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### Baby Real Deal Expands Program to Include Demonstration Infant Simulators

Baby Real Deal, a service program of Assistance League of Inland North County in its 4th year of operation, is designed to give high school students real life-like experiences in parenting by using infant simulators. Students learn the care required for infants in Child Development, Life Science, Home Economics and Health Education classes.

Since 2003, hundreds of area students have had valuable learning experiences made possible by Baby Real Deal. As part of their Child Development or Home Economics course work, students take an infant simulator home on Friday afternoon and care for it until Monday morning. The baby is programmed to cry, indicating a need to be fed, burped, changed or cuddled. The student wears a non-removable bracelet with a sensor that records whether the student or someone else cared for the baby. A computer chip in the baby records the care or lack of care provided. Teachers can download and print out information from the chip and that determines the student's grade. The goal of this program is to help students realize that they are not ready for parenting at their young age.

In addition to students' caring for the babies 24 hours a day over a long weekend, the program has grown to include classroom presentations by chapter members on the effects of shaking a baby as well as prenatal drug and alcohol abuse. Chapter members take a Shaken Baby, a Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Baby and a Drug-Affected Baby along with a DVD and PowerPoint presentation to health education classes. Students learn that horrific damage to a fetus—even before conception—can be caused by alcohol and/or illegal or prescription drugs, and that the shaking of a baby for a few seconds can actually kill or critically injure the infant. These classroom demonstrations make real the consequences of poor parenting or babysitting. Baby Real Deal Co-Chair Karen Kritzer stated: "Students are stunned to learn that an innocent baby can be permanently disabled by a parent's or babysitter's momentary or ongoing poor behavior."



The chapter also plans to seek grants in order to provide infant simulators to local middle schools.

## Volunteers Making A Difference

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**A Message from Pat Piscitelli,  
President**

The joy and satisfaction of membership in Assistance League of Inland North County comes from many sources:

- The smile from a child receiving new clothes and a new toothbrush.
- A hug from a foster teen graduate after opening a duffel bag filled with useful items.
- The look of appreciation from a student upon receiving a scholarship for continuing his/her education.
- The gratification of being able to help and make a difference in the community.

There is also the added joy of friendship with other volunteers who are dedicated to serving the needs of the community. The chapter is always looking for volunteers. We encourage anyone who is interested in joining to call 760 746-7532, extension 105 for more information. A Prospective Member Coffee will be held on Tuesday, April 8 at the Chapter House. Anyone interested in learning more about membership in the organization is welcome to attend.



*Pat Piscitelli*

**Your generous support of Assistance League of Inland North County makes the following services possible:**

**Operation School Bell - Dressing Up Our Future**

**Hug-A-Bear - Bears for Traumatized Children**

**Ready...Set...Read! - Motivating Children to Read**

**Baby Real Deal - Deterring Teen Pregnancies**

**Operation Duffel Bags - Support for Foster Teen Graduates**

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**Invitational Charity Golf Tournament to Benefit  
Assistance League of Inland North County**



The first Invitational Charity Golf Tournament for the benefit of Assistance League of Inland North County will be held Saturday March 31, 2008 at the Country Club of Rancho Bernardo at 12280 Greens East Road in Rancho Bernardo. (For directions see <http://www.ccofrb.com/>) Proceeds from the tournament will help the chapter continue its philanthropic programs for the benefit of children in need living in the Inland North County communities of San Diego. Since its inception in 1982 the chapter has served the needs of more than thirty thousand children and adolescents.

Fees for the tournament are \$200 for a single golf package and \$800 for a foursome golf package. Golf packages include green fees,

cart, first tee prizes such as a dozen golf balls and golf shirt, lunch, silent auction, program and awards dinner. In addition to a Grand Prize there will be prizes for Closest-to-the-Pin, Longest Drive, Putting Contest and Chipping contest.

The tournament features a unique 5 man scramble format. The fifth member of each team will be a local SCPGA pro who will also be competing for individual SCPGA event prize money. The Country Club of Rancho Bernardo is a 6,532 yard, 18-hole, par 72 championship golf course. The course is well recognized and has been the site of USGA qualifying tournaments. While offering a challenge to the better golfer, wide fairways and good design guarantee enjoyable golf for all.

This special inaugural event, held at this superb venue, will provide an unforgettable day of golf, exciting prizes and fine dining. For more information or to register for the tournament, contact event organizers at [www.assistanceleague.info](http://www.assistanceleague.info) or call 858 676-3989.

**25th Annual Luncheon Fundraiser  
Celebrates Long History of Assistance League**

Mistress of ceremonies Carol LeBeau, pictured in the center with fundraiser co-chairs Jackie Miley (left) and Peggy Fisher (right), entertained and informed attendees at the February 9th fundraising luncheon, telling the story of Assistance League's beginnings in turn-of-the-century Hollywood. Since its inception in 1894 and the establishment of its founding chapter in 1919 in Hollywood, National Assistance League has grown to more than 119 chapters and guilds. Each chapter is a 100% volunteer-driven organization committed to assisting children, seniors, families and those in need.



Proceeds from the fundraising luncheon will help support the chapter's five service programs. Over 230 guests attended the "Hats Off to Hollywood" event.