

# Guardian Angel Community Services



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## From The Desk Of Our CEO

Dear Board Members, Supporters and Friends,

In the past few months Guardian Angel Community Services (GACS) has received multiple grants for our various programs and I would like to share a few of those with you.

The **Charter One Foundation** granted \$5,000 to support the Groundwork program for victims of domestic violence. The funds will be distributed across the program which will aid staff in providing clients with legal and medical advocacy, a 24-hour hotline, individual and group counseling, and a 24-hour emergency shelter. According to the Charter One Foundation website, "Charter One looks for opportunities where moderate funding can affect significant results within the community." Our programs

always work to achieve the maximum positive results for clients.

Our Groundwork program also received \$2,000 from **St. Isaac Jogues Church** in Hinsdale. The funds will support direct service staff to spend time counseling and case managing their clients.

The **Maximus Foundation** awarded our Sexual Assault Service Center (SASC) \$1,500 to continue their work with children and youth. SASC offers youth, counseling and advocacy services. The MAXIMUS Charitable Foundation is committed to creating opportunities for young people through youth-oriented programs. Our collaboration with the Maximus Foundation demonstrates our shared



commitment to helping the disadvantaged achieve self-sufficiency and personal growth.

The **Exchange Club Center of Naperville** donated \$2,700 to GACS' Exchange Club Center to support their Club's mission of preventing child abuse.

GACS receives grants throughout the year and are grateful for each one, because each donation means that our staff can better focus their attention on continuing to change and save lives in our community.

## Fourth Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® Success

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® (WAM) the International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault & Gender Violence. Over 100 participants walked on April 30th to commemorate the conclusion of another successful Sexual Assault Awareness Month filled with prevention



activities, events and presentations. WAM featured special guest speaker, Chris Regis, Assistant State's Attorney in the Felony Division, who gave a powerful speech and concluded with "don't tolerate the intolerable". Men were encouraged to wear heels, and many did, sporting everything from the classic black stiletto to pink cowboy boots! WAM is a playful opportunity for men to raise awareness in their community about the serious causes, effects and remediations of sexualized violence.



# Dancing With Our Local Stars 2011

## Our Programs

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

#### CAMP EXPLORE & BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Providing community based programs for children

#### DILLARD HARRIS

#### EDUCATIONAL CENTER

helps students who have been unsuccessful in the public school system to become capable of learning and achieving success in a classroom environment

#### EXCHANGE CLUB CENTER

Educates and equips parents with the tools necessary to prevent child abuse and neglect

#### FOSTER CARE

Provides warm & nurturing homes for abused and neglected children

#### GROUNDWORK

Assists victims of domestic violence to break the cycle of violence through 24 hour shelter, counseling, crisis intervention and advocacy

#### PAIP (Partner Abuse Intervention Program)

Education based program helps individuals in their efforts to eliminate domestic violence from their lives

#### SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE CENTER

Provides help to survivors of sexual violence by offering a 24-hour hotline medical & legal advocacy & counseling

#### SUE MANNER TURK TRANSITIONAL LIVING "Suzy's Caring Place"

Provides housing up to two years for victims of domestic violence



Scott Slocum with Kim Jenkins from Starba's DanceSport



Erin O'Sullivan with Greg Rykowski from Greg Rykowski Dance Studio

(right) Jim Scott with Lynzi Scholz from Heart and Sole Dance



(Left) 2011 Winner Dutty Blackburn with Samantha Durham from Fred Astaire Dance Studio



Peggy Thomas with Tom Starba from Starba's DanceSport



Anastasia Hakonia with Ephraim Mendez from Fred Astaire Dance Studio



Denors of the Year: The Timothy O. Kloz Memorial Foundation, accepted by Carol Kloz and Dave Hornies (above left) and Mel and Tera Gray (above middle) with Sheila Schnittz, CEO and Ines Kutlesa, COO.



(Right) Volunteer of the Year, Saint Dennis Church of Lockport, accepting on behalf of the church, Deacon Rob Weierman



Aerosmith, Lady Gaga and Katy Perry were just some of the musical artists heard during this year's, Angelica – Dancing With Our Local Stars event. Angelica is GACS' largest fundraiser. It was held on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at the Holiday Inn in Joliet. Our agency was blessed with a room full of supporters and raised over \$85,000 to help fund our eight programs.

## Shorewood Glen gives some TLC to TLP



Shorewood Glen Service Group sewed brand new curtains for one of the living rooms in the Sue Manner Turk Transitional Living Program - Suzy's Caring Place (TLP). Members, at right with COO Ines Kutlesa, Clara Chambers and Marie Lynch, and husband, Jim Lynch (not pictured), came to install them and also donated homemade quilts from the Linus Project. The group brought such a warm and comforting feeling to the program.

## In lieu of gifts birthday girl requests donations

For her birthday Lauren Lengemann hosted a "Spa-Day" Party at Timeless Day Spa in Naperville where the girls enjoyed relaxation in the salt cave and some pampering. All of the invitees were asked to not bring a birthday gift but to instead bring a donation of a spa related item for the ladies staying in our Groundwork shelter. Lauren wanted to give the women staying in GACS' shelter a chance to relax and feel comforted. A HUGE thank you goes to Lauren and her mom, Lynn, who planned the birthday party. Lauren used her birthday as a chance to help others who truly need and appreciate her generosity.



### Always Appreciated Donations

#### NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

Flour	Sugar
Oil	Bread
Coffee	Creamer
Filters	Cereal
Tea Bags	Hot Cocoa
Ketchup	Mustard
Mayo	Dressing
Pudding	Syrup
Hot Sauce	BBQ Sauce
Honey	Marinade
Soy Sauce	Taco Shells
Frosting	Crackers
Pretzels	Cookies
Dried Fruit	Rice
Cake Mix	Pasta
Oatmeal	Juice Boxes
Any Canned Items	
Peanut Butter/Jelly	
Small bags of chips	

Batteries (AA & AAA)  
Art Supplies  
Journals

#### BEDDING

Twin sheets (white)  
Twin blankets (white)

#### GIFT CARDS

Grocery Bus Pass  
Gasoline Discount  
Store  
Movie Pass

#### KITCHEN & BATH

Plastic Wrap Dish Towels  
Sponges Toilet paper  
Napkins Kleenex  
Paper Towels  
Ziploc Bags (Gallon /Snack Sizes)  
Kitchen Trash Bags

#### CLEANING SUPPLIES

Dawn Dish Soap Lysol  
All Purpose Cleaners  
Powdered Laundry Detergent

#### New Clothing Items

Socks, underwear, pajamas, sweatsuits

## Camp Explore in Full Swing



Your children (ages 4-12) can enjoy the wonder of the outdoors at GACS summer Camp Explore, Monday-Friday from 7am-6pm!

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> summer in which Camp Explore welcomes all children to enjoy our day camp program. Running from June to August, children get the chance to perform cultural/ethnic awareness activities; play sports and games; learn computer and leadership skills; prepare for fire and home safety; and develop their social skills with their campmates. You can still sign your child up! For more information on Camp Explore call: 815-729-0930 x310.

## 'America Sings!', Donates Kits for Kids

America Sings! creates noncompetitive opportunities for choirs to combine music, charitable giving, and community service. For over twenty years, they have inspired young singers to use their time and talents to help others. On May 14, 2011 the participants in the Chicagoland concert in Lisle performed community services for multiple agencies, including GACS. They collected snacks and compiled them into "kits" for our child clients. Our kids were so excited to have all these tasty snacks to munch on! A huge thank you to all the choirs that participated!





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## Halo of Hope

***Our greatest contributions to society are the ones we leave behind.*** The lives we have touched, inspired, mentored and educated who will one day show to someone else the love and compassion which was bestowed upon them. Give a gift that will help someone to realize their life's potential, sowing a seed of giving that your community can reap for generations to come...

When you decide to ***include Guardian Angel Community Services in your estate planning*** the following wording is suggested: " I give, devise and bequest to Guardian Angel Community Services, an Illinois non-for-profit organization located administratively at 1550 Plainfield Road, Joliet, Illinois, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (or specifically describe property).

***Allow us to thank you now and for years to come!***



*Sisters of St. Francis  
of Mary Immaculate*



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