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Assistance League of Diablo Valley's Operation School Bell Receives Donation from Wells Fargo

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Wells Fargo-Walnut Creek Bank Manager Lori Noia, left, presents check to Assistance League of Diablo Valley President Veronica Gant, Vice President Resource Development Wendy Schmitz, and Grants Chairman Susan Angle. Photo provided Assistance League of Diablo Valley has been serving the Contra Costa community since 1967. One of its nonprofit hands-on programs, Operation School Bell, has provided new clothing and shoes to elementary school children since 1994. When young, lifelong learners receive such items as two pairs of pants for boys and optional skorts for girls, three polo shirts, one sweatshirt, six pairs of socks and underwear; improved school attendance, campus citizenship and overall performance result.

While accepting a check in the amount of \$5,000 from Wells Fargo-Walnut Creek Bank Manager Lori Noia at a recent meeting, Assistance League of Diablo Valley President Veronica Gant expressed appreciation for continued generosity from the champions of "strength and stability."

With financial contributions and staffing support from corporations like Wells Fargo, Operation School Bell, which is the largest Assistance League of Diablo Valley's community-based program, furthered a successful learning experience for more than 4,200 local schoolchildren in 2013-14 alone. To date, Operation School Bell

member volunteers have clothed 3,655 children in the Mt. Diablo and Pittsburg school districts. Succinctly worded, "Together, we'll go far!"

To learn about Assistance League of Diablo Valley's eight other philanthropic programs and its recently awarded GuideStar Exchange gold participation level status, please visit diablovalley. assistanceleague.org or the GuideStar Exchange.

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