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## **EDWARD JONES VOLUNTEERS, ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF ST. LOUIS MEMBERS LABEL, SORT HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FOR ASPIRING READERS HELPED BY ASSISTANCE LEAGUE**



Edward Jones volunteers Jeff and Jeanine Ponte, of Chesterfield, were among the many Edward Jones' Region 71 employees to label, count and sort books at Assistance League of St. Louis' Ellisville headquarters on August 3. Assistance League touches the lives of 50,000 annually---providing everything from new school uniforms, books and shoes to deserving school children to clothing and personal care items to those seeking protection in shelters. From July 1-31, West County area Edward Jones employees collected 18 boxes of books donated by community members and clients at 70 Edward Jones branches. These Edward Jones employees delivered the books to Assistance League's Books from Friends program. Books from Friends conducts school book fairs across St. Louis, providing free books, reading sessions and literacy activities to hundreds of students. Assistance League has provided 15,000 books to aspiring readers and has established Little Community Libraries in Ritenour School District's six elementary schools.

**ABOUT EDWARD JONES.** For almost a century, Edward Jones has brought its unique brand of service to communities across the country. Headquartered in St. Louis, Edward Jones has experienced remarkable growth – with revenue rising from \$16 million in 1977 to more than \$8 billion annually. With more than 14,000 branch offices and 18,000 financial advisors in all 50 states and through its affiliate in Canada, Edward Jones was named to FORTUNE magazine's 2019 list of the World's Most Admired Companies. The firm ranked 4th in the category of Securities/Asset Management in this ranking of the most respected and reputable companies. For the 10th year in a row, Edward Jones ranked "Highest in Employee Advisor Satisfaction among Financial Investment Firms" by J.D. Power with a impressive score of 926 out of a possible 1,000.

**ABOUT ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF ST. LOUIS.** Assistance League of St. Louis is run by an all-volunteer group of more than 500 volunteers. For more than 30 years, the organization's mission has been to identify, develop, fund and implement ongoing philanthropic programs to serve specific needs of children and adults in the St. Louis community. In 2018-2019 alone, Assistance League members and friends donated nearly 80,000 volunteer hours. All funds raised are returned to

**the St. Louis community. Assistance League of St. Louis is an accredited charity of the Better Business Bureau and Platinum Guide Star member. Fewer than 1 percent of nonprofit members earn Platinum status.**

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