

Assistance League® of Indianapolis

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Caring And Commitment in Action in Our Community

ALI Bears

Furry Hugs to Those in Need of Comfort

ALI Bears offer comfort to children and adults that are in emotional or physical pain. These soft, cuddly teddy bears, dressed in tee shirts and bows, bring companionship to those alone in nursing homes or living their last days in hospice centers. They comfort children and teens grieving a death, separated from their loved ones after difficult domestic situations, and to those who are victims of sexual abuse. ALI Bears reach many people of all ages and help them get through difficult and lonely situations.

Since this philanthropic program was started in 1987, nearly 12,000 ALI Bears have been distributed. In 2008-2009, Assistance League members delivered 1,217 bears to 14 agencies in the Indianapolis area. They presently provide hugs to children and adults served by the following agencies and facilities:

Adventa Hospice Services
Aseracare Hospice
Brook's Place for Grieving Young People
Clarian North Medical Center
Family Service Assn of Central Indiana, Inc.
The Julian Center
LaRue Carter Memorial Hospital
Methodist Center of Hope
Neuro-Critical Care, Methodist Hospital
Pediatric Center of Hope – Riley/Wishard
Ronald McDonald House
Ruth Lilly Hospice of Clarian
Southern Care Hospice
VistaCare Hospice



“The bears are given to children and adults who are either in crisis or have achieved a goal. Bears have been given to children who have witnessed domestic violence in their home; victims of domestic violence who complete goals and need a little extra support/something to hug; children living in families coping with chemical dependency which are chaotic and traumatic for children ... One child’s eyes lit up when he saw the bear and he did not let go of it all evening. No words were needed to express his delight with the gift – it was clearly seen in his face. The child and his mother had just left their home to escape an abusive situation. In the chaos, the bear provided comfort to a frightened child.”

Family Service Association of Central Indiana, Inc.
Carolyn S. Langan, Sr. Vice-President

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. 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.