

Bears Provide Comfort at Kid's Place

By Judy Godwin

Responding to a need expressed by the staff at WakeMed Health & Hospitals, Assistance League® Triangle Area members sponsored a new project for the Children's Emergency Department.

The chapter's donation of 2500 soft, cuddly bears will be used to comfort children who need to undergo particularly difficult or frightening procedures and tests.

The Kid's Place committee sourced and purchased the bears through funds from its annual budget. Both children and staff agree that the bears are serving their purpose well by making a tense time less stressful for the children.

The chapter continues to fund the "treasure chest" at WakeMed's Children's Emergency Department and supplies toys for KID'S PLACE.

2008-2009 Scholarship Winners Recognized

By Penne Sheppard

Volunteering is what chapter members do. It is also what all eight of this year's scholarship winners do, despite sometimes overwhelming odds.

The single working mom recipients are Tonya Binns and Rikicia Thorbourne who in addition to their jobs, raising teenagers and attending classes at Wake Tech, both find time to volunteer at school, church and nonprofit organizations.

As a photo journalist, Laura Williams spent time in Sri Lanka after the tsunami. Once home, she took part in several art auctions, sending her proceeds to families in need in Sri Lanka. Now a second year nursing student at Wake Tech, her plans are to work in disaster relief on a worldwide level. Laura is our healthcare profession scholarship recipient.

Scholarships were also awarded to three high school seniors, who managed to include volunteering in school, sports and the arts. Each one made a commitment to community involvement during her four years of high school. Katie Boodee of Leesville High School will attend



The scholarship winners together with their awards at the Annual Meeting on May 22, 2008.

UNC Chapel Hill; Erin Doak of Garner Magnet High School will attend North Carolina State University and Andrea Brown of Southern High School will attend Salem State.

Jenny Jin, having just completed her freshman year at Duke, was our Previous Scholarship winner. Along with a very demanding course schedule, Jenny worked a part-time job, volunteered with the Ronald McDonald House, tutored at a local elementary school and is training to become a First Year Advisory Counselor.

In memory of long time chapter member Rena Platt, a special "one time only" scholarship fund was established. The scholarship committee agreed unanimously that this honor would go to Grace Yang. Grace has been the recipient of three previous chapter

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The President's Message



On May 22, 2008 we held our final luncheon marking the end of my first year. This is a time to not only celebrate the many accomplishments of our 2007-2008 year but also to sit back, rejuvenate and look forward to the future.

At this year's luncheon, members had an opportunity to thank long time supporter Ed Morrell of the Mortex Manufacturing Company. The prestigious National OPERATION SCHOOL BELL® Award was presented to Ed in recognition of his extraordinary generosity.

Doug Warf, Executive Director of Carolina Hurricanes Kid's 'N Community Foundation, presented a donation to the chapter in support of OPERATION SCHOOL BELL®. Assistance League® Triangle Area's grant was one of 37 grants that totaled over \$575,000 for the year presented by the Foundation. We welcomed the opportunity to discuss the chapter and our four philanthropic projects with Mr. Warf. We thank Kid's 'N Community Foundation for this wonderful donation and look forward to working together as we jointly strive to contribute to the future development of our young people in the triangle area.

Last but not least, we awarded scholarships to eight outstanding candidates from the greater Triangle area. This year's recipients shared a total of \$14,500 including a very special scholarship in memory of Rena Platt, a beloved member for many years.

The next few weeks is a time to rest and rejuvenate. As always, we will meet any special needs which may arise as well as continue to work hard in the Resale Shop. Note: The summer issue of *Midtown* magazine features our beautiful Resale Shop.

In the meantime, I thank each and every member for your hard work and support.

Sincerely,

Shelley Stirling



Established in 1997, **Assistance League® Triangle Area** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit volunteer organization serving the triangle area of North Carolina (Raleigh, Durham and Orange Counties) and is also a chapter of National Assistance League®. With nearly 90 members volunteering over 15,000 hours and no paid staff, the Chapter is dedicated to meeting the needs of the triangle community through service, resources and financial support.

To learn more about Assistance League® Triangle Area and its volunteer efforts, visit us online at www.altriangle.org

Founder's Award to Margaret Pasquale

The Founder's Award, a silver bowl which passes from one year's recipient to the next, recognizes an outstanding member who has rendered the most outstanding service to the organization during the year and shares in the spirit and enthusiasm for Assistance League® Triangle Area's initiatives.

This year's recipient, Margaret Pasquale, has shown three characteristics that have made her successful: commitment, willingness to take a chance, and a deep sense of caring.



Linda Weiner presents Ed Morrell with a special plaque for Mortex Corporation's generous donation to OPERATION SCHOOL BELL®. Mortex Apparel Manufacturing donated t-shirts and fleece items for the 2007-08 OSB program.



Janice Carlton presents the 2008 Founder's Award silver bowl to Margaret Pasquale.

Margaret is being honored for the endless hours she has spent making our largest initiative of the year a reality - the Antiques to Zippers Resale Shop.

She has demonstrated leadership through her sensitivity to those working in the Resale Shop, her commitment to customers, and her tireless energy, kindness and fair approach.

Prior to joining the Chapter as a volunteer in 1995, Margaret worked for Teleflex Medical in the Research Triangle Park as a manager of export and customer services. She currently has a business importing pearl jewelry from Asia and enjoys reading, traveling and boating when she has spare time.

Leadership Award to Nona Wright

The Leadership Award recognizes a member of our chapter who has rendered outstanding service. This year's recipient, Nona Wright, is someone who has been an active

member since our earliest days as a chapter. She has served as the Socials, Hospitality and Public Relations Chair. She has also served as Vice President for Public Relations.

Nona has been heavily involved in fundraising, particularly with projects such as the annual Antiques to Zippers Garage Sale and *Festival of Trees*. She continually goes out of her way to help us grow as an



Barbara Townson presents Nona Wright with the 2008 Leadership Award silver platter.

organization. She is always looking for ways to improve; participating in six national conventions and attending fundraising seminars relating to grant writing and *Festival of Trees* at her own expense.

Nona also served as the Chapter's President from 2005-2007, providing terrific leadership while the organization formed new guild and the planning and start-up for the Antiques to Zippers Resale Shop.

Meet the Advisory Council



David Stirling

Morgan Stanley, Proctor & Gamble, Sears and Xerox.

David Stirling is the President and co-founder of Market Vue Partners, located in Durham just outside RTP. As a senior marketing strategist with over 25 years experience, David worked with leading marketers such as Bank of America, Chase, Kodak,

This Duke undergrad received his MBA in Marketing from Syracuse University and is an expert in relationship marketing, data mining and web market strategies.

David brings to this council his experience with previous non-profit advisory boards and pro bono advertising/marketing work at the Memorial Art Gallery, Ad Council, Habitat for Humanity and Alternatives for Battered Women, all based in Rochester, NY.

Jim Wright is a retired Sprint senior attorney and native of Girard, Kansas. Jim received his degree from Kansas University and served five years in the U.S. Army before joining Sprint.

He was the Executive Director of Junior Achievement in Bristol and is currently a volunteer for donated furniture pickups at the chapter's Antiques to Zippers Resale shop.

To get some idea of the man behind the professional demeanor, read Jim's response to some personal questions: *What have you always wanted to be?* A successful professional golfer. *What is your proudest accomplishment?* Apparently, this has yet to come. *What do you refuse to eat?* Sweet breads. *What are three words that best describe you?* Intense, idealistic, indebted. *Words to live by?* Don't sweat the small stuff!

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Thank You!

Assistance League® Triangle Area extends a special THANK YOU to the following corporations and foundations who have so generously presented grants and donations to our chapter during the 2007-2008 fiscal year:

Network for Good, Cardinal Club-Art Show, Heart of Carolina Tolers, Talecris Biotherapeutics, First Charter Bank-Raleigh, North State Bank-Raleigh, Tianderrah Foundation, Gipson Family Foundation, Wake Electric Foundation, and Carolina Hurricanes Kid's 'N Community Foundation.

100% these donations remain in the triangle area to support our four philanthropic programs.

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scholarships and continues to astound and impress us. Her dedication to academics is consistent: Dean's List, University Scholars Program, as well as several other scholarships and awards. Grace has worked at the Center for Innovation Management since her first year, and also prioritized her time to become Resident Advisory for the 2007-2008 school year.

Additionally, Grace is a member of several extracurricular clubs, volunteering her time at The Women's Center as a Service Raleigh volunteer and participates in her church as a bible study volunteer. It is a pleasure and an honor to recognize this outstanding young woman in memory of an outstanding Assistance League® Triangle Area member.

The scholarship program focuses on providing college scholarships to students throughout the triangle area.

To learn more about the scholarship programs offered by the Assistance League® Triangle Area, please visit <http://www.altriangle.org/scholarship.html>

What's Up at the Shop

Antiques to Zippers Resale

As we move into the third quarter of the year, improvements continue being made at thrift shop and sales have been steadily increasing.

Profits are up and success at the shop has relied strictly on donations from our members and community. Our new partnership with *College Hunks Hauling Junk* has been a contributing factor to increased sales. The Chapter would like to thank Tim McSwiney, Director of Operation, and his staff for this collaboration and support.

Many chapter members donated items for a special Mother's Day gift

basket sale in May. Twenty-four gift baskets were assembled and over half of them sold within the first week. Customers really enjoy this gift idea. The shop plans to make more gift baskets for special holidays during the year.

Another special donation included twenty wooden framed mirrors from a local assisted living community. Chapter members painted the wooden frames for resale.

Thanks to Nancy Horncastle, Shirley Garvey, Barbara Watts and Liz Miller at "Artful Endeavors" for their creativity and beautiful artistry.

Congratulations to the following members who were nominated Thrift Shop Volunteer of the Month: Adriane Thomasian (February), Karen Perry (March) Shirley Garvey (April), and Becky Aldrich (May). These dedicated individuals go above and beyond normal volunteerism and are always there when needed.

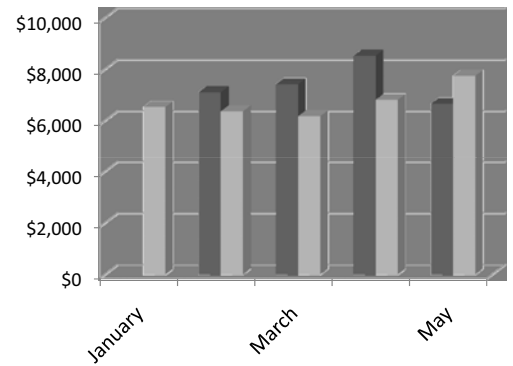
Each of these volunteers is a great humanitarian to this community and always give back with a smile on their face. Many thanks to you all for your dedicated volunteer hours behind the scenes and in the shop.

Thank you.....

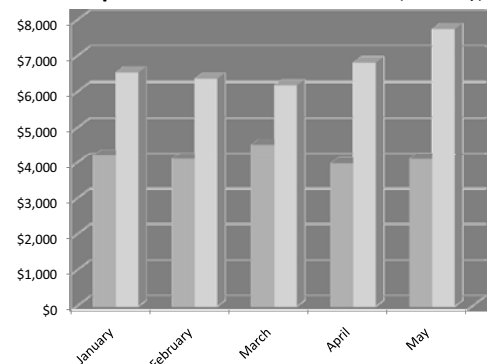
We graciously thank Margaret Cohen and Linda Craft for allowing use of their realty trucks for donation pick ups.

Donations can be dropped off at the shop Wednesday – Saturday from 10a.m. to 4p.m.

Gross vs. Monthly Sales (2007/2008)



Expenses vs. Gross Sales 2008 (monthly)



Please look for Antiques to Zippers online ads on Craigslist at <http://raleigh.craigslist.org>

SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS



Adriane Thomasian



Karen Perry



Shirley Garvey



Becky Aldrich

Highlights & Happenings



Doug Warf presents Janice Carlton with the Kid's 'N Community donation.

Carolina Hurricanes Kid's 'N Community

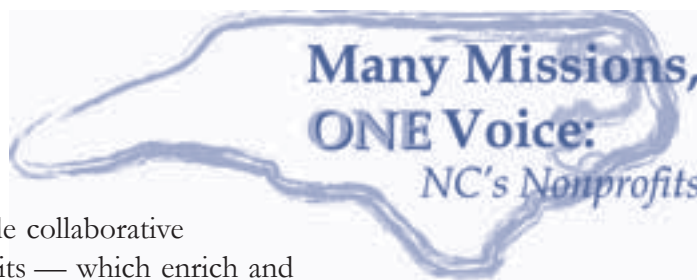
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Nonprofit Awareness Month

This November, Assistance League® Triangle Area is joining with other nonprofits across the state and their staff, board members, and volunteers to recognize Nonprofit Awareness Month. This statewide collaborative initiative is celebrating contributions made by nonprofits — which enrich and enliven communities and improve the quality of life of North Carolinians.



The goal is to educate the public about the contributions nonprofits make every day in our communities and to help create a better understanding about the value and importance of the nonprofit sector to our state. We hope you'll spread the word so nonprofits statewide will join in. For more information about Nonprofit Awareness Month visit, <http://www.ncnonprofits.org/nam.asp>



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