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STEP INTO STYLE WITH ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF THE EASTSIDE

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Kim Peterson, founder of Uniquely Savvy, will be the inspirational speaker as Assistance League of the Eastside presents Step Into Style: An Afternoon of Friends, Fashion and Philanthropy, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, April 15 at the Westin Bellevue, 600 Bellevue Way NE in downtown Bellevue. For tickets, visit eastside.assistanceleague.org.

Today, Kim Peterson is an accomplished fashion stylist and life coach with clients from Microsoft, Amazon and Royal Caribbean. But for much of her life she felt invisible, experiencing poverty, assault, domestic violence and homelessness. Her company Uniquely Savvy helps women to look their best but also to recognize their inner beauty, regardless of their circumstances in life.

Assistance League of the Eastside's Operation School Bell helps students with financial hardship go back to school with confidence. Through special shopping events, 4,065 kids and teens from the Lake Washington, Bellevue and Northshore School Districts, including Leota Junior High in Woodinville, were outfitted with new clothes and shoes in 2014-15.

Assistance League of the Eastside's Help4Homeless program helps women transition from homelessness to independence.