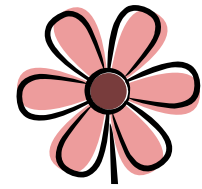




# Altrusa Service Newsletter



Spring 2026

## Welcome Spring!

Let's embrace the sunshine and fresh beginnings that Spring brings to our communities!

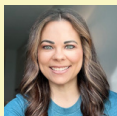
### Your Service Committee



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Districts One, Eleven,  
and Fourteen



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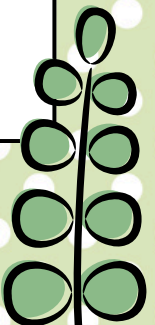
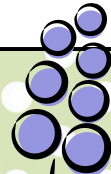
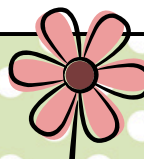
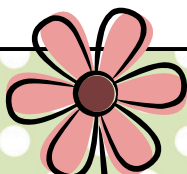
Jody Walencewicz,  
Member  
Districts Six and Nine

### Convention 2027

While Convention 2027 in Columbus, Ohio, is just over a year away, we are already busy planning wonderful service projects as a part of our time together. We are looking forward to working with our wonderful Altrusans in supporting others!

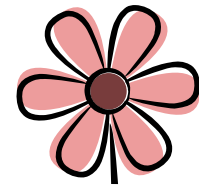
### Service Link

We are continuing to work on getting our Service link up and running on the Altrusa website. Thank you for your patience!





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## Service Development's 1,000 Member Challenge

The International Service Development Committee is launching a fun, association-wide Facebook challenge – and we want YOU to be part of it!

Our Service Development Facebook page is growing fast, and we're setting our sights on a major milestone: 1,000 members. Why? Because the more Altrusans we connect, the more ideas we share, the more service we spark, and the stronger our global impact becomes.

Search for **"Altrusa Service"** to find us, and be sure to answer the questions to indicate your club membership.

And yes... there's a prize involved.

Once we hit 1,000 members, every member of the Facebook page will be entered into a drawing for a very nice surprise gift!

Think of it as a thank-you for helping us build a vibrant, collaborative space for service innovation.

### How You Can Help

- Invite your club members to join the Facebook page
- Share the link in your newsletters, meetings, and group chats
- Tag fellow Altrusans who love service, creativity, and connection
- Engage with posts to keep the momentum going

Every new member brings fresh energy – and gets us one step closer to the big drawing.

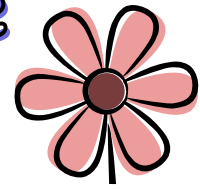
Let's grow together, celebrate together, and show the world what Service Development can do when we unite.

Ready... set... invite!





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## District One

This year, District One's conference was hosted by Past Governors. We asked members to bring in children's books that spoke to diversity in their backgrounds: different languages, different cultures, etc.

Over 200 books were collected and stickered with a note, "Compliments of Altrusa District One Conference 2026 Attendees."

To disperse the books, the Past Gobs decided to let the clubs who submitted an entry for the Letha H. Brown Literacy award (there were 4) take a first pass at the collection. Any books remaining were available to any club attendee to take home to her club.



## District Two

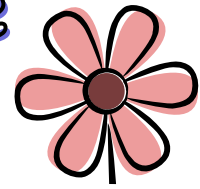
District Two's Conference was hosted by South Central, PA, and Reading-Berks, PA. Our project was Hearts of Hope; we finished 72 beautiful pillows to give to cancer patients at UPMC Cancer Center – Infusion Unit in York, PA.

We also kicked off our year-long District service focus on homelessness. All of the area workshops in the fall will have that as the theme, and we will wind it up at next year's conference with speakers and our hands-on service project.





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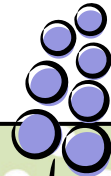
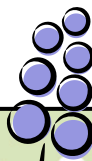
## District Three

The 2026 District Three Conference, April 24-25, was held in Spartanburg, SC, and hosted by Altrusa International of Spartanburg. We had three conference service projects: **Welcome Home Kits for A Place To Call Home.** APTCH is a Spartanburg area initiative to address homelessness in all stages. The individual clubs and members of District Three shined as they met our goal of building 20 Welcome Home Kits for families moving into a temporary home on their way to permanent housing.

**Over The Counter (OTC)** medications collection for **Help For Our Elderly.** The Spartanburg Club regularly supports this nonprofit that helps supplement the daily needs of the elderly in their community. Our focus on OTC medications filled a specific niche identified by the director. The individual clubs and members of District Three sparkled as they labeled, sorted and filled nine cardboard boxes and two tote bags with much needed and appreciated items.

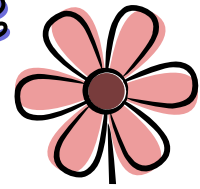
## Create a Card District Three

Altrusans were busy bees again as 'the hive' assembled and signed over 225 cards of encouragement to be distributed by Help For Our Elderly and A Place To Call Home to their recipient families. These beautiful card kits were provided by our soon to be formed club in Polk County, Florida.





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## District Four

Altrusans rolled up their sleeves for two inspiring service projects during the District Four Conference in Oak Ridge! The Boost for Books collection gathered an incredible 230 books to expand local classroom libraries and fuel young readers' imaginations. Meanwhile, the Blossom Center School Supply Drive overflowed with creativity – 2,562 crayons, 788 colored pencils, 648 markers, 270 glue sticks, and a colorful array of additional art supplies were donated to support early learning and enrichment. Together, these efforts showcased the heart of Altrusa service: community, collaboration, and compassion in action.



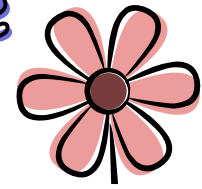
## District Five

District Five's Annual Conference was hosted by the Marion, Ohio Club. The Marion Altrusa Club will host their 16th annual Dress for Success Project in 2026. Members take children who need some financial help shopping for new school clothes. Each child also receives a backpack filled with school supplies and reading books. The backpacks are customized to match each child's school supply list. We hope to support 30 children this coming school year. The following are a few of the most needed items. Also listed are a few classic book titles we also provide these children. Your support and donations will be greatly appreciated.





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### District Eight

District Eight held their Annual Conference April 24-26, 2026, in Bentonville, Arkansas. The event was hosted by the Altrusa Club of Jonesboro.

**Free Museum Day**

Altrusa International District Eight, Inc. invites all Female Veterans to come tour the Arkansas Air and Military Museum on Saturday, May 23, 2026, 9am-4pm.

Altrusa will have a table set up for Female Veterans to collect a shelf stable meal to take home.

**Thank you for your service!**

Altrusa District Eight -- Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas & Missouri

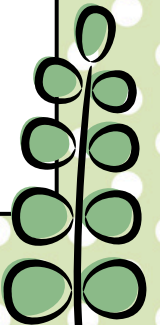
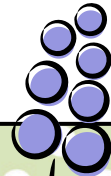
**LIST OF MEAL KITS SUPPLIES** [CLICK HERE FOR A PRINTABLE SHOPPING LIST](#)

CHEESY TACO SOUP	CHICKEN COBBLER
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### District Nine

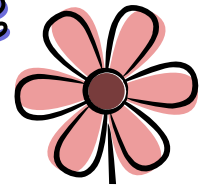
Altrusa District Nine was proud to support Tralee Crisis Center as our 2026 service project by donating more than 500 books for survivors and their children, helping create comfort, healing, learning, and hope through every page. The beautifully staked books were table centerpieces during the Conference Service Luncheon. District Nine Altrusans generously made monetary donations as well as purchased numerous much needed items from Tralee's Amazon wish list to help support the families they serve every day. Tralee Executive Director, Penny Harvey, spoke at the conference and shared more about their mission and impact of Tralee Crisis Center throughout their community.

Message from Tralee staff: *"Support like this reminds survivors they are not alone. Thank you, Altrusa, for continuing to show up with servant hearts and making a lasting difference in the lives of so many."*





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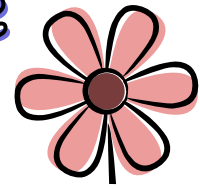
## District Ten

The Conference project for District Ten was "Faith's Closet". Faith's Closet in Artesia, New Mexico, provides essential items to men, women and children facing housing insecurity. Altrusans from the clubs attending the conference brought donated items such as socks, underwear, baby wipes, plastic bins, snacks, toiletry items and more. These items were delivered, sorted and assembled into toiletry and snack kits to be given directly to those individuals in need. Faith's Closet organizer is an Artesia Altrusa member who has experienced housing insecurity herself. This past experience inspired her to take action and help those in need in her community.





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## District Eleven

District 11's Annual Conference held in Avondale, AZ, included a service project sponsored by Altrusa of West Valley. This worthwhile project was organized to support the Arizona Migrant Head Start students in Surprise, AZ, by collecting toddler bed-sized blankets and books for 0-3 year olds.



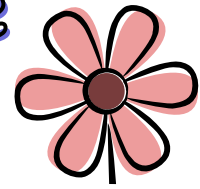
## District Twelve

The District Twelve Conference service project for this year, The Teal Bag Program, is through the Opportunity Council and Other Bank that covers the Whatcom County in Blaine, WA, which is where the conference was held this year. The Teal Bag program provides menstrual supplies for families in need of hygiene products. They distributed 300 bags last year, but are in need of so many more, so we were happy to help them this year.





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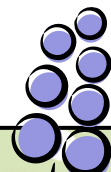
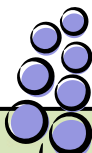
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## District Twelve ASTRA

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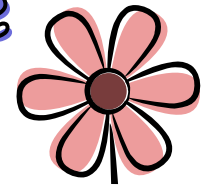


Their enthusiasm, professionalism, and commitment to community service left a lasting impression on attendees. Inspired by these young leaders, several Altrusa clubs, including Campbell River, BC and Corvallis, OR, are now exploring chartering ASTRA clubs in their own communities.





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## District Fourteen

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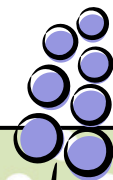
## District Fifteen

This year our Conference was organised with the help of the Past District Governors. The Conference was held in Wellington. At Conference, Pip from the Wellington City Mission came and spoke to us about the work they do.

The Clubs were very competitive, and there was a real buzz in the room as they set about making up their displays. The displays were judged by the City Mission representative along with Penny Daugherty.

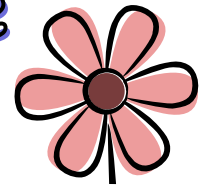
After that, the goods were all loaded onto two hotel trolleys and taken downstairs to be loaded into Pip's car and delivered. In the end, there was barely enough room for Pip to get into her car to drive away!

The contribution from all the Clubs added up, and it was a significant contribution to their Social Supermarket. In addition, the project captured the heart of the local New World Supermarket owner, who donated 2 x \$100 vouchers for us to use as prizes for the Foundation Raffle. It was a win for everyone!





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### District Fifteen, cont.



### Altrusans in Service

As you can see, Altrusans at Conference participated in many worthwhile and impactful service projects this spring. It is heartwarming to see so many wonderful volunteers coming together to support the needs of local communities!

At the same time, clubs throughout Altrusa International continue their service efforts. Highlighted through photos below are Altrusa of Bentonville/Bella Vista, Altrusa of Martinsville-Henry County, Altrusa of Carroll County NH, and Altrusa of Green Bay.

