

## Operation School Bell®

Happiness is the day the duffel bags arrive.



**Thank you for bringing us joy!**

Dear Friends,

I remember when I was in school how exciting it was to shop for school clothes because I had outgrown all my old ones. It was so much fun to have my new clothes and shoes, as my friends and I walked proudly into our classroom. It made me really want to go to school and participate in all the fun things the teacher had planned.

This is not the case for many students in the Indianapolis area. Coming to school with hand-me-downs or last year's too small and worn-out clothing creates anxiety and stress. This year Assistance League® of Indianapolis is celebrating **FORTY YEARS** of **Operation School Bell**®, our largest program, which provides school clothes and coats to begin the school year. This helps children become excited about school and fit in with their peers.

In 2024 the goal of **Operation School Bell** is to provide basic clothing and a winter jacket to 3,100 underserved Indianapolis area students in grades Pre-K through 5 and properly fitting athletic shoes to 2,300 students in the same age group. **Operation School Bell - Beyond the Bell** will provide teachers and social workers a selection of clothing to distribute to students in emergency situations throughout the school year.

Your generosity will help thousands of students come to school ready to learn. An education is essential to breaking the cycle of poverty and guiding students to become contributing members of the community.

You can make a difference to students looking for something better. This quote from Charles Dickens says it all:

*"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."*

Assistance League of Indianapolis assures you that every dollar of your contribution will be used to help a child learn that there are many people who care about them and want to encourage them on their path to a good life.

On behalf of our volunteers and the families we serve, thank you for your generosity and support!

Sincerely,

**Carol Valentine**  
President

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