



Assistance League® of the Triangle Area

Philanthropic Program Highlights for 2017-18



- **Operation School Bell®** is the signature program. All chapters participated in this program in some fashion. Assistance League provided for **2,719 elementary students** in **24 schools** in Wake, Durham and Orange Counties. Children received new clothing, shoes, backpacks, school supplies and health items. The program operates in two formats. The in-school format includes bulk clothes purchasing, packaging and delivery accompanied by measuring students' feet and delivery of new shoes. The in-store shopping format allows pre-screened families to select much needed clothing and shoes with the help of the Assistance League members. Homeless students in Wake and Durham counties were given clothing and hygiene kits.
- **Women in Need (WIN)** is designed to help homeless and women in crisis with personal care items, laundry vouchers, bus tickets and other items as needed. Assistance League works with The Women's Center of Wake County to improve the lives of women. Through InterAct, Assault Survivor Kits® are provided for women who have been abused and/or sexually assaulted. The recent collaboration with Carroll's Kitchen gave volunteers an opportunity to offer assistance to homeless women moving into a house by providing furniture, home décor items and home improvements. Annually, the chapter provided support for **4,375 women**.
- **Kid's Place at WakeMed** Pediatric Emergency Department was created and maintained by the Triangle chapter. It is a true oasis for children being treated at the emergency department. Assistance League supplies games, books, toys and furnishings for over **45,000 children** that visit the facility each year, as well as, **1,500 teddy bears** for the children that need an extra element of comfort. Additionally, a treasure chest was established and the chapter continues to provide a supply of small toys and stickers for distribution to young patients and their siblings.
- **The Scholarship program** awards scholarships to students in need of financial assistance who will attend North Carolina colleges, universities and technical schools. In May, the organization presented **\$144,000** to **34 students**. Scholarships are offered in several categories to high school seniors, single working parents, students entering health care fields, students attending technical schools and returning scholars that have received a scholarship in the previous year.
- **SMILE (Senior Multi-Interest Lifetime Enrichment)** was designed to increase interaction with senior citizens in the community for mutual education and enrichment. SMILE at Abbotswood provides an opportunity to visit, share ideas and interests with residents who knit scarves for elementary students in the Operation School Bell program.
- **Community Sharing** is an effort to work with other local nonprofit organizations by redistributing gently used items that are non-saleable or are in excess at the Thrift Shop. This program provided **clothing for 1,161 individuals** at a clothing closet, **vases for 106 clients** at a flower recycler and **three books each for 130 children** at a mobile classroom.

