

100+ Women Who Care Donates \$11,100 to Assistance League of East Valley

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Summer is here, and in the blink of an eye one school year ended and a new academic year is upon us. It's a tradition for most families to go back-to-school shopping to buy school supplies and new clothes. However, for many parents, purchasing new clothing is not in their budget. Assistance League of East Valley steps in to help.

Assistance League of East Valley provides a program called Operation School Bell that includes three components: Uniforms, Store Dressings, and Homeless Teens. In 2021, they provided uniforms to 5,577 elementary students, served 1,466 elementary students in non-uniform schools, and served 338 students identified as transitional (homeless) or Youth on Their Own by the districts. This program makes it possible for children to have the required uniforms, if attending uniform schools, and gives students in non-uniform schools and homeless youth a feeling of fitting in, leading to greater confidence.

In April, Assistance League of East Valley was chosen to receive a donation from 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun. Their East Valley members donated \$11,100 to them in May. "We feel so blessed that we have been recognized as an organization that cares about our community. We do our best to bring supplies and the essentials that people need so that we can make a difference. The fact that you trust us to be good stewards of your donations really touches our hearts, and we appreciate it so much," remarked Janifer Gorney, former President of the Assistance League.

100+ Women Who Care is a group of women who meet quarterly to learn about local charitable organizations. The members of the group vote to decide which organization will receive their quarterly donation. Each member of the group donates \$100 to the chosen charity. The members have donated over 1 million dollars to charities since their inception in 2015.

100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun meets quarterly in the East Valley at the Forum Event Complex at 2301 S. Stearman Drive in Chandler. Their Q3 giving circle will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 6:30 pm. Visit 100wvcvalleyofthesun.org for more information or to register. To learn more about Assistance League of East Valley, visit assistanceleague.org.



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