2012-2013 Letter from the President

What a year! As I reflect back, I liken the Assistance League of Seattle's year to the classic children's book "The Little Engine that Could". Each year seems to get more challenging with increasing demand for our services and less available money from which to pull. The recession did not help. But each year we serve more kids by providing school clothing, support more deserving students to advance their education at community colleges, and send more kids to summer enrichment camps. What an extraordinary group of volunteers and community supporters! Together, we got that train up and over the hill.

We are all busy with life, whether it is with work, school, raising kids, getting or staying healthy, retired or juggling several of these things at the same time. However, you have chosen to give back to your community by supporting Assistance League of Seattle in one way or another. Each effort of support is important, truly makes a difference, and really impacts our deserving programs. This past school year, our return to community was 82.1%, which is phenomenal. We achieved that by staying lean and sticking to our mission, putting caring and commitment into action. This is how children feel more secure in school and decide to stay there and concentrate on school work, how kids follow their dream to become an artist, a dancer, a musician, and how young adults choose to better themselves through education. So thank you for your dedication, time, money, and effort.

Membership has its privileges, which means that members have a say in the direction of the organization so that we can stay nimble to the needs of the community. You can help us to continue to meet these needs by joining us, volunteering, or giving generously. The demand for help never ceases, and we are up for the challenge. I think we can! I think we can! I KNOW WE CAN!

It has been a pleasure,

Becky Bates Shull
President

Our Philanthropic Programs

Operation School Bell

New clothing does more than keep kids warm and looking tidy; new clothing makes them feel better about themselves, and thus better about attending school. Operation School Bell is Assistance League of Seattle’s primary philanthropic program. Last year we clothed 1,372 Seattle School District Elementary students.

Working with Seattle Public Schools’ Family Support Workers, who bring children in need to the Operation School Bell house in Wallingford, volunteers help each child choose a brand new school wardrobe, including a warm jacket, a backpack and a shoe voucher.

Financial Aid for Education

The goal of Financial Aid for Education is to award scholarships to community college and vocational/technical students who wish to pursue higher education but can’t afford to do it on their own. We were able to fully fund tuition and books for 18 low-income adult community college students throughout this past year, for a total of $50,800! Six students have since completed their studies at the community college level and are either continuing their education at a university or are starting their careers. After interviewing a recent applicant and telling her that she was accepted to receive the Financial Aid for Education scholarship, she was so thankful and overjoyed that she burst into tears. We were all moved and will never forget the experience.

Enrichment Scholarship Program

Our Enrichment Scholarship Program offers scholarships to Seattle School District students in grades 6-11 for extracurricular programs such as art, computer science, drama, journalism, math, music, science and outdoor experiences. Last year we were able to award full or partial scholarships to 84 students, totaling $33,000. The recipients ranged from high achieving students interested in music, dance and leadership programs to special education students who were excited to attend an outdoor camp and experience being away from home on their own for the very first time.
How We Fund Our Philanthropy

Thrift Shop
The Assistance League of Seattle Thrift Store provides funds for our various philanthropic programs, bringing in $74,000 last year! The shop is evolving with the times and attempting to keep up with what our customers want. The Thrift Store provides a nice “boutique” alternative to the larger thrift store chains, and our volunteers make the shop a warm, welcome place to visit. Our customers come from near and far for the quality adult clothing, jewelry, collectibles and small household items, and it’s all for a great cause!

Fundraising
Last year’s annual auction was a smashing success, bringing in a grand net total of over $73,000. That’s over $20,000 more than last year! A heartfelt “Thank You” to member and Auction Chair Deborah Spenser for her tremendous efforts at creating this successful event!

More than $3,350 was brought in this year from fundraising events at local businesses such as Jack Jerome, 50 North, and the Paint Town. Donations and Grants totaled $6,700, including $10,000 each from the Amgen, Medina and Lockwood Foundations. We are very grateful to all of our contributors, and we proudly list their names on this and the next page:

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- City People’s Mercantile
- - Medinah Foundation
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- MetroPlains
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- Auction 2012

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- Michaela Villacott
- Nancy Walker
- Dr. Lois Waltz
- Christina Wilinee
- Carol Whilke
- Angela Wilson & Alar Baer
- Margaret Wirt
- Shimi Woods
- Julie Ziegler

Special Memories

One of our new Financial Aid for Education Scholarship recipients, Aman Fissehaye, came to the US in 2010 as a refugee from Eritrea. Leaving his family behind, he arrived with nothing. Starting as a volunteer at UW Hospital, he worked his way into a paid position. Aman sends money back to support his entire family in Eritrea. The Financial Aid for Education scholarship has enabled Aman to attend Bellevue College, where he is pursuing his Associate of Arts Degree in Radiologic Technology.

While interviewing for the scholarship at Operation School Bell, Aman met four Eritrean siblings who were receiving brand new school wardrobes. They had a lively conversation in their native tongue and exchanged contact information. We all were excited to see the potential for friendship and brotherhood here in our community, brought together by the efforts of the Assistance League of Seattle.
Members:

Janie Andrews
Heather Baker
Wendy Bambrick
Pat Bates
Becky Bates-Shull
Stacy Bean
Bly Berken
Loretta/Elaine
Elissa Beague
Marci Burns
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Lynn Power
Debi Preston
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Theresa Roberts
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Elaine Say
Carol Singer
Carrie Steen

Financial Summary

Supporting Service Expenses 15.9%
Membership Development Services 2%
Return to the Community 82.1%

2012-2013 Board and Committee Chairs:

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Kathy Trombauer
Cathy Stanford
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Sara Lewis
Deborah Spenser
Chuck Martin

Honored for their work

All of our members work hard to achieve the goals of ALS. From June 2012 – May 2013, 87 members invested 27,560 hours of service at a value of $22.34 per service hour, for a total contribution value of $615,690.

The following volunteers were recognized this year with awards for their extraordinary efforts:

Susan B. Suhodolnik Award–
-Mel Vannice and Marilyn Jones, Thrift Shop Co-Chairs

Ada Edwards Laughlin Award
Sara Lewis, OSB and Thrift Shop volunteer extraordinaire

President’s All Star Award(s)
Charlie Lewis, resident handyman and tireless ALS volunteer
Deborah Spenser, Auction Chair and IT Liaison

Mel Vannice
Marilyn Jones
Charlie and Sara Lewis
Deborah Spenser

Financial Summary

Fiscal Year June 1, 2012 - May 31 2013

Revenues
Net Thrift Shop Revenue
$88,924
Fundraising Events
$76,870
Contributions
$53,803
Member Dues & Other Revenue
$28,207
Contributions/Grants OSB
$6,000
Contributions/Grants FAFE
$4,950
Total Support & Revenue
$261,937

Expenses
Program Services
Operation School Bell
$151,863
Financial Aid for Education
$50,843
Enrichment Scholarships Program
$32,993
Total Program Services
$235,699

Supporting Services
Thrift Store
$27,308
Fundraising
$3,074
Management & General
$15,215
Total Supporting Services
$45,597

Total Operating Expenses
$286,998

Return to the Community
Total program expenses $227,498 divided by total operating expenses $284,408 = 82.1%

Increase (decrease) in Net Assets
($25,061)

Mel Vannice
Marilyn Jones
Sara Lewis

Together with Mel Vannice and Sara Lewis, the Ada Edwards Laughlin Award recognizes the extraordinary efforts of our volunteers and the superlative service they provide. It is truly an honor to have received the Ada Edwards Laughlin Award and President’s 2013 All Star Award. My husband and I enjoy volunteering at ALS and find our time there very rewarding. The group is fantastic and fun. And what ALS does for the community is beyond amazing. We look forward to many more years working with the ALS members!!

Sara and Charlie Lewis