



# Assistance League® Tulsa

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

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## AL Tulsa Spotlights Fashion, Fun and Service



Assistance League® Tulsa and Bargains Thrift Shop were featured at LIFE Senior Services' annual **Senior Safety and Lifestyle Fair**. This premiere senior event, held at Expo Square, promotes health and safety, active aging, independent living for older adults and support for family care givers. This year's Fair attracted an estimated 1,500 visitors in attendance.

Since 1989, AL Tulsa has partnered with LIFE Senior Services, providing essential items for homebound clients and social activities at their three Adult Day Centers. Unsaleable items from Bargains Thrift Shop are shared with LIFE PACE through our Waste Not program. PACE offers services and goods to low-income seniors so they may remain in their homes.

Style Show emcee Karen Larsen, KJRH Channel 2 news anchor, enthusiastically promoted AL Tulsa and what we do. Highlighting merchandise from our resale shop, she spread the message that fashion can be affordable and purchases support programs that help all ages in our local community. Thank you, Karen!

More photos of our sensational AL Tulsa models follow on page 8. A video featuring the Bargains Style Show can be viewed on the LIFE Senior Services' Facebook posted on July 19.



(Top) AL Tulsa sponsored a resource table at the Fair offering information about our programs and volunteer opportunities.

(Above) President Kim Campbell, Pat Banzhof, featured emcee Karen Larson, and Style Show director Dayon Smith.

(Left) Models graced the runway wearing fashions from Bargains Thrift Shop. A show of hands revealed half of the audience was learning about Bargains and AL Tulsa for the first time!



## Assistance League® Tulsa

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## CAN YOU LEND A HAND?

Fostering Connections (formerly TAPC) is a non-profit organization that supports local foster families and is one of AL Tulsa's Community Action Programs. The mission of Fostering Connections is to improve the lives of abused and neglected children in Tulsa and contiguous counties by providing resources and building community.

Fostering Connections is sponsoring a **Back 2 School 2021** event at the **Gathering Place** on **August 5<sup>th</sup>** from **5:00pm to 8:00 pm**. Assistance League® Tulsa has been asked to partner by providing school uniforms (TPS students), shoes and coats. Oklahoma's First Lady Sara Stitt will attend the event which promises fun, food and school supplies. The day of the event, appointments will be scheduled at an Assistance League® table. Registered children and their fostering family will come to our OSB Activity Room the following week to be given the selected items. We anticipate that 500 - 700 children will be scheduled to participate. If you are interested in helping provide the clothing to these children during second week of August, please contact Julie Burton to sign up.

### Your hands (and heart) are needed!

Deloris Taylor

Fostering Connections chair

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Summer in Oklahoma reminds me of why I love autumn in Oklahoma! The heat is replaced by crisp fall mornings. It just seems easier to be out and activity is buzzing. The same can be said here at Assistance League® Tulsa. Operation School Bell® starts up during this time but so do our other programs, not to mention Letter Campaign and Chapter Luncheons. It is great to see friends and catch up on all that we missed.

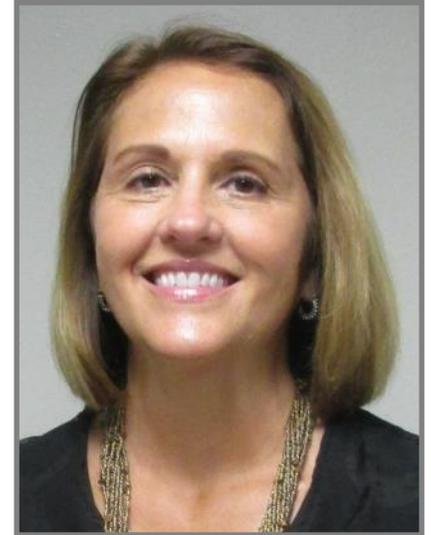
I hope everyone has had a chance to meet our new administrative assistant, Trina Huguenard. Stop by the office when you are in the building and say hello. She began with us the first part of June. She has experience in working in the non-profit area. She will order supplies, support the Letter Campaign/grants and all programming, handle website issues, organize communication to members and donors, help with building management, and assist members as needed in the important work we do.

Our building is open and we currently are not requiring masks for members or visitors. To be sure, it is always acceptable to wear a mask if you feel that is best for your situation. These guidelines could change as the situation warrants. Assistance League® Tulsa will follow the lead of the city of Tulsa government and Tulsa Health Department recommendations. The health and wellbeing of our members and patrons will be the primary focus as we continue through the pandemic. *\*The CDC guidelines recommend that non-vaccinated people wear masks AND, as of 7/28, that even high risk vaccinated people wear masks in public/crowded places.*

Chapter luncheons will return in September unless the shifting environment prevents it. The luncheon committee has been busy planning and gearing up for our monthly gathering. We are so fortunate to have the same caterers and the charge should remain at \$10. Mark your calendars now.

On a personal note, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your president. It is an honor and I am grateful for the support. I am looking forward to returning to more "normal" operations however, we will adjust as we must. Hopefully we will be able to not only meet the obligations we have made to our partners but to expand where needed. The COVID pandemic has made things very hard for many of our neighbors. Because of excellent stewardship and the wisdom of our membership we are in an excellent position to aid the Tulsa area citizens (especially the children) as we try to recover from a difficult year and a half. AL Tulsa wants to positively affect our community and assist those who are vulnerable and may need a hand. Each of you is important to getting that job done!

Looking forward to an exciting year,



## Meet Trina Huguenard

Assistance League® Tulsa hires an Administrative Assistant!

Trina Huguenard has called Tulsa home for over 25 years, but is originally from Vale, Colorado where she grew up in the hospitality industry. After a career in hotel management focusing on customer service, Trina's heart led her into the non-profit sector. She most recently worked for Opportunity Project, a non-profit supported by the George Kaiser Family Foundation that serves TPS students through a variety of afterschool programs.

Trina will staff our AL Tulsa office Monday through Friday. In her free time, Trina enjoys reading, gardening and travel. Welcome aboard, Trina.

## PASSING THE TORCH: 2021 AL Tulsa Annual Meeting



Annual Meeting is a time to celebrate our many accomplishments and to look forward to the future. 2020-2021 proved a year filled with both unique challenges and rewarding successes. Congratulations to everyone at AL Tulsa for our resiliency, creativity and dedicated service to our community.

← Newly installed President-elect Pat Banzhof, current Past President Yolanda Taylor and AL Tulsa's 2021-2022 President Kim Campbell. Thank you for your outstanding leadership!



AL Tulsa's 2021 Annual Meeting and Luncheon assembled our membership together in a way we have been unable to gather for over a year. Held at Tulsa Country Club, the atmosphere was filled with camaraderie, long anticipated hugs and spirited conversations. Many thanks to Barbara Walters, Elisabeth Harrington and the hospitality committee for arranging such a memorable event.



### Assistance League® Tulsa 2021 - 2022 Board of Directors

(Left to Right) Laurie Brumbaugh, Amy McAbee, Patti Ross, Elisabeth Harrington, Paula Naylor, Donna Spielman, Barbara Walters, Julie Burton, Cathy LeMaire, Pat Banzhof, Sam Keel, President Kim Campbell, Marsha Darden, Yolanda Taylor Not pictured: Julie Guy

By Julie Burton

Where did the summer go?? School will start on Thursday, August 19 for TPS, and we have work to do to get ready. The Fostering Connections event (see Page 2) has added some extra layers, but I know what great workers you all are and Operation School Bell® will be ready to roll!

**Monday August 16, at 9:30 am**, we'll have a little training and updates in the Activity Room. The Clothing Checklist has been revised and should eliminate some of the confusion families experienced last year. We are also making some changes in what clothing the children will receive.

Tulsa Public Schools has indicated children would be allowed to come to our building, but since the virus numbers are going up, we will continue the process developed last year – filling the bags and having them delivered to the schools.

**We have openings in our OSB team** – we need some help with shoes and other leader spots. It would be helpful to have at least two people for all these positions, so that we can divide the labor. It's also more fun when you're working with a partner. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on the OSB leadership team.

Be sure and check SignUp Genius to select a volunteer opportunity. We'll need lots of help filling the student clothing bags, restocking, and other projects.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Julie Burton, Chair



## OSB Shoes Needs You!



Grab an AL Tulsa friend (or two) and become leaders for Operation School Bell® shoes. Coordinate the purchase, stocking and inventory of new shoes for kids who need happy feet. We have an excellent vendor who is easy to work with!

Paula Naylor is looking for help this year and will mentor and train volunteers to take over OSB shoes in 2022-2023. Learn the process from the beginning. Step up to Shoes!

If you are interested in joining the shoe team, contact Julie Burton or Paula Naylor.



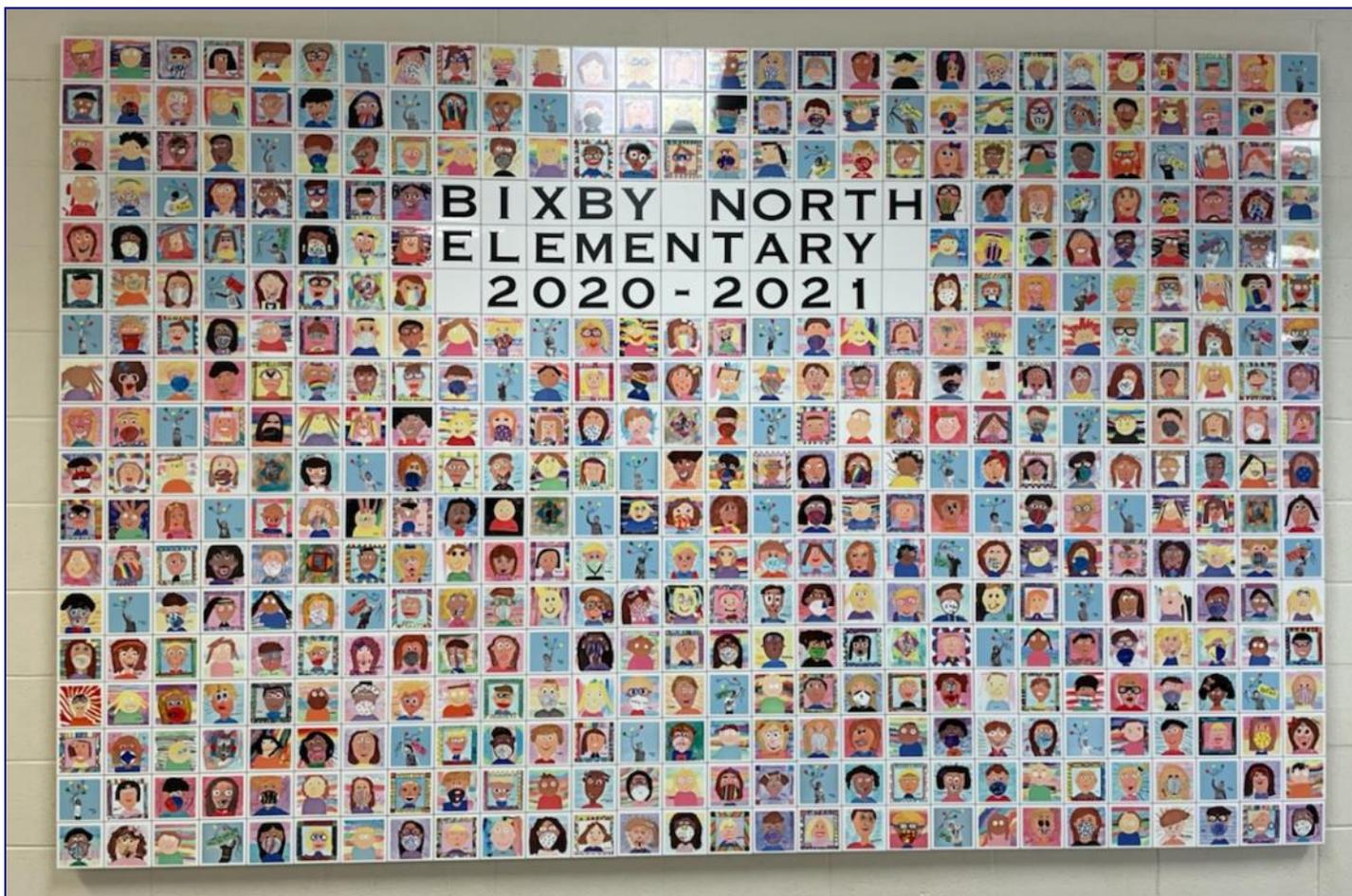
## Community Action Programs



In 2020, AL Tulsa initiated a new partnership with the Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. It is the mission of the Alliance to build broad, deep and innovative STEM pathways for all students to access high-impact careers.

AL Tulsa's STEM committee has a whopping 30 members eager to help the STEM Alliance meet their needs and goals for the upcoming school year. When we get "in gear", more information will follow.

Nancy Sacra, STEM chair



## OUR FUTURE'S FACES

Stephanie Long, art teacher at Bixby North Elementary received a Betty Bradstreet Arts Education Award for 450 students to draw a self-portrait which was then turned into a ceramic tile. The students read "The Colors of Us" by Karen Katz and painted the color of their skin. This large scale collaborative project will hang in the school to celebrate and unify all of the students' individualities and commonalities. ~ Betsy Manis

## Mark Your Calendar

Betty Bradstreet Arts Education Award committee will hold its first meeting on **Tuesday, August 24 at 10am** in the OSB activity room. Please contact Kathy Stephen at [bettybradstreet@altulsa.org](mailto:bettybradstreet@altulsa.org) if you are interested in serving on this committee.

We are looking forward to another successful year as we provide funding for individual classroom projects to fine arts educators in Tulsa Public Schools as well as the surrounding school districts. Many thanks to Betsy Manis, outgoing chairman, for her outstanding work the past two years. Through her efforts, teachers are now able to apply for the Betty Bradstreet Arts Education Award online through our excellent website. Over the past difficult school year, Assistance League® Tulsa was able to award \$89,173 to 55 teachers (29 TPS and 26 area districts) benefitting 15,559 students! Award monies were used to purchase a variety of items, including theatre set supplies, traveling art cart, shade cloth for outdoor classroom, art drawing tablets, sewing machine, printing press and more.

Kathy Stephen, Betty Bradstreet Arts Education Awards chair

Assistance League® Tulsa thanks the following people for their generous contributions in the second half of April through the first half of July 2021

- Martha Alford
- Marty and Sue Banschbach
- James and Marilyn Brill
- Ken Busby
- Thomas and Karla Campbell
- Joe and Patty Cappy
- Deloris Beaty
- Bob and Janice Ehrle
- Patricia Fischer
- Julie Guy
- Janet Holland
- Jean Hunter
- Robert and Margie Kahle
- Wayne and Anne Kindrick
- Carmen Kinsey
- Tom and Nancy Kirby
- Joseph and Nancy McDonald
- LeRoy and Glenna Morrison
- Sammie and Dorothy Mosier
- James and Paula Naylor
- Dick and Martha Nichols
- Denise Phillips
- Judy Roberts
- Alan Siegert
- Herb and Mary Sue Whitney
- Mollie B. Williford
- Carol Woods

### Grants and Gifts

- Bank of America
- C.L. Richards Foundation
- Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation
- Maxine and Jack Zarrow Family Foundation

## Community Partnerships



### Building Readers, Thinkers and Leaders

Gaining Ground is a non-profit whose purpose is to close the literacy gap by providing students with access to high interest books and literacy supports throughout the summer months. As part of our annual Action Week children's book drive, AL Tulsa supplied Gaining Ground with over 200 books to share with children in underserved neighborhoods.

(Above) AL Tulsa's Brenda Dinan helps Lisa Shotts, Gaining Ground executive director and Kirby Mackenzie, assistant director load books into their newly refurbished book bus.

Looking good Gaining Ground!



AL Tulsa donated art supplies to LIFE Senior Services' three Adult Day Centers. Pictured are President Kim Campbell, Simone Harrison from LIFE, and co-chairs Liz McDoulett and Sharon Atcheson.



***“Do My Little Turn on the Catwalk”***

**Many thanks to organizers and models of the  
Bargains Style Show**

**Sharon Atcheson & Liz McDoulett  
Co-chairs LIFE Senior Services**

**Dayon Smith  
Artistic Director**

**Jeanne Brixey  
Assistance Director**

**Models**

**Pat Banzhof  
Pam Brewley  
Marla Brierly  
Julie Brockmeier  
Kim Campbell  
Virginia Cohlma  
Diana Earl  
Emily Huguenard  
Trina Huguenard  
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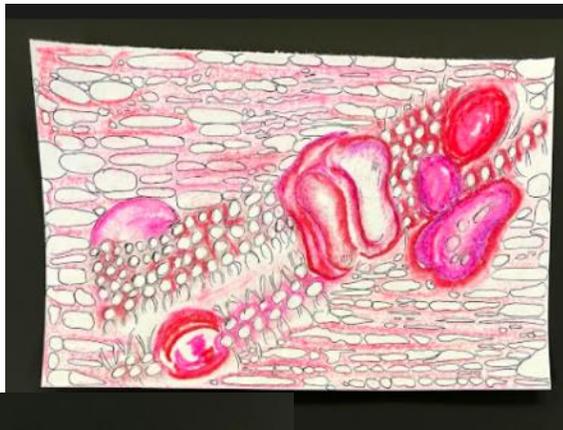
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WHEN  
SCIENCE  
MEETS  
ART



Student artwork supported by a Betty Bradstreet Arts Education Award to teacher Leslie Rowland at Sequoyah Middle School in Broken Arrow. These drawing are of cells.

When Science meets Art, amazing things happen!

### Our Values

#### Commitment

showing compassion for all

#### Accountability

being fiscally responsible to our donors & our community

#### Leadership

demonstrating professionalism that is visionary & ethical

#### Respect

appreciating & considering others

#### Self-esteem

enhancing success in the people we serve