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Assistance League® of Indianapolis Announces Ada Edwards Laughlin Award Winner Carmel Resident Kathy Kerr Wylam for ‘behind-the-scenes’ volunteerism

INDIANAPOLIS—July 15, 2009—Assistance League® of Indianapolis announces that member volunteer Kathy Kerr Wylam of Carmel is the 2009 recipient of the prestigious Ada Edwards Laughlin Award. In receiving this award, Wylam, a member for seven years, is recognized for her behind the scenes contributions in many areas. Chapter records indicate she has contributed over 3,000 volunteer hours to the various community projects provided to the community by the Assistance League of Indianapolis.

Wylam has served as: vice president communications, chairman of grants committee, co-chairman of the gala committee (an annual fundraising event), and chapter historian. She also has participated in numerous committees including: strategic planning, policy, Operation School Bell®, Assault Survivor Kits®, and ALI Friends. Over the years, her fundraising efforts and organizational and computer skills have allowed Assistance League of Indianapolis to continue to serve the unmet needs of children and adults in the Indianapolis community through their ongoing philanthropic programs. She is again serving as chairman of the grants committee during the 2009-10 fiscal year. She resides in Carmel with husband Bruce. She grew up in Lebanon, where her parents still reside.

Origins of The Ada Edwards Laughlin Award

The award is named to recognize the efforts of Ada Edwards Laughlin, co-founder with Mrs. Hancock Banning, of National Assistance League®. Each of chapter of Assistance League may nominate a member when warranted, who in the spirit of Mrs. Laughlin, is a hard working member behind the scenes whose efforts may be “less visible.” A member is selected by a committee of former presidents of the chapter and past recipients from a list of eligible candidates nominated by members. To be eligible, candidates must be a member for a minimum of five years and have not served as president or have previously received the award.

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About Assistance League® of Indianapolis

Assistance League of Indianapolis, with the support of approximately 200 all-volunteer members, serves more than 6,000 children and adults in the greater Indianapolis area each year through Operation School Bell®, ALI Bears, Assault Survivor Kits® and ALI Friends. During the 2007-2008 fiscal year, 90 cents of every dollar spent by Assistance League of Indianapolis was returned to the Indianapolis community through its philanthropic programs. To learn more about membership, programs or make a donation visit www.alindy.org or call 317-872-1010.

Assistance League® of Indianapolis is a chapter of National Assistance League. Through the gift of service to their communities, over 120 chapters of Assistance League across the nation returned approximately \$35 million to local communities through their local chapter philanthropic programs.

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