



# Assistance League® Tulsa

MISSION : Assistance League® volunteers transforming the lives of children and adults through community programs.

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## TRANSFORMING LIVES OF VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

By Yolanda Taylor

### FOUND!

### Extraordinary members of Assistance League® Tulsa seeking new opportunities.

After devoting significant time to the Assistance League®, members occasionally take a break to rejuvenate, care for family, enjoy a long awaited vacation, or write a memoir detailing a romance that would last a lifetime. Regale us, please, as you return to AL Tulsa with stories of your adventures, growing families, time spent in reflection, new homes, old cars, and tasty recipes. Help us to sort wonderful donations, greet new customers, or assist our eager student shoppers. The Assistance League® has **found** a place for you to share your time and talent. Every moment you spend at the Assistance League® is an opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child. Your return is eagerly awaited and greatly anticipated. Just think, a new AL apron with no name on it—just waiting for you to claim.



**. Time spent in  
service to the  
community is the  
best way to spend  
your time.**

## Communication Builds a Strong Team

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2018-2019

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The need to connect with our members, donors and community is essential to everything we do at Assistance League® Tulsa. As our programs and facilities have grown...so has the newsletter. It serves AL Tulsa members by sharing news, announcing upcoming activities, introducing new members, recognizing achievements, recruiting volunteers and recording the history of our Chapter. The Bulletin, our public version of the newsletter, serves as a fundraising and marketing tool.

How do **you** use the newsletter? Planning your calendar? Learning about AL Tulsa programs? Recruiting help for a project? Sharing photos of you and your friends at work and play?

How do you access the newsletter? How are you reading this right now? More members and supporters are now reading the newsletter/bulletin on their phones and mobile tablets. Our current formatting can be difficult to access or read on these devices.

We are looking for feedback from everyone who reads the newsletter and will be reaching out to those who don't.

If you have comments or suggestions. Please send them to newsletter@altulsa.org. You can also share your thoughts with Julie Burton, newsletter editor, and Julie Ryker, VP Marketing & Communication.

You may notice some changes in this September issue. Let us know what you think... and MANY THANKS for all you do.

### Assistance League® Tulsa Advisory Council

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Did you ever wonder who did that task at the Assistance League? Many a day I am at AL and have not had lunch. Thank goodness Pat Russell supplies the lunch rooms with those peanut butter crackers and other snacks. They have eased my hunger many a day. Marilyn Brill supplies the pop and Marjorie Phillips buys all of our paper products. Bet you didn't know that. Give them a thanks when you see them and don't forget to put your money in the jar.

Everyone can do something. We always have a need for someone to answer the phone in the office, serve as a mentor to our new members, or work in Bargains or Operation School Bell. I continue to be amazed at our volunteers. Last year our 225 members volunteered over 32,448 hours. Our volunteers make our organization unique. And, WE appreciate YOU. Keep up the good work.

## Operation School Bell

By Sam Keel

OSB consists of 4 basic programs:

- Onsite – providing new clothing to underserved Tulsa Public School children who are selected by TPS counselors and brought to our building. We serve as personal shoppers for each child.
- Offsite – providing new clothing to underserved Tulsa County school children, also selected by their school counselors. Parents or guardians bring them and meet us at participating Walmart stores.
- Two uniform shirts – TPS elementary and middle schools selected from State Department of Education's low income report are provided two uniform shirts for each enrolled student.
- High School - funds are provided to qualified low income schools to stock a "clothes closet" which consists of needed items selected by counselors and monitored by our volunteers.

These various programs all benefit our community's children in need. Many volunteers are required, so there are various jobs to select from. The rewards outweigh the hard work. Smiles from the children and friendships formed are what keep us coming back. Every year, we learn from each other and our new members who come with fresh ideas and energy.

## Betty Bradstreet Assistance Fund Blossoms

By Nancy Kingery

A trust was established in 2002 in honor of Betty Bradstreet, a former AL president. Application letters were sent on August 20 to area superintendents and teachers of art, music, speech and theater. K-12 teachers are encouraged to apply for monies to be awarded to make their special projects grow and encourage creativity to blossom within their students. October 5 is the deadline for classroom teachers' proposals. On October 15, Marva Carnahan, the committee chair, will help guide us as we select award recipients and supports the arts in area schools.

**Assistance League® Tulsa thanks the following people for their generous contributions in the second half of July through the first half of August 2018**

The Common Bond Foundation  
 The Kathleen S. Craft Foundation  
 Colin Eidt  
 Whitmire Family Fund

*Thank You!*



**Please consider leaving a gift to Operation School Bell® in your estate plans. You'll help ensure that our program's good work lives on.**

**Estate Sales** By Julie Burton

August has been an extraordinary month – FIVE pickups!! We received beautiful stemware, decorative items, framed art, and some furniture. New member, Jim Patterson, has jumped right in and has been a huge asset to our team.

This month we have worked with two new estate sale companies: Silvey Estate Sales and My Estate Sale. We look forward to working with them, along with current partners, CS Estate Sales and Country Antiques & Estate Sales.

Many thanks to Jim Patterson, JoAnne Goin, Pris Brown, Pat Freemeyer, Deanna Harvey, Glenda Murphy, Liz Roberts, Joyce Coday, Marianne Pickering, Marjorie Phillips, and Bridget Muller for their efficient work packing and transporting items to Bargains. If I have overlooked anyone, my sincere apologies.

Also, many thanks to the families who donate their items to us. We appreciate their generosity.

If you're looking for a place to plug in, I highly recommend the Estate Sale Committee! We have lots of fun!

**Operations** By Ginny Greek

As my husband, Paul, and I begin the task of upkeep on our building, we ask that you report anything that you feel needs attention large or small. We have been in the apartment sector for several years and ask that our tenants report the slightest concern so that it can be addressed in a timely manner. Our intent is to keep the AL Tulsa building as pristine as we can. We can only do this with the members help. We pride ourselves on making repairs as they are reported.

My email is [gg@omegadata svcs.com](mailto:gg@omegadata svcs.com) and my cell is 918-261-6221. I will report back to you any repairs that have been made, I will also keep a log of repairs. We have a beautiful building and want to keep it that way.

**11th Street Update**

The building has been shown several times, but no offers yet. We have replaced discolored tiles, removed all unnecessary items from the building and have a person come bi-weekly to mow the grass. Roof repairs are in the works. With the torrential rains of late we have developed a few new leaks. We will keep you posted on the progress of a sale.

**Friend's Day was a Success!**



AL Tulsa has new members who are excited to serve. Introduce yourself, give them a warm welcome and consider becoming a mentor! Contact Pat Holder at 918 629-9312 or [paholder2@gmail.com](mailto:paholder2@gmail.com).



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Transforming Lives • Strengthening Community

### Tulsa

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**Assistance League® Tulsa**

#### Mission:

Assistance League® volunteers transforming the lives of children and adults through community programs.

#### Vision:

Essential needs are met in our community and families flourish.

#### Core Values:

Commitment—showing compassion for all.

Accountability—being fiscally responsible to our donors and our community.

Leadership—demonstrating professionalism that is visionary and ethical.

Respect—appreciating and considering others.

Self esteem—enhancing success in the people we serve.



**Operation School Bell®  
Starts September 11!**  
Have you signed up to  
help Tulsa's children  
in need?



Our new space is finished. OSB Day and Desk Chairs are ready. Uniforms, coats, underwear, shoes, hygiene kits and books, too. The children are excited to see you! SignUpGenius makes it easy to schedule your work days! Ready... Set... Go!!!

