.
- 53 clients were dressed this year, almost doubling our number last year.
- Clients were provided with interview and business clothing from our Resale Shop and other job-related clothing from local department stores.

### **Snack Attack Packs**

- This program was established to address food insecurity among children who do not have access to sufficient food. The project's cost this year was \$19,368.88.
- 10,480 meal packs, consisting of a microwaveable dish, a sweet and a salty snack, juice, a spoon, and a napkin, have been delivered in labeled lunch bags this year.
- The snack bags are delivered to Deer Park, La Porte, and Texas City ISDs for distribution to students who would benefit from an extra meal, from August to May.

### **Resource Development Accomplishments**

- Our award-winning Resale Shop has exceeded annual revenue by 20%, with an income of \$300,507. The fall holiday extravaganza, **Blue Christmas**, sold over 200 tickets, raising more than \$7,000 through ticket and merchandise sales. Assist-A-Child cards generated \$725. The shop successfully migrated from a 15-year-old system in February 2025, making the pricing of merchandise and checkout of items more efficient for members and customers.
- The Grants and Foundations committee raised and received \$238,721 in the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
- Our annual Fundraiser, **Just a Pretty Table**, was held in April, and it exceeded income expectations. The revenue, totaling \$122,650, was raised, and 355 guests attended the event. **Reach for the Stars**, our video highlighting our philanthropic programs, yielded \$18,751, our highest amount ever in support of the programs during previous fundraiser events.

### **Bay Area Service Teens Auxiliary**

- A total of 4,468 hours of volunteerism from June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025.
- Basic Kneads—9,720 Snack Attack Packs were packaged and delivered to students identified as suffering from food insufficiency in Deer Park, La Porte, and Texas City ISDs. Twenty-eight (28) Bay Area Service Teens donated their time or supplies to the Clear Lake Food Pantry, Interfaith Caring Ministries, or collaborated with St. Thomas Episcopal Church and Galveston County Food Bank.
- Birthday in a Box—280 bags were assembled and delivered to League City Elementary and McWhirter Elementary in Clear Creek ISD, as well as K.E. Little Elementary and San Leon Elementary in Dickinson ISD, serving at-risk students through Communities in Schools – Bay Area.
- Cause for Paws - 350 adoption kits were delivered to the League City Animal Care and Bay Area Pet Adoption shelters. Eighteen (18) members delivered food and supplies over the year.
- Crafted with Care – 240 specialty-themed mementos were created for the children at Bay Area Turning Point and the Bridge Over Troubled Waters shelters.
- Notes for Folks - 336 cards were colored and distributed to Discovery Village Clear Lake's memory care facility.
- Project Snuggle – Twenty (20) fleece blankets were created after membership meetings. Forty-seven (47) blankets were delivered to The Bridge Over Troubled Waters and sixty-nine (69) to Bay Area Turning Point.
- Added a new Cause for Paws philanthropic partner – Pasadena Animal Control and Adoption.

### **Other Noteworthy Accomplishments**

- Welcomed 32 new members for a membership of 210, and with the Assisteens at 160, our chapter is 370 strong.
- Reported 33,591.75 service hours at \$33.49 value for volunteer service hours, for a total return to the Bay Area community of \$1,168,656.
- Funded \$2,277,703 for philanthropic programs benefitting the community since 1994.
- Hosted a meeting of our board with our Advisory Council in October 2024. Four members of our Advisory Council engaged with attendees with the **Reach for the Stars** fundraising video at the **Just a Pretty Table** event.
- Began background checks on all members to ensure our reputation and our community's trust in us.
- Upgraded safety awareness programs at the stores we have for students shopping for clothing and in the Resale Shop to protect members, students, and customers.
- Safety moments are given at all meetings on various topics for health and safety reminders.
- The membership voted to become an independent nonprofit corporation to better serve clients by focusing efforts on the local community. The philanthropic programs are set to expand annually as we continue to support children and families in Southeast Harris and Galveston counties. The mission remains the same: we aim to empower individuals, enhance their self-esteem, and strengthen our communities.
- As of June 1, 2025, our organization will officially be known as the Bay Area Service League.