



About Us in 2016-17

Assistance League® of Northern Virginia is one of 120 chapters of Assistance League, a national nonprofit, all-volunteer service organization. Our mission is to feed, clothe and educate children who are at risk in our community so that those in need can achieve a better quality of life. Chartered in 2004, Assistance League of Northern Virginia has contributed more than 173,807 service hours and \$716,892 to our philanthropic programs. This year, a total of 87.2% of the funds raised was spent in our local communities, touching the lives of 6,000 children.

Operation School Bell®

- **Weekend Food for Kids**
This program provides nonperishable food over the weekend to children who qualify for free or reduced-priced meals during the school week but who lack adequate food sources on weekends. Assistance League of Northern Virginia provided 15,672 bags of food to children living in food insecure households during the 2016-17 school year.
- **New Clothing for Kids**
This school year, Assistance League of Northern Virginia clothed 965 children, provided grooming products for 425, and distributed 1,000 coupons for free haircuts and shoe coupons for 480 children. Also, we furnished knitted baby afghans, hats, clothing and books to the mothers of 442 infants and toddlers.
- **Literacy**
First graders, identified as students at risk for falling behind in school, participated in our Reading Express program. In 2016-17, our members spent a total of 521 hours enhancing the language reading comprehension skills of these children and supplied schools with 937 books.

Operation Hugs

- **Pillow Program**
Assistance League of Northern Virginia reaches out to help comfort children undergoing medical procedures at the Inova Cares Clinic for Children in Falls Church, Virginia which serves low-income families. This year, we provided 943 heart-shaped pillows containing such items as stuffed animals, toys and activity books. Since 1999, over 10,000 pillows have been distributed.

Chapter Management and Donations

Assistance League of Northern Virginia adheres to the rigorous guidelines and policies established by Assistance League and the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance. Contributions to Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization, are tax deductible.

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