



FACT SHEET 2009-2010

Together...making our community better.

ASSISTANCE LEAGUE of Kansas City, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and a chapter of **ASSISTANCE LEAGUE®**, has a 27-year history of philanthropic service to the Greater Kansas City community. The 284 members contributed over 33,266 volunteer hours to serve over 13,258 children and adults in 2009-2010. ***There are no paid employees.***

PROGRAMS:

- **Assault Survivor Kits®** provided 400 kits which were delivered to MOCSA (Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault) and COVERSA (Collection of Victim Evidence Regarding Sexual Assault) who in turn takes them to local hospitals in Clay, Jackson, and Platte counties for use by victims of sexual assault and rape. Program Costs: \$13,261.
- **Children's Mercy Northland Volunteerism Program** started in June 2005. The volunteer area of responsibility was the sign-in area for patients, with the volunteers providing activities for families who were waiting to see medical personnel. Several new toys/games were purchased for the waiting area at Children Mercy Northland Clinics and Urgent Care. Program Cost: none.
- **I'm In Charge** serviced 3,173 students with materials to help teach elementary children safety in emergency and non-emergency situations when alone. Ten school districts (97 schools) participate, plus the Diocesan Schools of Kansas City-St. Joseph. Program Costs: \$3,984.
- **Operation Foster Children** distributed backpacks with school supplies to 175 foster children, and served an additional 129 special requests made through case workers. Program Costs: \$15,922.
- **Operation Hug** gave over 7,200 teddy bears to comfort children in crisis. Five Hospitals, three surgery centers and two police stations participate in this program. Program Costs: \$31,058.
- **Operation School Bell®** provided new clothing for 1,720 children in grades K-5 from 57 area schools from 7 school Districts. Each child received two pairs of pants or skirt, three tops, six pairs of socks, six pairs of underwear, hat/gloves, \$20 Payless Shoe voucher, \$5 coupon to THE ReSALE SHOP and a new book. Program Costs: \$127,187.
- **Senior Outreach Service** adopted 245 residents of Cherry Hills and Pleasant Valley Manor Care centers. Cards were sent for their birthdays and various holidays. Lap robes, slipper socks, cardigans, sweatpants and toiletries were given as gifts. There was an allotted amount of money provided for haircuts/perms for Medicaid residents. Program Costs: \$4,600.
- **ASSISTEENS® Auxiliary** encourages and provides volunteer opportunities for today's youth in grades 7th through 12th. The aims of participation are to develop a sense of community responsibility, self-reliance, personal responsibility, poise, public speaking and leadership skills.

FUNDING OUR PROGRAMS:

- **THE ReSALE SHOP**, an upscale thrift store located at 6289 North Oak Trafficway, opened in August, 1997 and recycles gently used items at very reasonable prices. **THE ReSALE SHOP** is completely staffed by member volunteers. Approximately 27,847 customers purchased items.
- **Poinsettia Sales**, a fund raising project to help fund Operation Foster Children, 1,815 plants were sold for holiday giving and enjoyment.
- **SOCK IT TO 'EM**, a fund raising project to benefit Operation School Bell, sent invitations and received donations from 316 donors.
- **Donations and Grants** from individuals, businesses, corporations, and foundations also helped fund our philanthropic programs.

MISSION STATEMENT:

We identify and respond to the needs of the community through our own philanthropic programs. We respond by reaching out to others as a friend to promote self-esteem, comfort, safety and the emotional well-being of those served and those serving.