



Assistance League[®] Tulsa

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

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Angels and All-Stars Honored

Assistance League[®] of Tulsa is a large and strong organization. Even though there are many of us, it still takes a lot of people and organizations to make our work successful.

At the March luncheon President Priscilla Harris presented each honoree with a certificate of appreciation.



Brent Barton—L. D. Kerns. Contractors who worked on our building. Brent was introduced by Sharon Atcheson.

For more honorees, go to Page 3.



Ashli Montgomery– National Charity League Mid-Town. This group helps us sort donations and many other tasks. With Marcy Landis.



Lance Miller (Lorie Dreiling) -Fleet Feet Operation School Bell[®] receives shoes from them. With Judy Thomas.

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Our Values at Work— Leadership

In this issue we will focus on our value “Leadership—demonstrating professionalism that is visionary and ethical.” Some people are natural leaders, and some are followers. Either way, being professional in our work at Assistance League® is of utmost importance. The children we serve, customers at Bargains, and the community all benefit from good leadership.

The next issue will be a look back at the first year in our new building. Your stories, photos and reflections are welcome!



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

This month's focus is on leadership. As I see it, all Assistance League® members are leaders. I see it every day whether it is in Bargains, Operation School Bell, Betty Bradstreet and all committees. When you get to know our members, you will find that in their previous lives, they were teachers, principals, medical professionals, vice presidents of major companies, government officials, and even a race car driver. Your charge is to find out who that person is and let me know. Our ladies and gentlemen come from a varied background. But what I have found is that they are all skilled at working together for our common goal. There is not a day that goes by that I am not amazed what our all volunteer organization does. I am reminded of what Margaret Mead said.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever does.

The Assistance League® Tulsa is changing lives every day. At the February 11th Chapter meeting, we honored our Community All Stars. These are people or companies who have helped the Assistance League Tulsa. We appreciate them and what they have done for us.

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Paul Greek—Building Consultant. Paul has helped with our former building, working to get it sold. With his wife, Ginny Greek.



Aaron Curtis—501tech Aaron supports our Information Technology systems. Introduced by Marianne Pickering.



Melanie Wignall—Wignall Productions Inc. Melanie created and manages our webpage. With Donna Spielman.



Mary Williams-Henderson—Scholastic Book Fair. Mary provides the books for Operation School Bell®. With Mary Sue Whitney.

Elaine Biles, Debbie Morgan, Julie Gertner—Country Antiques and Estate Sales. Remaining items from their sales are gathered by the Estate Sale Committee and sold through Bargains. (Pris Brown presented their certificate at their home, due to illness.)

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Angels and All-Stars, Continued



Dave Muller—Dave Muller Photography. Dave had a showing of his wildlife pictures at the Circle Cinema, and donated 25% of the sales to Operation School Bell® With Bridget Muller and Sam Keel.



Randy Elliott and Mary Brannin-Elliott—HALO Branded Solutions. Randy supplies and delivers the uniform shirts to the middle school and Operation School Bell®.



Diane Clark and Benjamin Taylor—Mustard Seed Consignment. Bargains receives furniture that consignors don't want back. With Linda Atwater.



Phil Carnahan-Graphics Specialist. Phil made the certificates for today's guests. With his wife, Marva



Fellowship Lutheran Church—donation. They requested a donation from their church got a \$1,000 donation. The church presented them the check before the congregation. With Mary Peterson, Ginny Greek, Marilyn Brill and Julie Brockmeier. These ladies were "angels".

Not pictured: Sue Warner, Susan Bey, Audrey Kittelson, and Donna Glocker.

Donations

Letter Campaign Donations

Ben and Pat Abney

Anonymous—in honor of Loretta Raschen

Bryan Close—in honor of Phyllis Dotson

Larry and Susan Johnston

Marwin and Nan Kemp

Marian and Jim McCarthy

Jon and Patty Phillips

Ashley Porto—in honor of Phyllis Dotson

Davie and Carolyn Watts

Grants

The Donald E. & Cassie L. Temple Foundation



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.

Operation School Bell—

Sam Keel

Operation School Bell® is a perfect place to realize that Leadership is more than a role or assignment.

To us, leadership means guidance and foresight. We hope, by example, to impress on the children and adults that we serve, how empowering confidence and self-assurance can be. Leadership is more successful with mutual respect. We show those we work with respect by learning what they need to gain self confidence and knowledge. Then, providing assistance in a way that allows them to appreciate and reciprocate respectfully.

Basic leadership goes further than “showing the way”. It is more of a supporting role. The leader is made stronger by the appreciation and reliance of those that he leads. Any person performs more strongly, knowing they have a strong support system that allows them to thrive and perform more confidently. Children, especially, learn by example and will realize they can go on themselves as stronger leaders.

Online Feedback on Bargains

Beautiful — you have things displayed beautifully and the changing room was spacious. Everyone goes out of their way to be helpful. Appreciate you all so much. You are my clothing and book source.



Betty Bradstreet —*Marva Carnahan*

Visits to Betty Bradstreet recipient schools continue. To visit any of these schools, call or email the school contact person.

4/1 10:05 am Rita Coblenz, Music. Cherokee Elem., 600 S Cherokee St, Catoosa, Ok. Contact: Betsy Manis email: betsymanis7@cox.net 918-852-1749.

4/3 10:20 am Andrea DuVall, Music. Robertson Elem., 2721 W 50th St, Tulsa. Contact: Nancy Kirby—email: nancykirby@aol.com, 918-231-9549.

4/3 1:10 pm Walter Klosowski, Music, Mitchell. Elem., 733 N. 73rd E. Ave, Tulsa. Contact: Nancy Kirby email: nancykirby@aol.com

4/4 12:00pm-1:15 Ryan Lowe, Band Director and Daniel Anderson, Art, Rogers High School, 3909 E 5th St., Tulsa. Contact: Marva Carnahan email: marvacarnahan@yahoo.com

4/12 8:54 am-12:28 pm. Jennifer Brown, Jennifer Deal and Brett Gray, Art teachers, Broken Arrow High School 1901 E. Albany St. Contact: Jan Reynolds email: grammyjan@cox.net or 918-808-1051

Note: Due to event conflicts, this visit may be rescheduled .

4/18 1:30 pm Stephanie Southern, Art, Country Lane Primary School, 301 E. Omaha St., Broken Arrow. Contact: Pat Banzhof email: pabanzhof@cox.net or 713-817-8211.

4/25 6:00 pm Keven Pearson, Drama, “Honk” dress rehearsal, Memorial High School, 5840 S. Hudson. Contact: Nancy Anderson email: nancya48@aol.com.

4/26 7:00 pm “Honk”, a musical production of The Ugly Duckling. Kevin Pearson, director, Memorial High School, 5840 S. Hudson. 8 complimentary tickets are available. Contact: Marva Carnahan 918-637-1135.

Mental Health—*Ginny Greek*

Mental Health is winding down the fiscal year with the purchase of an ice machine for Denver House. The machine was installed and ready for the hot summer temperatures. Denver House is a drop-in facility for the homeless to get a cup of coffee or a cold drink of water. It serves as a warm place to go in cold weather and a cool place to go in hot weather. Bargains also donates clothing that we cannot sell in the store, through the Waste Not program. Cost of the machine plus installation was \$2,052.99. As one client said, “This is my home away from homelessness”. The hours of operation are Tuesday—Saturday 11:00am to 6:00 pm.

We also provided 100 bath towels, 120 washcloths, and 100 pillows to be divided between Yale Apartments, Altamont, and Walker Hall. These items were greatly appreciated.

Bargains will be buzzing the next couple of Mondays with clients from the Mental Health community coming to the store for fittings for the annual fashion show. Clients can either model the clothing they get from AST or they can present a talent. The purpose of this annual event is to build self-esteem in the clients. The show is always a success. This year, it will be held next door, in the Mental Health Building, on May 10th. I encourage ALT members to attend; you will not be disappointed. They always reserve a bank of seats for ALT members.

It’s been a great year to be a blessing to the homeless community. Mental Health appreciates the great partnership with Assistance League® of Tulsa.

-*Ginny Greek*



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Look at the amazing recent additions at Bargains!

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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