

Assisteens

An Auxiliary of Assistance League® of Irvine



Important Announcements:

- There is a mandatory parent and general meeting on **Wednesday, November 18th**.
- The RMH Goodie Bag event will be held on **Friday, November 13th**.
- See's Candies order forms are due on **November 25th**.
- There will be a joint ALI and Assisteens holiday event on **Wednesday, December 9**.

Assisteens created 35 blankets for the babies at Kaiser-Permanente Hospital at the Baby Layettes event on **October 17, 2020**

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Letter From the Coordinator: Ms. Campbell

Assisteens of Irvine is excited to welcome 10 new members following our October Meet & Greet. They have joined the 7th, 8th, and 10th grade classes. Hopefully, we will all be able to meet these new members in person soon!

Besides the Meet & Greet, Assisteens sewed Baby Layettes for Kaiser Permanente Hospital and put together Halloween goodie bags for HomeAid OC. Each class had its own meeting in October with speakers and topics including organizational skills, time management, and teen dating. The 11th and 12th grade classes planned their Father-Assisteen Get Together and Senior Recognition, respectively.

Currently, Assisteens classes are creating Thanksgiving Baskets for Families Forward and will soon be cutting and sewing fabric for 350 more OSB masks. Then each class will Adopt a Family for the holidays, buying gifts and spreading cheer. Other philanthropic events are being planned, and we are still open to any new ideas to help those in our community. So keep watching your email for volunteer opportunities and contact me with ideas.

To help fund our philanthropies, be sure to do your part and collect orders for our See's Candy Fundraiser. For those far away relatives, you can order See's gift certificates which can more easily be sent. In addition, please do your part to help our environment and Assisteens by gathering bottles and cans, taking them to a recycling center, then sending our online receipt and a check to Mrs. Tuchman.

Coming up for Assisteens is our November 18 General Meeting and mandatory Parent meeting. Parents will meet on zoom at 6:30, followed by teens at 7:00, then class meetings. Each class will be selecting two members to be on the nominating committee which will create a slate of Governing Body officers for next year.

In December, Assisteens has no formally scheduled meeting, but there is a special event planned on Wednesday, December 9. Former Irvine Assisteen Kaitlyn Chu and her sister Kara (current 12 th grade Assisteen) will present to both ALI and Assisteens. Kaitlyn has written and published a children's book, Smiling from Ear to Ear, which she will share with us for a joint holiday event.

**-Ms. Campbell,
Assisteens Coordinator**

Letter From the Chairman

"Hey Assisteens!

I hope that everyone is continuing to do well and to stay safe so far this year :)

We had many successful events in October, and we have more planned for November including:

- General Body Meeting (Wed, Nov. 18)
 - Including a mandatory parent meeting!
- RMH Breakfast Cafe (Fri, Nov. 13)

In addition, make sure to continue selling your See's Candies! All orders are due on **Wed, Nov. 25**, and distribution should happen in early December. We're always looking for new ways to give back to the community, especially with the hard times that we currently find ourselves in, so if you have any ideas on new philanthropies we can implement, please don't be afraid to reach out!

Thank you all for being so involved this year, and I'll see you at the general meeting!

-Tara Nguyen, Assisteens Chairman

See's Candy

"Keep up with your sales! Remember the last day to turn in orders is November 25. You can post about it on social media to raise awareness as well. If anyone wants to donate directly to Assisteens and not through the Sees Candies fundraiser, they can make a check out to Assisteens of Irvine. We also have just learned that gift cards are available for purchase as well. These can be given to people out of state to avoid tax and shipping costs. The item number is 4871. Please contact Natalie Fu at natalieyfu@gmail.com or Kylie Thongsrinoon at kykythongsrinoon@gmail.com if you have any more questions! Happy Selling!"

**-Kylie Thonsrinoon and Natalie Fu,
See's Candies Chairman**



Fundraising

"Hi Assisteens,
The recycling fundraiser is going on, and it will continue the whole year, so make sure to start collecting your bottles and cans! Take them to any recycling center near you and fill out the recycling receipt that is on the Assisteens website with a check written out to the Assistance League of Irvine. More information about the fundraiser is on the flyer and the receipt!"

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

Make sure to fill out this recycling receipt:
<https://tinyurl.com/recyclingReciept>



New Members

Welcome to our newest Assisteens!

7th Grade

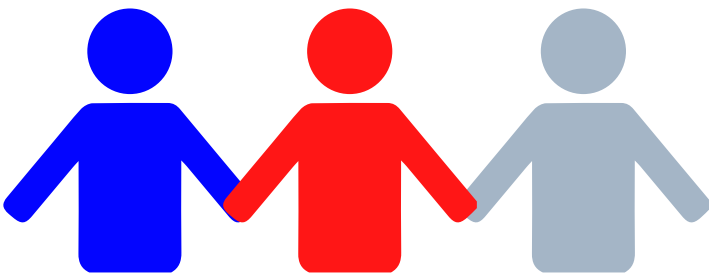
Delara Mirdamadi
Lea Ner
Zoe Shing
Thomas Xiao

8th Grade

Isabel Wang
Shrinikesh Borsune

10th Grade

Yunji Chung
Chris Huang



V.C. Philanthropy

This month the Assisteens did so much to help their community through our philanthropies. For Help the Homeless, we had a HomeAid OC Halloween Packs event which resulted in the volunteers making 78 gift packs! Food for Families has already started planning the Thanksgiving baskets and have drop-off days for the donations. The drop off days are on November 6th-8th, and they plan on delivering them before November 13th! Twenty \$50 e-gift cards to Albertson's grocery store were contributed for IVC students experiencing food insecurities. Unfortunately, OC Parks had their events canceled due to the fires and an increase in covid cases. So far the philanthropies are doing a great job working around covid and all of the problems that they've encountered.

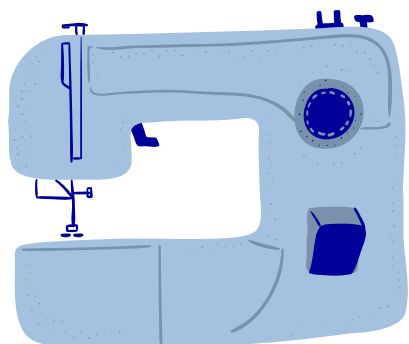
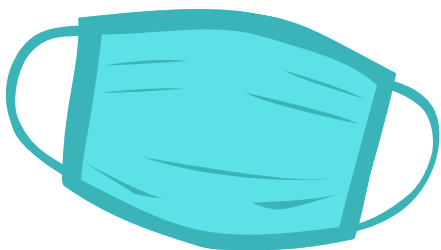
**-Anna Lieggi,
V.C. Philanthropy**

"-Baby Layettes: We had a successful event in October and were able to reach our blanket goal! Please look out for the next sign-up sheets in the upcoming months.

-RMH Breakfast Cafe: We are thinking of making holiday bags for those that are staying at RMH. Look out for sign-up sheets for those as well!"

**-Luna Schaffer, Assistant
V.C. Philanthropy**

Assisteens Mask Sew-A-Thon



"Hi Assisteens! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Mask Sew-a-Thon philanthropy! So far, we have sewed over 300 masks for Operation School Bell. Our current goal is to complete another 350 masks to be included in OSB school supplies kits. These kits will be distributed in January. Sewing will be organized by classes, and will either be as a group (socially distancing) or individually. Please look out for information from your class advisors on how materials will be distributed. Here is a flyer with mask tutorials and details about this event: <https://tinyurl.com/y2uyr24m>"

**-Kaitlin Blam
Mask Sew-A-Thon Chair**

Assisteens Special Event

"Former Irvine Assisteen Kaitlyn Chu and her Assisteen sister Kara Chu will discuss Kaitlyn's book at a joint ALI/Assisteen event on December 9th."

**-Ms. Campbell,
Assisteens Coordinator**



You can find out more
about the book at:
<https://lovechudesigns.webflow.io/about>

"Hi, I'm Kaitlyn - the author and illustrator of Smiling From Ear to Ear. I'm from Orange County, CA, and am a senior at the University of Southern California studying Arts, Technology and the Business of Innovation. I have always loved expressing myself creatively through designing: user experiences, consumer products and community programming. For fun I enjoy visiting Disneyland, spending time with friends & family, and playing escape room games. My goal is to positively impact lives through everything I do in a fun, happy and accessible way. I do this by taking action on current issues through mediums including children's books, websites, videos, graphics and community organizations. Personal site: kaitlynchu.com"

-Kaitlyn Chu

Past Events



At the Help the Homeless event on October 25, 2020, Assistees assembled Halloween gift bags for families at HomeAid OC

Letter From the Editor

Thank you to every one who contributed!

Ms. Campbell
Tara Nguyen
Kaitlyn Chu
Kylie Thongsrinoon
Natalie Fu
Anna Lieggi
Luna Schaffer
Avlyn Singer
Kaitlin Blam

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

What kind of key doesn't unlock doors?
-A tur-key



Why did they let the turkey join the band?
-It already had its own drumsticks