

Assisteens

An Auxiliary of Assistance League® of Irvine



Assisteens created holiday bags for HomeAid OC

Important Announcements:

- The tenth grade class will reveal the theme of the annual dinner during the January Meeting (page 5)
- Watch for a Valentines Day goodie bag events and Warm Hugs and Baby Layettes Events coming up! (page 2)
- Nominations forms for the Governing Body are due January 20th (page 6)

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Letter From the Coordinator

"Happy New Year to all!

2020 was trying in many ways, but Assisteens of Irvine really came through continuing to support the community. Since our year started in June, Assisteens have held a successful food drive for Families Forward, worked to clean up CdM State Beach twice, put together towel sets for Human Options, sewn approximately 600 cloth face masks for OSB, packed school supplies kits and purchased hygiene kits for OSB, put together senior citizen care packages, donated \$2000 of Albertson's gift cards to IVC students in need, sewn baby layettes for Kaiser Permanente Hospital, created Halloween goodie bags for HomeAid OC, bought food to fill Thanksgiving food baskets for Families Forward, put together holiday goodie bags and donated gift cards for Ronald McDonald House, made wreaths and holiday cards for assisted living residents, took part in Families Forward Adopt a Family, wrapped toys for Marine family children, and created festive holiday packs filled with hats, gloves, and candy for HomeAid OC. That is a lot of benevolent giving in six months during a pandemic!

Congratulations to you all for your commitment and enthusiasm. You sold over \$13,000 of See's Candy, netting \$6,424. We brought in 13 new members and have conducted successful Governing Body and General meetings through zoom.

In the new year, Assisteens will continue to serve our community by finding more creative ways to help out those in need. With Valentine's Day coming up, watch your email for goodie bag signups. Baby Layettes and Warm Hugs will also be scheduling events. And we are still open to new philanthropic ideas, so think about who and how we can help, especially in these difficult times.

Finally, get involved in Assisteens by signing up for a Governing Body or Chairmanship position. Nomination forms for GB are due January 20 and will be followed in February with Chairman forms. You will gain valuable leadership skills and feel so much more a part of the organization by taking one of these positions.

Hopefully, sometime in 2021, we will be able to get back to a state of normalcy, but in the meantime, Assisteens will keep helping others the best ways possible."

**-Ms. Campbell,
Assisteens Coordinator**

Letter from the Chairman

"Hey Assisteens, happy new year! I hope that you've all had a great year so far. We're beginning this year with a general meeting on Wednesday, January 20. Make sure to watch out for Reminds about this meeting as we come up closer to the date! You can join the Remind by texting @irvine21 to 81010. In addition, we're starting the process of choosing our leaders for next year! Governing body nomination forms are due to our parliamentarian, Jadon, by the January 20th meeting. Being on the governing body has taught me so much, including leadership and communication, and it has been an amazing experience collaborating with all of you hard-working Assisteens. I highly encourage you to apply for a position! The governing body nomination form can be found on the website under Membership Info & Forms. I'll see you all at the general meeting to start off 2021!"

**-Tara Nguyen,
Assisteens Chairman**

Fundraising



"Make sure to collect your bottles and cans and take them to a recycling center to raise money for our philanthropies. All the information with the receipt and flyer can be found on the website!!"

**-Avlyn Singer,
V.C. Fundraising**

V.C. Philanthropy

"VC Philanthropy had a great month and the philanthropies accomplished so much! Help the Homeless dropped off bags in early December and are hoping to plan an event for Valentine's day and are looking forward to planning for the annual June event! Assisteens made and delivered wreaths and cards to a local assisted living facility. Holiday masks were also made and donated to them by Kaitlin Blam. IADHS is also working towards planning a Valentine's Day event. Each Assisteens class is making masks for OSB and donated to Food for Families with Adopt a Family which went well. The IVC chairmen purchased 40 Albertson's gift cards, each worth 50 dollars, for IVC students. They' are now working on their 3rd round of purchasing and distributing gift cards for IVC students. Young Masters, OC Parks, and Community Outreach all have nothing to report at this time due to covid, fires, and other concerns. Everyone's been doing a great job of adapting their philanthropies to covid guidelines!"

-Anna Lieggi,
V.C. Philanthropy

Photos From Past Events



New Members

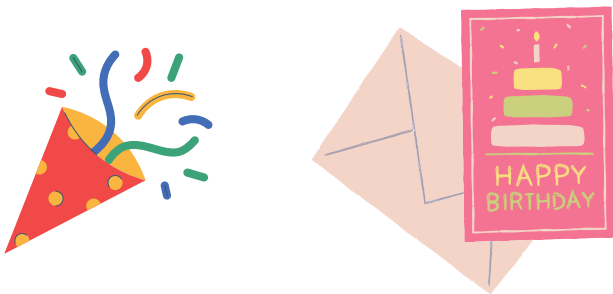
"Updates

1. Attendance: Make sure to email or text me at 23hamidsana@gmail.com/949-449-9994 if you're going to miss a general body meeting. A reminder that the maximum number of meetings you can miss is 3.
2. Hours: We have a whopping total of 650 Assisteens hours and 184 parent hours! It is understandable that volunteer opportunities are limited, but don't forget to turn in your hours every month. Keep up the good work!
3. We are beginning to plan for our spring Meet & Greet which will be held in April. So start thinking of your contacts and getting the word out to friends about the benefits of joining Assisteens."

-Sana Hamid,
V.C. New Members

Membership

You can find the form at
<https://tinyurl.com/y2wk4ama>



"This month, the 10th grade will present the theme for our Annual Meeting! In addition, please fill out the Sunshine form if you have not already. Include your name, email, and birthday to get a special Assisteens message on your birthday!"

-Katelynn Pi
V.C. Membership

Assistant V.C. Philanthropy

"Harvest Warehouse - We had a successful event for Toys for Tots which was modified due to the uptick in Covid. Thank you to those who attended!"

-Luna Schaffer,
Assistant V.C. Philanthropy



Governing Body

"If you are interested in joining the Governing Body next year, take a look at the application process, and see the different positions on the Assisteens Governing Body. Nomination forms will be sent out soon or are available now on the Assisteens website. They are due by **January 20**, sent to **jadon.figuero@gmail.com**. The only GB position open to 7th graders is Junior Liaison, but they can run for chairmen positions later.

It is greatly encouraged to try and join the Governing Body, because you can help others in Assisteens and can help organize many volunteering events to help the community. As a member, it requires regular attendance at the Governing Body meetings which meet monthly on the 1st Monday of the month."

At the Assisteens regular meeting on January 20, each class will select 2 members (one is an alternate) for the nominating committee which will meet on **Saturday, February 6** to form a slate of officers.

-Jadon Figueredo,
Parliamentarian

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Assisteens wrapped toys for Marine Families (right) and created handmade cards for the residents at Sunridge Assisted Living.

Letter From the Editor

Thank you to every one who contributed!

Ms. Campbell
Tara Nguyen
Anna Lieggi
Luna Schaffer
Avlyn Singer
Katelynn Pi
Sana Hamid
Jadon Figueredo

Hi Assisteens! I'm Ria Kundu, and I am super excited to be the 2020-2021 Assisteens Newsletter Editor!

If you would like me to include any information or event details, please email me at riak345@gmail.com! Thank you for taking the time to read this issues of the newsletter! I hope you and your families stay healthy and safe!