



# Assistance League® Tulsa

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

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## AL Tulsa Book Drive Aims to Stuff the Bus



Assistance League® Tulsa will be participating in the National Assistance League Action Week the week of February 25<sup>th</sup> in honor of Anne Banning's birthday. This year's National focus is on literacy and we are partnering with **Gaining Ground**, a 501 (c)3 whose primary purpose is to provide students with access to high interest books and literacy supports throughout the summer months.

Gaining Ground partners with schools and offers a summer reading program to their students, meeting them in their neighborhoods in their Book Bus. Each student is given 10 books to start the summer and over the summer months Gaining Ground Book Bus goes out to their neighborhoods to exchange books and offer support.

We want to take "Action!" and Stuff the Bus with books to support Gaining Ground. Their bus will be parked in front of Assistance League on Thursday February 28<sup>th</sup> and we will Stuff the Bus. You can bring requested books and place them in the boxes designated for Action! Week in either the upstairs or downstairs breakrooms. Suggested book list is in the office or in the breakrooms. You can also support the effort with a financial contribution, and we will turn that into more books or incentives for families participating in the summer reading program by Gaining Ground.

<https://gaininggroundliteracy.org/> Check out their website to learn more!

-Julie Ryker



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**Our Values at Work—  
Self-Esteem**

In this issue we will focus on our value “Self-Esteem—enhancing success in the people we serve.” That may be easier said than done. Have you seen the faces of the Operation School Bell® students when they select their clothes or shoes? They radiate! It’s hard to imagine that something as simple as a pair of shoes can make a difference, but it does. What are some ways you see self-esteem at work?

Next month: Accountability



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GREAT chapter and I am so proud to be your president.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

2019 is off to a great start. Operation School Bell® finished clothing kids last Thursday and Bargains continues to bring in an abundance of donations and funds. The Betty Bradstreet Committee has begun their school visits and would welcome any member to join them on their visits. We could not do what we do without the great work of our volunteers. Tulsa appreciates all that we do for the community and is amazed that we are all volunteers.

## GOOD NEWS SUMMIT

Assistance League Tulsa was selected to host a resource table at the Good News Summit on February 7 from 12:30 – 5:30 at the Schusterman Center located at 41<sup>st</sup> and Yale. This landmark Tulsa community event will bring together over 300 community members to celebrate good work happening in Tulsa, listen to 24 five-minute presentations, learn about local organizations at the Good News Fair, and make connections at the reception.

Good News Summit is initiated by Leadership Tulsa, an Oklahoma-based non-profit that has identified, connected, and developed diverse leaders who impact the community through service since 1973.

The purpose of Good News Summit is to recognize the good work, positive outcomes, and collaborations happening in Tulsa across sectors and to connect community organizations and leaders.

Good News is defined as anything being done in the Tulsa community that is making a positive impact. From non-profits to government, social

services to exciting business entrepreneurship, philanthropy to healthcare, the Good News Summit will uncover, highlight, and celebrate anything that is making Tulsa a better place for anyone.

## COMMUNITY LEADERS TO SPEAK

Please plan to attend the February 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting and luncheon where our guest speakers will be Advisory Council members Clifton Taulbert and Rodger Randle. They will speak on Community and Volunteerism: An American Tradition. Since we expect a large attendance, the luncheon will be held in the Legacy Plaza conference Room

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Update

The move in date for NewView and Hearts for Hearing is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Construction is about 50% complete on the third floor. Our tenant, *Hearts for Hearing* and *New View Oklahoma* are quite anxious to move in. They are excited about the brand new space just as we were about ours. Sharon Atcheson, President Priscilla Harris, Ginny Thomas, Marianne Pickering and I meet with the tenants, Stout Construction and GH2 every other week as construction progresses. We are so pleased that Stout Construction could do the concrete drilling in Bargains' ceiling during our holiday vacation! There will be construction materials deliveries again over the next few weeks, requiring the east drive to be blocked off on occasion.

*Julie Guy.*

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in your estate plans. You'll help ensure that our  
program's good work lives on.



## Operation School Bell® - Sam Keel

Another successful season of OSB has wrapped! Being the first year in the new building, there were some challenges, but we hope to have those worked out by next year. Through our signature program, we strive to reach the most underserved students of our community. Various sub programs have evolved and developed over the years. Currently, they include:

- Onsite— one-on-one shopping visits by qualifying elementary schools who are selected by their counselors and brought by school bus to our facility.
- Offsite shopping—adults bring qualifying elementary students to area Walmart stores where they are provided a list of acceptable items and an allowance. OSB pays for the clothes.
- Uniform shirts - providing 2 school uniform shirts to each student enrolled in the qualifying elementary and middle schools.
- Middle school and High school—funding is provided to qualifying schools counselors who shop to stock “clothes closet” items for students as needed.

All these programs work with Assistance League mission as our inspiration. “Transforming the lives of children” through services provided.

We’ve learned that through providing comfortable clean clothing, which meets the school criteria, allows the child to “fit in” as well as perform to their capacity. The individual attention provided by our “personal shoppers” contributes to the child’s sense of self worth and that their opinion matters. Each child we serve receives personal hygiene products, encouraging cleanliness as a means of feeling good and staying healthy. Good habits of self maintenance, learned early, carry through to adulthood. The books given to each student encourage interest and good study habits. Some of the transformation of the student is seen while we are working with them. We also send a survey to each school asking for observation of changes after the students return to the school and community. These positive results are our reward for our efforts as volunteers, knowing we have had a positive influence on young lives.

We have been blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers—both members and from the community. This program would not be this successful without them!

These services and products bring us to one of Assistance League’s core values: “Self-esteem—enhancing success in those we serve.”

*Me and my brother wanted to say thank you for helping us and letting us be here.*

*- Love,  
Alexia, Deving, Andy*



“Me and my brother wanted to say thank you for helping us and letting us be here.” Love, Alexia, Deving, Andy (This note was left in the Activity Room recently)

# Betty Bradstreet Awards—*Marva Carnahan*

The Betty Bradstreet Committee is now in the most rewarding phase of our work. The teachers have received their materials and the students are expressing themselves through works of art, music, and performance. We are visiting classrooms and seeing first-hand how the arts build self-esteem and success in students. We invite all members to join us on a visit and see our students in full bloom! Below is the February schedule:

- **2/4:** 10:00 am Anna Black, art, McLain, 4929 N. Peoria. Contact: Lynn Stockley.
- **2/5:** 9:30 am Rebecca Stewart, music, Garfield STEAM Academy, 701 N. Roosevelt, Sand Springs. Contact: Marva Carnahan.  
1:45 Greg Landburg, music, Council Oak (Lee) 1920 S. Cincinnati. Contact: Barbara Walters.
- **2/7:** 9:30 am Mick Schmidt, Holmes Park Elementary, 1231 E. Dewey, Sapulpa. Contact: Donna Spielman.
- **2/14:** 10:00 am. Catherine deCamp, art, Sequoyah Elementary, 724 N. Birmingham  
11:30 am Monica Shores, music, Springdale Elementary, 2510 E. Pine. Contact for both: Carmen Kinsey
- **2/22:** 2:00 pm, Adam Tichenor, music, Hoover Elementary, 2327 S. Darlington. Contact: Barbara Walters.
- **2/26:** 10:10 am Janet Henderson, music, McArthur elementary, 2182 S. 73rd e. Ave. Contact: Nancy Kirby.
- **2/27:** 1:50 pm. Rhonda Wyble, music, Kendall-Whittier, 2601 E. 5th Pl.,. Contact: Judy Thomas. Elementary  
2:00 pm Erin Muniz, music, Jefferson Heights Elementary, 1521 S. Wickham Rd., Sapulpa  
2:45 pm Donna Lewellen, art, Jefferson Heights Elementary, Sapulpa. Contact: Ken Busby
- 3/1** 1:00pm. Kent Hall, music. Delores Huerta (Columbus) Elementary, 10620 E 27th St. Contact: Barbara Walters

Thoreau art teacher Genevieve Doolin receives her certificate.



Christian Morales paints a fish on silk.



Fish painted onto silk



Skylar Wasson paints a flower on silk.

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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.

### 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

