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## **Assistance League volunteer receives Governor's Points of Light Award for service**

**Lincoln, Neb.** – Kay Mayberry has donated her time, talent and service to the community through her volunteer efforts with the Assistance League of Omaha and was honored by Lt. Governor Sheehy and First Lady Sally Ganem with the Governor's Points of Light adult award at a ceremony in the Warner Chamber at the State Capitol. The awards are sponsored by ServeNebraska, Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission and presented quarterly in recognition of volunteers who give their time, talent and energy to help Nebraskans build stronger communities.

The Omaha community is most fortunate to have had Kay Mayberry in her roles as an elementary teacher and elementary school principal for Omaha Public Schools. She also has served on the South/Southwest YMCA Board, Lauritzen Botanical Gardens Guild, and Alumni Chairman for Omaha North High. Her desire to continue making an impact with children, especially after retiring, has been through Assistance League of Omaha since 2002.

The League is an all-volunteer nonprofit serving specific needs of children and adults in the Greater Omaha area, <http://www.omaha.assistanceleague.org/ps.home.cfm?ID=2142>. As chair of Yesterday's Best Thrift shop for the past five years, Kay is responsible for all aspects of running a retail operation, some of which includes supervising an all-volunteer staff who work each week with new donations, preparing them for the floor, coordinating staffing for retail, overseeing all purchases, preparing reports on income and any major issues at board meetings, and reporting on all income generated by sales. Under her direction, income went from a few hundred dollars a month profit to over \$7,000 per month.

“Kay is a tireless worker who demands more of herself and expends more energy than anyone working with her. She is an inspiration and a true role model in giving her expertise, leadership and time, all with good humor”, said Mimi Tanner, Assistance League of Omaha member.

All proceeds from the shop and other fundraisers are allocated to the Assistance League's six philanthropic programs to support the Omaha metro community; ACT/PSAT Review, Assault Survivor Kits®, Operation Bear Hug, Operation Recovery, Operation School Bell®, Operation Teen. Operation School Bell is the flagship program, working with school officials to identify children who are in need of school clothes. The number of children being served with brand new clothing continues to grow and October 2012 resulted in 3400 students receiving warm winter coats, mittens, and other essential clothing. The League partners with a local store where the children go to make their selections.

To nominate individuals and groups for the Governor's Points of Light Awards who have made a difference through volunteerism and service, visit the ServeNebraska website at [www.serve.nebraska.gov](http://www.serve.nebraska.gov). The next nomination deadline is December 15, 2012.

ServeNebraska pursues its mission of mobilizing Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration and national service programs.

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