This cute teddy bear, donated by Assistance League, was given to comfort a little boy in July 2014 when he came into the Children’s Emergency Department. In October 2015, he was back with another broken leg and brought his teddy bear with him. When WakeMed’s Erin Phillips walked into his room to provide support, she immediately recognized the AL Bear. The boy’s mom said that this special bear was the first show-and-tell object taken to his pre-school and “Brown Bear” goes everywhere. You can clearly see how loved “Brown Bear” has been! In addition to teddy bears, Assistance League provides books, magazines, games, and treasure chest toys to the young patients in the Children’s Emergency Department at WakeMed.

Operation School Bell® had another big year of providing new clothing, shoes, as well as, health and schools supplies to triangle-area students. During the 2014-2015 school year, 1579 children at 22 schools were served in Wake, Durham and Orange Counties. There are several ways that our services reach the students most in need for new clothing.

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Additionally, Assistance League responds to the needs of the McKinney-Vento coordinators for students in Durham and Wake Counties to assist homeless families with displaced children at various schools. On average, each student served by our program receives $72 worth of much-needed school-appropriate apparel and supplies.

Some of the annual highlights include:

- In-school delivery to 932 children at 14 schools
- In-store shopping for 466 children at 8 schools
- Clothing, shoes, and/or hygiene kits to 111 homeless children
- Gently used clothing for clothes closets for 70 children
- Backpacks with school supplies for over 600 students

Support the philanthropic programs.
Visit our thrift shop!

A - Z Thrift Shop
1621 N Market Drive, Raleigh
919-875-8901
Hours: Wed.-Fri. 10-5 Sat. 10-4
McDonald’s Makes Donation to Operation School Bell®

Assistance League was awarded a $28,800 grant from the Ronald McDonald House Charities of North Carolina (RMHC of NC). McDonald’s representative Gaffney Gunter Jr. presented the grant check.

The grant will support our signature program, Operation School Bell. Since 1998, Assistance League has provided new clothing and shoes to children in Wake, Durham and Orange Counties in the Operation School Bell program.

“We're so thankful to Ronald McDonald House Charities of North Carolina for giving us this opportunity”, said Phyllis Sullivan. “We firmly believe in the mission of our program and we’re excited that RMHC of NC believes in it as well.”

What We Did: (fiscal year-end 5/31/15)

$136,000 awarded in the Scholarships program

1,579 students clothed by Operation School Bell®

9,239 women & family members were provided Assault Survivor Kits®, lunches & personal items by the Women in Need program

48,000 young patients touched by Kid’s Place at WakeMed program

1,460 books collected on Make a Difference Day

1,091 individuals clothed by redistributing apparel to several clothing closets

Who We Are:

100% volunteers with no paid staff members

85 active members in 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

$220,000 annual gross sales by the volunteer-operated A-Z Thrift Shop

25,560 volunteer hours contributed to the local community

Board of Directors 2015-2016

President – Phyllis Sullivan
President-Elect – Janice Carlton
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What a tremendous year for scholarships! Thanks to two substantial grants and the hard work of our members at the thrift shop, we were able to award $136,000 to local students. The amounts of the scholarships ranged from $1,250 - $9,750.

$136,000 Scholarship Breakdown

- $60,500 - 11 Returning Assistance League Scholarship Recipients
- $55,000 - 12 High School Seniors from 9 Triangle Area Schools
- $20,500 - 7 Students - Technical, Healthcare or Single Working Parent

Scholar Spotlight: Zena Jeffers, Two Time Scholarship Recipient

Like most college freshmen, Zena Jeffers had a chance to learn from a variety of new experiences such as living with a roommate, joining new clubs and attending campus-wide events plus balancing time and money. Zena discovered that her part-time job in Raleigh was no longer an option from NC A&T State University. Never one to back down from a challenge, Zena, not only set her budget, she made certain she was “on the right path,” by using the Office of Financial Aid as a resource and checking to see if she “had it right.” Now, so confident of her money management skills and the pleasure it brought, Zena has decided to add a concentration in Finance to her Business Management degree. She also figured out that attending summer school will allow her to graduate earlier than planned and stretch her funding while still letting her have an enjoyable college experience.

“I will be studying abroad next semester with help from the scholarship you gave me. I will be studying in Cyprus for the Spring 2016 semester! My studies will consist of economic trends, business communication, statistics, and hopefully a few language lessons (the island speaks both Latin and Turkish). Without you [Assistance League], I would not have this opportunity.” -Zena Jeffers

Scholarship Recipient Sarah Summers’ Parents Express Gratitude

“Wow! We are speechless. We are so appreciative and humbled. We had seriously considered letting her, either go to Wake Tech for 2 years and then transfer to Wingate [University] or not go to college at all for a year and work to save up more money. Now, she can go straight from high school to WU, follow her dream… and not have to worry about how we are going to pay for college.

More Appreciative Than We Can Ever Express, Dan & Sherry”
Mary Thompson states that Nursing School has been the greatest blessing in her life. She has enjoyed every aspect of her studies and she is determined that all of the hidden expenses (uniforms, supplies, and transportation) associated with such a program would not deter her. Mary has found that this field of study has allowed her to prepare for her future while better understanding family illnesses as well. She has remained focused and is excited as she plans to march across the graduation stage in May 2016.

Looking for ways to declutter and support outstanding Assistance League Scholarship Recipients like these?

Make Donations to Assistance League’s A - Z Thrift Shop!

Donate gently-used items to A-Z Thrift Shop such as furniture, décor, household items, linens, books, toys and seasonal items. Check out our website for a list of unacceptable items: www.altriangle.org/a-z-thrift-shop/

Drop off donations at 1621 N. Market Drive during business hours or call 919-875-8901 for pick-up service of larger furniture. Business Hours: Wed. - Fri. 10-5 & Sat. 10-4
Looking for even more ways to support your community through Assistance League programs?

Provide Financial Support
Send monetary donations to:
Assistance League of the Triangle Area
P.O. Box 98477
Raleigh, NC 27624

Or click the DONATE NOW button on our website homepage
www.altriangle.org

Or email information regarding grant opportunities to info@altriangle.org.

Join Us!
Email the membership committee at
join@altriangle.org
or stop by the Thrift Shop
to talk to one of our helpful volunteers.

Start online shopping at our website
www.altriangle.org & click-through to
Amazon. The icon is located in the top right corner of the homepage.
Just by clicking-through, Amazon will
send us a percentage of your purchase.

Link your Kroger Plus card to Assistance League.
Go to: krogercommunityrewards.com
Sign in using your Kroger account #. Enter Assistance League’s code 94400 to get linked.

Each time you shop & use your Kroger Plus Card, Assistance League programs will receive a percentage of your purchase. Thank you!

100% of your donations stay in the triangle area!

Thank you to the following organizations for their generous support!

Funds and Grants:
Gipson Family Foundation
Cary Community Foundation
Kids ‘N Community Foundation
Bank of North Carolina
Pest Pros
IBM
Capital Area Decorative Artists
Kisco Cares
Wake Electric Care Foundation
Ronald McDonald House
Charities of North Carolina

In-Kind Donations:
NVIDIA Corporation & employees
Dr. Robert A. Bailey, Access Family Dental Care
Carolina Arbors
Carolina Preserves Cares
Discovery Child Development Center
### Statement of Financial Position

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### Statement of Activities

#### SUPPORT & REVENUES

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#### EXPENSES

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*Thrift Shop expenses are occupancy costs only. There are no labor costs nor cost of goods sold. The A-Z Thrift Shop sustains itself and all monetary donations go directly to Philanthropic Programs.*

Our reserve policy is to retain one year operating expenses. Complete Financial Statements for the year-ending May 31, 2015 are available upon request.

Julia Wells, Treasurer
Mission Statement
Assistance League of the Triangle Area is a volunteer organization dedicated to improving the lives of women, children, and families in our community.

Vision
Caring and commitment in action in our community

Values
Commitment and accountability

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