

Assisteens

An Auxiliary of Assistance League® of Irvine



Important Announcements:

- See page 2 for more information about our two new philanthropies!
- There will be a Warm Hugs Event later in February, so monitor your email for sign up information!
- Make sure to RSVP for the annual dinner with the link on page 5!
- The seventh and ninth graders have a big buddy little buddy event on February 13!

Assisteens assembled Valentine's Day goody bags for HomeAid OC on February 7th

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Letter From the Coordinator

"Just when I thought events were slowing down for a bit, new Assisteens' volunteer opportunities have presented themselves. Last Monday, the Governing Body approved two new philanthropies connected with Human Options. Through the pandemic, cases of abuse have been on the rise, and Human Options provides help and a safe place for the women and their children who have suffered from that abuse. Your GB has decided that if Assisteens can help make life a little better for the Human Options clients, we should do it. Therefore, plans are underway for "Krafts for Kids" and Self-Care kits.

Recently, Assisteens received a donation from ALI of craft materials purchased, but not being used. Those materials sparked the idea to give moms and their kids a bonding experience while staying at the Human Options shelter. "Krafts for Kids" is the name of this new philanthropy, and it will involve compiling craft kits for H.O. moms and kids to make special creations together. This will be an on-going philanthropy with Assisteens creating different crafts kits throughout the year.

The second new Human Options philanthropy was suggested by their Children's Advocate Team Leader. This came up as we were planning Valentines to be sent to residents. She said that Self-Care Kits for the women who often leave their homes with barely anything would mean a lot. Not just hygiene kits, which we have extra supplies for, but also some special personal things, like nail polish or other pampering type items would make these women feel cared about. For this year, we already have hygiene supplies, so we can use what we have and add those special items.

Soon we will be evaluating all of our philanthropies, and there will be many chairmanship positions to fill. So think about what you might like to do for next year. Hopefully, some of the in-person events will open up to us once again. However, take a look at your past newsletters and listen to this year's chairmen's reports, and you will realize that Assisteens of Irvine has been going strong and finding alternate ways to keep serving our community."

**-Ms. Campbell,
Assisteens Coordinator**

Letter from the Chairman

"Hey Assisteens!

Happy February! We have a lot going on this month, including philanthropy events and class meetings. Each class will be having its own class meeting sometime during this month, so make sure to keep an eye on your email to see when yours will be. These class meetings are when we continue our six year journey throughout Assisteens, and it's important that you attend!

We also have Valentine's Day events this month:

- A HomeAid OC event on February 7th and
- Take home Valentine crafts for Human Options

During our Governing Body meeting this month, we added two new philanthropy opportunities! As discussed, we will now be making self care kits for Human Options, and we will be providing craft supplies for the children at Human Options. Look for emails with more details about these new philanthropies, as well as attending the March General Meeting next month!

If you have any more ideas for any new philanthropies that we can add, please feel free to reach out and let us know! We're always happy to listen to new ideas. Keep working hard Assisteens :)"

**-Tara Nguyen,
Assisteens Chairman**

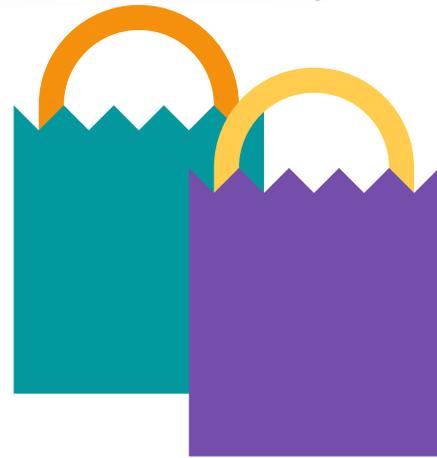
RMH Valentine's Event



V.C. Philanthropy

"This past month everyone's done a lot for the philanthropies! The IVC Chairmen sent e-gift card donations in December and are planning on doing it one more time. OSB has started serving families who absolutely love the masks sewn by Assisteens. and appreciate the school supplies and hygiene kits. IADHS had a recent event on January 30th and put together 75 bags. HomeAid OC is having a Valentine's Day Event on February 7th, Assisteens will pack a total of 55 bags to donate to HomeAid OC filled with warm socks and other goodies. Be sure to go if you've signed up for that!"

-Anna Lieggi,
V.C. Philanthropy



Fundraising



"Continue to collect your bottles and cans to earn recycling money to help our philanthropies! We have our extra See's Candy on sale for 50% off so make sure to sign up or contact Ms Campbell so you can pick it up for Valentine's Day!"

-Avlyn Singer,
V.C. Fundraising

Assistant V.C. Philanthropy

"Upcoming Events:

- **RMH Breakfast Cafe:**
 - There is a Valentine's Day goody bag assembly on Friday 2/5 from 3:45-5:00 at Meadowood Park.
- **Warm Hugs:**
 - There will be another event coming up the end of February or beginning of March, so look out for sign-up sheets!"

-Luna Schaffer,
Assistant V.C. Philanthropy

New Members

- **"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.

- **Big Buddy/Little Buddy:**

- Seventh and Ninth graders! Join our Zoom event on Saturday, February 13 at 2:00 pm for our first Big Buddy Little Buddy Event! Mackenzie and Katell have organized tons of fun ice breakers and a Kahoot for everyone to play. Look forward to seeing you there!

- **Hours:**

- We have a whopping total of 1251 Assisteens hours and 184 parent hours! In one month, both the parents and Assisteens have DOUBLED the total number of hours. Keep up the good work!

- **New Members Meet/Greet:**

- The 8th-grade class will be hosting a Spring Meet & Greet on April 18th, to bring in new members for next year. Stay on the lookout for more information and be thinking of friends who may be interested in joining Assisteens."

**-Sana Hamid,
V.C. New Members**

Membership

"At our January general meeting, the 10th grade class announced our annual dinner's theme: "High School Musical." Please RSVP to the free event through the adjacent link.

Also at our January meeting, we had the privilege of hearing from two counselors from Jeffrey Trail Middle School, Mrs. Trapp and Ms. Jong, about New Year's resolutions and how we can make the most of our year. We appreciate their time and information."

**-Katelynn Pi,
V.C. Membership**

You can rsvp to the dinner at this link:

<https://bit.ly/35ujB3R>

IADHS Valentine's Day Event



Letter From the Editor

Thank you to every one who contributed!

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Luna Schaffer
Avlyn Singer
Katelynn Pi
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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!

