Letter From the President

As I reflect on this year and what we have been able to accomplish together, I am reminded of the many people who work tirelessly to change the lives of people in need. Providing services and aid to thousands of children and adults doesn’t just happen. It requires commitment, it requires funding and it requires action.

Our dedicated member volunteers donated their time, talents, and energy to our philanthropic programs, the people we serve, fundraising, and operating our Thrift Shop. When homeless elementary school children needed clothing, they jumped in and opened our doors to serve them. When some of the community college students we support needed laptops, they reached out to our neighborhood computer store to secure discounted equipment for them.

Our generous donors wrote checks, donated merchandise to our Thrift Shop, responded to grant requests, and provided services and items to our annual fundraising auction. They also shopped at our Thrift Shop, helping us to bring in additional revenue to support our programs. Because of you:

- 1,071 elementary school children in need received new school clothes, backpacks, and shoes so they could focus on learning.
- Fifty nine middle and high schoolers attended enrichment summer camps enhancing their talents and education.
- Twelve students received financial aid to attend community college so they could be competitive in the job market and better their lives.

A heartfelt THANK YOU for making a difference! I hope we, and those we serve, can rely on your continued support.

Sincerely,
Laurie Leland

Funding Our Philanthropy

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is a significant & steady funding source for our philanthropic programs, bringing in $106,666 this year. The Thrift Shop also provides an essential service to the community by offering gently used, quality clothing, jewelry and other merchandise, as a valuable alternative to retail shopping. Your generous donations of home goods continue to help the Thrift Shop thrive.

Annual Auction

Our annual auction, held at the beautiful Sunset Club in Seattle, raised $64,050 this year. Chaired by Carrie Slavin, this seamless event was a smashing success!

Other funding sources include fundraising events, donations from individuals and businesses, grants, and portions of sales from online programs such as Amazon Smile and Goodsearch.com.

Members in Action

A few stand out members achieving results this year: Carrie Slavin: President’s All Star Award recipient for her work on the annual auction.

Susan Sweeney: Ada Edwards Laughlin Award recipient for her tireless support of OSB.

Deborah Spenser: Susan Suhadolnik Memorial Award recipient for her constant and dedicated service to the Assistance League.
Our Philanthropic Programs

Operation School Bell

Imagine a child who has to attend school without the basics such as a warm coat or even socks. The stress of not having adequate school clothes affects a child’s self esteem and impacts their ability to focus on learning. This year, 1,071 children walked through our doors. They left with smiles on their faces and shopping bags full of clothing essentials. The decline in children from previous years is directly related to the downsizing of Family Support Workers in Seattle Public Schools. We are actively searching for creative solutions to getting the kids who need us, to our facility. We know the need is there, so we’ll continue to find ways to clothe Seattle’s most needy children through Operation School Bell.

Enrichment Scholarship Program

Since 2008, Assistance League’s Enrichment Scholarship program has given students an opportunity to explore their talents by attending summer camps in a variety of fields including music, art, science, leadership, mathematics, and technology. This year, we sent 59 excited kids to camp by granting scholarships to 51 middle school children and 8 high school students.

Financial Aid for Education

The road to a college education isn’t always easy and sometimes motivation to attend just isn’t enough. We fully funded tuition and books for twelve community college students this year. Four will be graduating next spring. Since 1967, ALS has provided financial assistance to hardworking young adults in fields such as accounting, business, nursing, graphic design, computer science, dental hygiene, and culinary arts. Our biggest challenge going forward, is keeping up with the rising cost of college.

Financial Summary

Fiscal Year June 1, 2014 - May 31, 2015

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**Return to the Community**

Total program expenses $245,803 divided by total operating expenses $291,942 = 84.2%

Increase (decrease) in Net Assets $35,248

Assistance League: At a Glance!

Assistance League of Seattle

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Caring and Commitment in Action