



FACT SHEET 2007-2008

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 25-year history of philanthropic service to the Greater Kansas City community. The 305 members contributed over 24,000 volunteer hours to serve 11,000 children and adults in 2007-2008. *There are no paid employees.*

SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITY:

- **Assault Survivor Kits[®]** provided 411 kits which were delivered to MOCSA (Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault) and COVERSA (Collection of Victim Evidence Regarding Sexual Assault) which in turn takes them to local hospitals in Clay, Jackson, and Platte counties for use by victims of rape. Program costs: \$10,500.
- **Children's Mercy Northland Volunteerism Project** 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. Program costs: none.
- **Human Outreach Program** collected new items that could be used by the women and children served by Synergy Services' Safehaven Campus. Program Costs: Absorbed by individual members plus \$350 in long distance calling cards purchased for use by the Safehaven recipients.
- **I'm In Charge** serviced 4,616 students with materials to help teach elementary children safety in emergency and non-emergency situations when alone. Ten school districts participate, plus the Diocesan Schools of Kansas City-St. Joseph. Program costs: \$4,992.97.
- **Operation Foster Children** distributed backpacks with school supplies to 134 foster children, and served an additional 87 special requests made through case workers. Heartland Auxiliary, one of two auxiliaries of Assistance League of Kansas City, runs this program. Program Costs: \$22,049.33.
- **Operation Hug** gave over 4,700 teddy bears to comfort children in crisis. Five hospitals, three surgery centers and four police stations participate in this program. Program costs: \$28,274.42.
- **Operation School Bell[®]** provided new clothing for 1,446 elementary school children in six school districts. Program costs: \$78,000+.
- **ASSISTEENS[®] Auxiliary** assisted the chapter in its programs as well as participated in various projects of its own including working with Harvesters, making no-sew blankets, assembling toiletry and snack food bags and making Valentines for soldiers in Iraq and Germany, and a senior prom for residents of an assisted living facility.

FUNDING OUR PROGRAMS TO THE COMMUNITY:

- **THE ReSALE SHOP**, an upscale thrift store located at 6257 North Oak Trafficway, opened in August, 1997 and recycles gently used items at very reasonable prices. **THE ReSALE SHOP** is entirely staffed by member volunteers. Approximately 17,200 customers purchased items. Several fashion shows, showcasing items for purchase at the shop, were fulfilled in the community.
- **Poinsettia Sales** 5,549 plants were sold for holiday giving and enjoyment.
- **SOCK IT TO 'EM** sent invitations and received donations from 265 donors.
- **Christopher Radko Ornaments** – 172 ornaments, specifically designed for Assistance League of Kansas City, were sold.
- **The Heartland Run/Walk** benefits foster children in Clay and Platte counties. This event, a fundraiser of the Heartland Auxiliary, is held in September at English Landing Park in Parkville, Missouri.
- **Donations and Grants** from individuals, businesses, corporations, and foundations also helped fund services. No United Way agency funding is received.

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.