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Caring And Commitment In Action In Our Community

Operation School Bell[®] *Helping Children in Need Succeed*

This school year 2,835 economically disadvantaged Indianapolis area children will select new clothing, supplies and books through Operation School Bell[®], the largest philanthropic program of Assistance League of Indianapolis. Additionally, 2,500 children will receive new athletic shoes and socks through Shoes: A Division of Operation School Bell.

School personnel refer students from five school districts in Marion County, Indiana. From mid-August through November, elementary students attending Indianapolis Public Schools and The Metropolitan School Districts (MSD) of Lawrence, Pike, Warren and Washington Townships are bused by their school districts to the Service Center for Indianapolis Public Schools (SCIPS). There they are met by Assistance League volunteers and individually escorted through the Operation School Bell shop to select their new clothes, supplies and books. All of these items are placed in a new duffle bag for easy carrying. The cost of these same new items, if purchased at retail, would be approximately \$200.

Each child will personally select the following:

- 1 winter jacket
- Hat, scarf and gloves set
- 6 pairs of socks
- 6 pairs of underwear
- 2 pairs of navy or khaki pants, jumpers, or shorts
- 2 shirts
- 1 belt
- 1 sweatshirt
- School supplies
- Hygiene supplies
- 2 age-appropriate books



The Operation School Bell clothing budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year is **\$224,772**, including depreciation and expenses for supplies and administration. Funding is received through donations from individuals, businesses, **and** corporations, ~~and~~ grants, and fundraising events.

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Assistance League[®] of Indianapolis is a not-for-profit, all-volunteer organization, whose members identify, develop, implement, manage and raise funds for ongoing philanthropic programs to serve specific needs of children and adults in the greater Indianapolis area. Our current programs include: Operation School Bell[®] and Shoes: A Division of Operation School Bell[®], ALI Friends, Assault Survivor Kits[®], and ALI Bears. Assistance League of Indianapolis is a chapter of National Assistance League[®] and is exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code.