



# Assistance League® of Sierra Foothills

## WHO WE ARE

Assistance League of Sierra Foothills is a unique, 501 (c) (3), non-profit organization made up of member volunteers who are committed to improving El Dorado County communities through hands-on involvement and innovative philanthropic programs. Volunteers live in the communities they serve and all the funds they raise are used locally.

The Assistance League of Sierra Foothills chapter began in 2008 in El Dorado Hills and has grown to 100 members contributing over 15,300 volunteer hours and raising over \$100,000 for their communities through fundraising efforts, private donations, grants and membership revenue. The continued growth of Assistance League of Sierra Foothills community-based philanthropic programs is supported by over a century of National Assistance League experience identifying community needs and delivering the right solutions.

This 100% volunteer-driven organization is bound by a strong central mission to help people in need achieve a better quality of life. It's not just about fundraising. It's about getting involved, making a meaningful difference, and bringing hope to those who need it most. This is what life is really about and this is what Assistance League of Sierra Foothills is *all* about.

## WHAT WE DO

**Operation School Bell®** - Working in partnership with the El Dorado County Office of Education, we provide warm, comfortable and appropriate new school clothing, as well as a new book to children in El Dorado County. Last year over 550 children were part of this program.

**Sports Locker** - This local program, which distributes new sports equipment and provides scholarships for registrations fees, helps children develop a positive self-image through involvement with youth sports.

**Books and Beyond** – Assistance League provides trained members who work with individual students to support their developing literacy and comprehension skills at Silva Valley and Buckeye Elementary schools.

**Senior Holiday Shopping Spree** – Annual holiday shopping events are held at the Placerville Senior Day Care Center, Gold Country Health Center and El Dorado Hills Senior Day Care Center.

**S.M.I.L.E. – (Senior Multi-Interest Leisure Enrichment)** – Assistance League members conduct monthly activities for residents of the Gold Country Health Center.

**Assault Survivor Kits®** – Kits containing personal items are placed in Marshall Hospital to give comfort to survivors of physical assault.

**Bags For Belongings** – Duffel bags are provided to children who are displaced from their homes.

**Community Service School Scholarship Program** – Annual scholarships awarded to two El Dorado County high school seniors for their dedication to community service.

## WHY WE NEED YOU

You've heard the saying "it takes a village", when it comes to helping the women, children, families and seniors in El Dorado County who are in need, "it takes a community." Your support is an investment in your community.

The best way to communicate how important you are to building a strong future for our communities, is to let a young resident tell you for himself what the gift of new school clothing and the opportunity to participate in youth sports has meant to him. Our words seem empty next to his:

*"Ever since I can remember, my family has had nothing... something that was painfully evident to my classmates.*

*Among the sea of designer clothing, was me, in ill-fitting shirts, worn hand me down jeans, and thrift store shoes... I was the poor loser, who dressed terribly, and couldn't afford to go watch a game, let alone participate in a sport. School was a very unpleasant and difficult place for me.*

*... It is hard to describe how the gift of new clothes and sports equipment changed my life... I now wake up knowing that I have decent clothes to wear, and it feels as if a huge weight has been lifted... The gift of soccer cleats allowed me to play for the school's team, something which I have always wanted to do, and has had a positive impact on my life. I go to school feeling comfortable... with enough confidence to make friends. I was given so much more than clothes and equipment, I was given the chance to feel accepted, and to enjoy going to school."*

**You can make a difference! . Your support is what will make a difference, not only for today but for tomorrow and beyond.**

**We invite YOU to partner with us!**

### CONTRIBUTE

**No amount is too small and 100% of your donation stays in El Dorado County**



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