March 2021

Marilyn Flynn, National Advisory Council

The national office is pleased to announce that Marilyn Flynn, PhD, has joined the National Advisory Council of Assistance League. Dr. Flynn is currently co-chair of the Grand Challenges for Social Work, a national initiative that relies on innovations in science to address large-scale societal problems. She was Dean of the Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work at the University of Southern California for over two decades until her retirement in 2018.

Dr. Flynn's experience with volunteer organizations is extensive and includes being a consultant to the United Way of America on planning, program design and program evaluation, as well as having served as local Board President and trainer for an eight-county consortium.

President Kathy Darwin has said that one of the challenges facing Assistance League "is providing membership access for working women," an area in which Dr. Flynn's expertise should provide valuable assistance. Membership is the lifeblood of Assistance League, and "our chapters are motivated to find ways to engage their current members and attract new members," said Executive Director Matt Zarcufsky.

New Alliance with RightGift

Assistance League has entered into a national partnership with RightGift, a charitable giving platform that offers a new way for donors to lend a hand to those in need.
Stories from the Chapters

Enjoy this video of the year 2020 in review by Assistance League of Greater Placer, and read here about the great contributions from their Assisteens®.

Assistance League of Los Angeles received the prestigious “Heroes of Hollywood Award” from the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. Read about it here.

It's a drive-through baby shower with Assistance League of Chesapeake! Click here to see more.

Chef Shelly Barbre, President-Elect of Assistance League of Long Beach, teaches online cooking classes as fundraisers for her chapter. Click here to find out more about "Cooking with Shelly."
Assistance League of the Foothill Communities made adjustments to Operation School Bell® to help their community during COVID. Read about how they did it [here](#).

Watch news video about Assistance League of Bend providing new clothes for 1,200 students, and read [here](#) about the chapter’s Valentines for their Senior Caring Program.

For ACTION! Week, Assistance League of Fresno promoted literacy and kindness through Operation School Bell at King Elementary. Please enjoy the video of their event.

Assistance League of Greater Wilmington was awarded the 2020 AARP NC Coastal Inspiration Award for Intergenerational Education Trailblazer. Photo caption: Sheila Osann, VP Philanthropic Programs, and Sue Aber, President. Read about it [here](#).

When the February deep freeze hit, Assistance League of Wichita sprang into action and provided coats for 200 students in their community. Click [here](#) to read that story along with their scholarship updates.

Assistance League Sierra Foothills answered the call to action by holding its eighth and final Operation School Bell event on March 1, 2021. Watch Good Day Sacramento interview Debbie McClanahan about the program, and click [here](#) to read the story.
Stay up to Date!

Want to ensure you are in the loop on all things Assistance League but not sure if your contact information is accurate? Navigate over to the website, log in, and check out your Member Profile. Here you can update your email address and contact details.

The National Board, National Leadership Team, and staff of National Assistance League sincerely thank those member-donors who have made a gift to support the 2020-2021 Circle Fund. Please click here to see those individuals who have made gifts to the Circle Fund through February 28, 2021.

Circle Fund has always been the only fundraiser for our national organization. Funds raised help us to continue our work to support, educate, and inspire chapter leaders and dedicated committee members to deliver the programs we provide in our local communities.

We will keep updating the list monthly as gifts are received, and we THANK YOU for your continued support.
If you have a submission, send it to: ALConnection@assistanceleague.org

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