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Greater Cincinnati

# ANNUAL REPORT

(Fiscal Year ending May 31, 2025)

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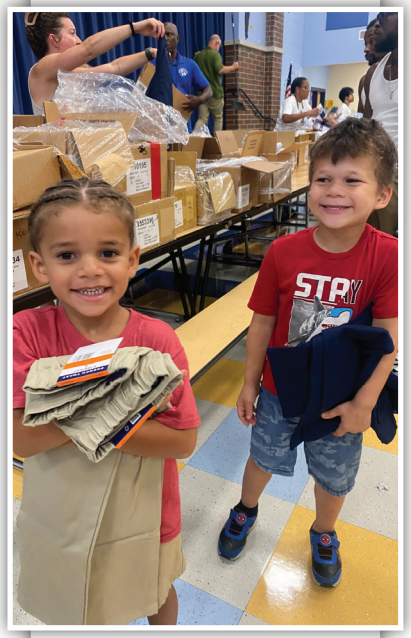

## From our Board and Leadership

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati is grateful for another wonderful year of being part of the community we serve by providing essentials to improve the lives of those who are struggling financially or who have been subjected to sexual assault or domestic violence. This is only possible because we have you. We are extremely grateful for your generosity, your belief in our mission, and your unwavering support. This annual report provides you with numbers that reflect our accomplishments, but more than that, it is a testament to the power of community and the impact we can have when working together.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to transform the lives of children and adults through community programs. We continue to provide new clothing to elementary school students in 46 schools, briefs, socks, diapers, and other undergarments to foster/kinship and homeless children through 4 foster closets and Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Basic household items to families setting up a new home away from an abuser are distributed through 7 crisis centers, and sexual assault victims treated at any of the 31 hospitals in the greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area receive new clean clothing when they leave the hospital. We put the College Starter Kit on hold this year and were forced to reduce the quantities of diapers and clothing offered to children due to reduced funding. Of course, the requests for help continue to grow, and we are working diligently to find support from new sources.

We have big plans for the coming year to raise awareness and funds. We have added a Golf Scramble to our schedule, and will continue our largest fundraiser, Books and Brunch, in May of 2026, and Jingle Mingle in December, along with another major limited online raffle.

Behind every statistic in this report, a life has been changed. Whether you volunteered your time or made a donation, you played a vital role. I hope this report gives you a clear picture of what your support has made possible. Last year $.92 of every dollar received was returned to the community through one of our programs.

Our work continues, and so does our belief that together, we can make a positive impact on someone less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Leann Kuchenbuch
*President*

**Mission Statement** – *Assistance League volunteers transforming lives of children and adults through community programs.*

**Vision Statement** – *Essential needs are met in our community and families flourish.*

**Core Values** – *Commitment, Leadership, Ethics, Accountability, and Respect*

Platinum Transparency 2025 Candid.

*Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati is a 501 (c)(3) corporation.*

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# During the past year 22,727 children and adults benefitted from our four philanthropic programs.

| | # of individuals or families served in YE May 2025 | Cumulative # since inception |
|---|---|---|
| **OPERATION SCHOOL BELL®** Students in local elementary schools receive new uniform style clothing and hygiene items. *"The partnership with Assistance League impacts our capacity to meet the needs of our students by allowing us to pick-up clothes and hygiene items and then distribute them at the school. This has helped us respond quickly to students in need, ensuring their education remains uninterrupted even during challenging times."* | 14,449 | 100,936 |
| **AL® CARES 4 KIDS** Foster, Kinship and homeless children receive diapers, undergarments, socks and hygiene items *"We are getting the goods that we need. Our team from AL are wonderful and amazing women who are now friends, not just an "agency staff."* | 7,529 | 23,293 |
| **NEW BEGINNINGS** Women and their children receive a Welcome Kit, when entering a shelter, and household kits when leaving, to start a new life, away from their abuser. *"Often, when our clients enter shelter, they enter with no household items- and no safe way to retrieve them. With your assistance, we can assure our clients that they do not need to worry about finding silverware/cookware/hygiene essentials/etc. They are able to move into their own housing feeling liberated, not overwhelmed."* | 293 adults 267 children | 12,112 adults 2,535 children |
| **ASSAULT SURVIVOR KITS®** Women receive fresh, clean clothing, when admitted to a sexual assault unit at any Greater Cincinnati or Northern Kentucky Hospital. *"Our patients are provided clothing and hygiene items at the time of their forensic exam and allows our patients to go home in fresh clothing and clean up with the hygiene items provided. It provides a huge comfort for our patients."* | 189 | 7,811 |

We raise our funds through
*personal contacts*
and manage them carefully within
*local communities*

## Our funding comes from grants, 2 direct mail campaigns, special events and donations from individuals.

| SUPPORT AND REVENUES | FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 | FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 |
|---|---|---|
| Special Event Fundraising | $102,383 | $91,412 |
| Contributions and Grants | $230,679 | $333,913 |
| Non-Cash Contributions | $3,040 | $2,465 |
| Membership | $5,795 | $7,776 |
| Capital Gain Loss | | $-336 |
| Interest Income | $14,211 | $9,462 |
| **Total Support and Revenue** | **$356,108** | **$444,692** |

| EXPENSES | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Program Services: | | | |
| Operation School Bell® | $209,425 | 54.13% | $241,609 |
| College Starter Kits | $0 | 0% | $9,819 |
| New Beginnings | $65,652 | 16.97% | $52,103 |
| Assault Survivor Kits® | $7,313 | 1.89% | $13,779 |
| AL Cares 4 Kids | $72,301 | 18.69% | $80,406 |
| Support Services | $32,231 | 8.33% | $40,539 |
| **Total Expenses** | **$386,922** | | **$438,255** |
| **Details about supporting Service Expenses:** | | | |
| Fundraising Activities | $20,927 | 5.41% | $17,360 |
| Management and General | $7,684 | 1.99% | $19,180 |
| Membership | $3,580 | .93% | $3,999 |
| **Total Support Service** | **$31,231** | | **$40,539** |
| **Total End of Year Net Assets:** | **$507,359** | | **$537,311** |

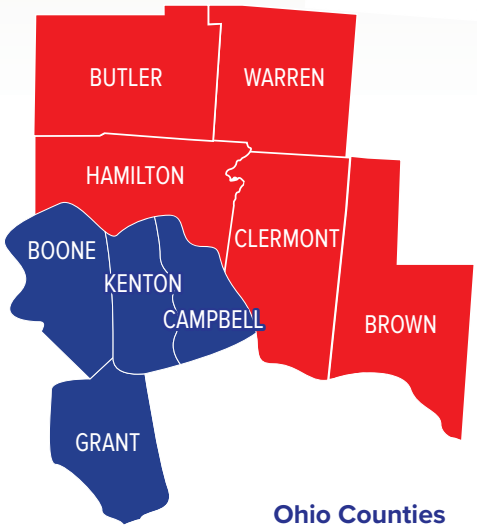
# $265,900

Value of time (7,643) donated by members and community volunteers.

# 92%

Return to Communities we serve.

## Counties Served




**Ohio Counties**
Hamilton, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Warren

**Kentucky Counties**
Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Grant

**We made a difference but *you* made it possible.**

## Current Partners for Program Services

**Operation School Bell®**

Schools in Ohio and Kentucky

**New Beginnings Kits**

YWCA Hamilton County, OH

YWCA House of Peace,OH

YWCA Dove House, OH

Found House Inter-Faith Hospitality Network, OH

The ION Center for Violence Prevention, KY

Safe on Main, OH

Welcome House Inc., KY

**Assault Survivor Kits**

S.A.N.E of Butler County, OH

Tri-Health Cares, OH & KY

The ION Center for Violence Prevention, KY

**AL Cares 4 Kids**

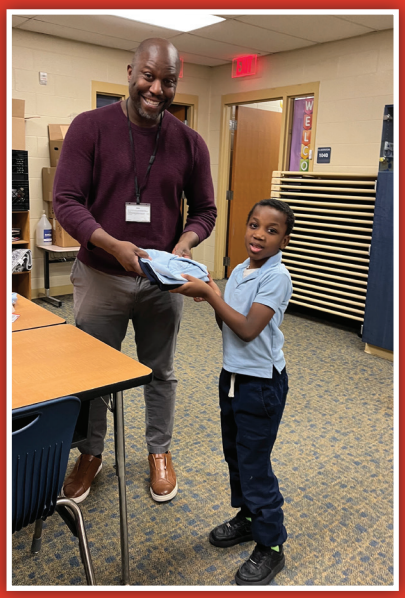
Children's Hospital, Clifton and Liberty Township

Jack's Closet, OH

Vinedresser, KY

Monkey Beans, OH

Tabatha's Closet, OH



# What Our Partners and Recipients Tell Us

*We didn't have the income to buy new uniforms so thanks to my child's school we got assistance with uniforms.*

*The impact of this partnership has helped many families get a great start to the school year and throughout the year by providing clothing, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant.*

*We are able to collect the clothing from a victim for evidence collection following sexual assaults and send them home with clean clothing instead of hospital gowns.*

*The Assistance League consistently meets our organizations requests for additional kits regardless of day or time requests are made. Volunteers meet for pick up or delivery within the same week.*

## We Are Grateful for the Major Contributions from the following:

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And Several Anonymous Donors

# Thank you!

## How you can help:

**JOIN US** – We would love to have you as a member.
**VOLUNTEER** – We have lots of opportunities.
**DONATE** – To our philanthropic programs.
**SUPPORT US** – Attend our special events.

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