



Bay Area Service League formerly Assistance League® of the Bay Area 2024-2025 Accomplishments

Caring Kits formerly Assault Survivor 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

- Introduced as a new philanthropic program to formalize our previous years' support of literacy.
- Continued support of three Little Free Libraries located at our Resale Shop and parks in the Middlebrook subdivision and La Porte.
- 605 books were given to students at K. E. Little Elementary in Dickinson ISD.

Operation Cinderella

- Provided 137 students with prom dresses, shoes, purses, jewelry, and a silk corsage or boutonniere to make their prom night special.
- 27 students received suits, dress shirts, ties, and shoes to attend their prom. They were able to keep their suits, which they can 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 towards 294 pairs of vision care and glasses for 97 students.
- Dr. Cindy Castille donated \$12,698 in dental care to seven students over several appointments.
- Provided \$10,251 in non-food support.
- Provided \$30,777 in nutritional support through bulk food purchases to address the growing problem of food insufficiency.

Ready for School, formerly Operation School Bell®

- Dressed 2,445 students, at \$380,000, across eight school districts (Clear Creek, Deer Park, Dickinson, Friendswood, Galveston, La Porte, Santa Fe, and Texas City) and the Mosbacher Odyssey Academy charter school district.

- Pre-K through 5th-grade students received a budget of \$150, and secondary students received a budget of \$200 each.
- Partnered with JCPenney® for in-store shopping at the three stores in our area for the students and their families to shop on specific days.
- For those families with transportation issues, members shopped for students at three area Target stores using forms filled out by their parents with needed sizes, and the clothing was 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.
- For those students at schools with standardized dress, the committee placed orders for the required clothing and delivered it directly to the schools. Shoes, undergarments, and jackets for those students were purchased at three partner Target stores and were delivered to the schools.

Ready for Work

- Continued support of 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 last year's number.
- Clients were provided with interview and business clothing from our Resale Shop and other job-related clothing from local department stores.

Snack Attack Packs

- Provided meal kits to address food insecurity for students at a total cost of \$19,368.88.
- 10,480 meal packs, consisting of a microwaveable dish, a sweet and a salty snack, juice, a spoon, and a napkin in a labeled lunch bag, were assembled.
- Meal kits were delivered to Deer Park, La Porte, and Texas City ISDs for distribution to students who would benefit from an extra meal from August through May.

Resource Development

- Our award-winning Resale Shop exceeded its budget by 20%, producing income of \$300,507. The fall holiday extravaganza, *Blue Christmas*, sold over 200 tickets and raised over \$7,000 from ticket and merchandise sales.
- Assist-A-Child cards made \$725.
- A new point-of-sale system was implemented, making the pricing of merchandise and checkout of items more efficient for members and customers.
- The Grants and Foundations committee raised a total of \$238,721.
- Annual Fundraiser, **Just a Pretty Table**, produced revenue totaling \$125,400 with 355 guests in attendance. *Reach for the Stars*, our video highlighting our philanthropic programs, yielded a record-breaking \$18,751.

Bay Area Service Teens formerly Assisteens® of the Bay Area

- Total of 160 members of the auxiliary, consisting of students in 9th through 12th grade.
- Volunteered a total of 4,468 hours.
- Philanthropic programs:
 - Basic Kneads - 9,720 Snack Attack Packs were packaged and delivered to students identified as suffering with food insufficiency in Deer Park, La Porte, and Texas City ISDs. 28 Assisteens donated time or supplies to the Clear Lake Food Pantry, Interfaith Caring Ministries, or collaborated with St. Thomas/Galveston County Food Bank.
 - Birthday in a Box - 280 bags were assembled and delivered to at-risk students at League City and McWhirter Elementary schools in Clear Creek ISD and at K.E. Little and San Leon Elementary schools in Dickinson ISD in partnership with Communities in Schools – Bay Area.
 - Cause for Paws - 350 adoption kits were delivered to League City Animal Care and Bay Area Pet Adoption shelters. Eighteen members delivered food and supplies. Added Pasadena Animal Control and Adoption as a new partner.
 - Crafted with Care- 240 specialty-themed mementos were created for children at Bay Area Turning Point and 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- 20 fleece blankets were created. Forty-seven blankets were delivered to Bridge Over Troubled Waters and 69 to Bay Area Turning Point.

Other Noteworthy Achievements

- Welcomed 32 new members for a total adult membership of 210; a total chapter membership of 370, which includes 160 Bay Area Service Teens.
- Reported 33,591.75 service hours at \$34.79 value for volunteer service hours, for a total return to the Bay Area community of \$1,168,656.
- Spent \$2,277,703 on chapter programs benefiting the community since 1994.
- Hosted a meeting of our board with the Advisory Council in October 2024. Four Advisory Council members participated in the *Reach for the Stars* presentation at our **Just a Pretty Table** fundraising event.
- Instituted background checks on all members.
- Upgraded safety awareness programs in the Resale Shop and at all locations, and programs are being worked on to protect members, students, and customers.
- Safety moments are conducted at all meetings on various topics for health and safety awareness.
- Membership voted to become an independent nonprofit corporation to better serve our clients by directing all efforts to our immediate area. Our programs will continue to grow each year as we serve the children and families in Southeast Harris and Galveston counties. As always, our mission through our philanthropic programs is to empower individuals, enhance their self-esteem, and strengthen the communities.
- As of June 1, 2025, our organization will become **Bay Area Service League**, formerly known as Assistance League of the Bay Area.