



RE: Assistance League collaboration “Impact”

Partnering with the Assistance League St.Louis has been a great experience! They provide assistance for individuals and fill gaps where Grant funding is lacking.

Mission St. Louis’ Beyond Jobs Program works with community individuals and provides workforce development assistance via Job Readiness Skills training and employment placement. Having access to nice interview clothing makes a HUGE impact for our programming participants. Assistance League allowed Beyond Jobs to “spruce up” our business attire options. We were able to filter out some very outdated attire. Showing up for an interview nicely dressed helps build confidence. When you “look good, you feel good!”

The Assistance League has also provided hygiene products to meet the basic needs of our participants. We have individuals who are living in shelters and do not have those much needed necessities available. Having their own, provides self-sufficiency and a level of needed sanitation during a pandemic. Additionally, we have been provided the opportunity to assist several of our program participants with beds, bedding, shoes, towels, pillows, activity kits for children/adults, socks, underwear, books, chapstick and more. This has been especially helpful during the pandemic. We were able to give 400 books to families as part of outreach done in response to the drop in participant numbers.

The Assistance League partnership is a great resource which has improved our ability to provide specific essential services to our program participants. Having access to those essentials have helped tremendously by removing barriers to work!

Everyone we have worked with at The Assistance League has been incredibly welcoming and helpful. We look forward to working with all of you in the future and we cannot thank you enough for your level of support and assistance you have provided for our Beyond Jobs Program.

Sincere thanks,

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