

## Press Release

# Operation School Bell® Law Clerk Day at Philanthropic Center

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**Who: Rick Rackers, an Auxiliary of Assistance League® of Long Beach**  
**Where: Assistance League® of Long Beach Philanthropic Center**  
**What: Operation School Bell Law Clerk Day at Philanthropic Center**

Rick Rackers, an Auxiliary of Assistance League of Long Beach, welcomed 6 law clerks from the Long Beach Law Firm of Keesal, Young & Logan to the Philanthropic Center this summer.

These six law clerks took part in packing backpacks for more than 1600 Head Start children of the Long Beach Unified School District as part of the Operation School Bell program of the Rick Rackers Auxiliary of Long Beach. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that Operation School Bell has provided uniforms and backpacks for the Head Start Program and the first time we had the help of these wonderful law clerks.

Through the Assistance League of Long Beach Corporate Partnership Program, we received some interest from the law firm of Keesal, Young & Logan (KY&L) who are very prominent in our Long Beach community, seeking an opportunity for this summer's law clerk program. KY&L recognizes that community service plays a vital role in supporting the Long Beach culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility. Through this partnership program, Operation School Bell provided these 6 law clerks with a day of community service stuffing backpacks as well as delivering them to 4 Head Start schools, all in one day. Rick Rackers believes that providing these opportunities for local corporations, such as Keesal, Young & Logan, allows them as well as the volunteers to express their community service while addressing critical community needs. Many corporate programs, such as KY&L's, provide vital assistance to charitable programs such as Operation School Bell, which serves the Long Beach Unified School District. We are so grateful for their support and hope that this experience will encourage other corporations to take part in our corporate partnership program to improve lives, strengthen our community, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, Assistance League of Long Beach received a check for \$1000 from the KY&L Summer Associate Class. This donation was a result of the impact that this experience left on these young and aspiring law clerks. It is a tradition for the summer associates at KY&L to make a gift to the firm at the end of each summer program. As stated in their letter to Assistance League of Long Beach, "we could think of no better gift than making a donation to Operation School Bell in the firm's name." And for that we (ALLB) are so appreciative and look forward to working with Keesal, Young & Logan again in the very near future.

**KY&L law clerks included:** Brian Gless, Ginette Brown, Kristy Hewitt, Ryan Lean, Jessica Mackaness, & Brandon Rainey. **Rick Rackers members also participating included:** Melissa Murchison (Operation School Bell Chairman), Cindy Gillis (Rick Rackers Chairman) Dia Kaesman, Dawn Watkins, Pam Karam, Sylvia Hendron, Melva Miller & Nanci Gee, Kristine Trost, Irene Anthony-Wright, Karen Blair, Julie Kay Satariano, Karen Kozaites, Lisa Hain and Karin Jenkins.

**FYI:**

Rick Rackers, an auxiliary of Assistance League of Long Beach, is a nonprofit volunteer organization whose purpose is to carry on a program of philanthropic work to improve the lives of children in the community.