



The Guardian Institute

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WEBSITE LAUNCH!

The Guardian Institute website is launched! The web address is:

<https://guardian-institute.org>

Please have a look and help up add information. One of the goals of this website is for lay and professional guardians to share information. New guardians are at a major disadvantage because there isn't a central source for information and resources. We hope that our website will help fill this need. If you think of something that you think would help you or other guardians, please email us with your request and we will get it posted.

*Looking for the Guardian Profiles? They are on our website.

We have funds available to assist with unique needs of low-income guardianship clients, legal fees associated with guardianship and we will consider any request that benefits low-income guardianship clients.

Conference Registration Fees

For the first time in over ten (10) years we are raising the price of the conference registration to \$425.00 with individual sessions increased to \$55.00. We had hoped that having vendors and sponsors would help us avoid raising the fees but the cost of providing the conference is increasing faster than we can grow our vendor/sponsor following.

We are still offering five (5) \$200.00 scholarships at each conference. If you would like a conference brochure, email info@bridgebldrs.com or call (360) 683-8334.

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LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER GUARDIAN ADVOCATES IN CLALLAM COUNTY

There is a great need for guardians for our most vulnerable population. The Guardian Institute is looking for volunteers for the Volunteer Guardian Advocate pilot program, starting immediately. The time requirement is an average of five (5) hours each month and each volunteer is asked to commit for 3-years with optional renewal. A Volunteer Guardian Advocate is NOT a caregiver. A Volunteer Guardian Advocate is to advocate for their client's needs and appropriate wants, ensure the client is getting the benefit of all the resources he/she is qualified for, assist the client with making medical decisions or make medical decisions on the client's behalf if the client cannot do so.

Basic Requirements:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be of sound mind
- Have no felony convictions
- Have no misdemeanor convictions involving moral turpitude
- Be a resident of Washington State
- Have completed mandatory (online) training
- Be a person who the court finds suitable
- Commitment renewal every 3-years
- Average time needed is 5-hours monthly
- 1-2 guardianship limit per volunteer

The Guardian Institute will provide:

- Arrange legal assistance as needed
- In-person training
- Provide a mentor as needed
- Assistance with Standby Guardian requirement

Contact Bridge Builders, Ltd at (360) 683-8334 or at info@bridgebldrs.com for more information.

Thinking About Tax Deductible Donations?

Please consider the Guardian Institute this year. We provide support for individuals under guardianship as well as to lay and certified professional guardians.

You may designate where you would like your funds to be used:

- General fund
- Mini-grants for clients
- Low-interest loans for clients
- Support our website
- Legal fees for low income clients
- Education scholarships lay or professional guardians
- You designate

ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS

Client A0004—Skagit County 2019 Mini-grant awarded: \$ _____ Amount Expended: \$687.50

Client A0004 is 23 years old with cognitive and medical conditions and not a US citizen. She currently lives in an Adult Family Home. The guardianship is funded through the Public Guardianship Program. She currently does not qualify for SSI or DDA services because she is not a US citizen. The guardian is working with an immigration attorney with the goal of getting her citizenship. She can work but needs a job coach and the job coach funding ran out. In 2018, Guardian Institute approved a \$2,400.00 grant to pay for job coaching. The guardian has applied for continued funding for 2019, which has been approved.

If you want to apply for a mini-grant or short-term loan on behalf of a guardianship client, please contact the Guardian Institute at info@bridgebldrs.com. The Guardian Institute is willing to consider other financial requests as well.

If you are interested in donating to support these clients, feel free to send a check to the Guardian Institute, PO Box 610, Sequim, WA 98382. The Guardian Institute also accepts VISA and MasterCard. Call 360-683-8334 and a staff person will take the information.

DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

FIRST VOLUNTEER GUARDIAN ADVOCATE!

Our first Volunteer Guardian Advocate has been appointed to a very stable guardianship. The guardianship client was in the Public Guardianship Program. The Public Guardianship Program is only funded for 75-guardianships statewide. Clallam/Jefferson Counties have five of these. This opens a slot for a new low income guardianship and there is one that has been waiting. We hope to have the transition completed with the new guardianship very soon.

We have received a request from a guardian agency in a different county to find a volunteer guardian for a client who now lives in Clallam County. This is an elderly male who is very sweet, lives in supported living and already has a Representative Payee. This guardianship client is currently Pro Bono with the guardian agency and they travel over 1-1/2 hours each way to visit. They would love to find a local volunteer to take this guardianship. The Guardian Institute will assist an interested volunteer with legal assistance, if needed, and mentoring.

Any interested person may call Bridge Builders, Ltd/ Guardian Institute at (360) 683-8334 or email at info@bridgebldrs.com.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Guardian Institute Spring Conference—Bremerton (open to all who are interested)

Tuesday & Wednesday, March 19 & 20, 2019

The two-day conference registration: \$425.00 (includes hot breakfast & lunch)

Individual sessions: \$55.00 per session (minimum of two sessions)

Interested in being an exhibitor? Email info@bridgebldrs.com and put “2019 Conference” in the subject line.

Contact info@bridgebldrs.com or (360)683-8334

for a Conference Brochure

***The Conference has been approved for CPG CE Credit and
WSBA Credit has been applied for.***

National Conference on Guardianship

October 12-15, 2019

Venue: Griffin Gate Marriott, Lexington, Kentucky

*If you have a continuing education event you wish to add, please email
info@bridgebldrs.com*



Looking forward to Spring!

Guardian Institute

2018 Annual Report

Beginning Balance January 1, 2018	\$ 18,228.13
INCOME	
Continuing Education Conferences	\$ 52,495.00
Sponsors/Vendors	6,010.00
Donations	200.00
Grants	<u>2,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 61,205.00
EXPENSES	
Administrative Fees	\$ 1,602.27
Annual Report Fee	10.00
Conference Expenses	36,802.01
Mini-Grant Program	2,290.78
Marketing	2,310.00
Insurance	281.00
Operations	1,519.82
Travel	<u>31.41</u>
TOTAL	\$ 44,847.29
Ending Balance December 31, 2018	\$ 37,199.98

During 2018 the Guardian Institute:

- Held eight board meetings
- Awarded two mini-grants
- Held a continuing education conference in Bremerton with 90 attendees
- Held a continuing education conference in Spokane with 51 attendees
- Recruited one volunteer guardian for the Volunteer Guardian Advocate Program
- Awarded ten partial scholarships for continuing education to CPGs
- Recorded 143.5 volunteer hours
- Developed a website

Thank You to all our 2019 Contributors!

Registration Sponsor, Bremerton



Exhibitors

Exact GPS, Charlene Hamblin
Oppenheimer & Co, Inc., Darryl Lynch
Purple Cross, Dave Martin

In-Kind Donations

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Conference Speakers—Bremerton

Chris Ayers, CPG—Share & Care House
Gary Beagle, CPG—Washington Association of Professional Guardians
Mindi Blanchard, M.Ed, CPG—Bridge Builders, Ltd.
Angela Bucholtz, Bridge Builders, Ltd.
Maureen Carroll, BA, AAC, MHP- Sound Health
Kim Edgar—The Bar Plan
Patrick Erker—Law Office of Patrick Erker
Kathleen Figetakis—Matheny Healthcare Advocates
Charlene Hamblin, CPG—Share & Care House
Ian Horlor, DSHS Subject Matter Expert, Region 3
Judge Kevin Hull, Kitsap County Superior Court
John Lee, Financial Advisor
Darryl Lynch—Oppenheimer & Co, Inc.
Amby Matheny—Matheny Healthcare Advocates
Phil Miller—Reverse Mortgage Funding
Robert B Nettleton, Harlowe & Faulk, LLP
Kurt Riskey—We Create Peace
Taffi Wheeldon—Share & Care House
Mary Whitman—Matheny Healthcare Advocates

Supporting through Conference Attendance (*means also a speaker)

- Mindi Blanchard*, M.Ed., CPG. Sequim
- Clare K C Brown, CPG Maple Valley
- Ingrid Cameron, CPG, Gig Harbor
- Theresa Boyle, CPG, Gig Harbor
- Brenda Carpenter, CPG, Sequim
- Nicole Emanuel, CPG, Spanaway
- Sarah Feldman, CPG, Olympia
- Mary Fleischman, CPG, Everett
- Genice Gregory, CPG, Sammamish
- Michael Gross, Ph.D, CPG, Kent
- Cynthia Hanning, CPG, Edmonds
- Drew Lievense, Gig Harbor
- Mack Lievense, CPG, Atty, Gig Harbor
- Sarah Mills, CPG, Auburn
- Denise Meader, Everett
- Kirsten Murray, CPG, Poulsbo
- Linda Navage, CPG, Bainbridge Island
- Michele Penberthy, CPG, Olympia
- Tracy Raymond, CPG, Sumner
- Janene Robinson, CPG, Graham
- Laura Schmidt, CPG, Tacoma
- Mike Schmidt, CPG, Tacoma
- Sherry Wamba, CPG, Everett

Volunteer Hours for 2019: 3.1

Partial CPG Scholarships awarded for 2019: 1

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Ways to Help

Cash Donations: Can be designated many ways

- Specific personal needs
- Specific guardianship client
- Specific county
 - ~Funds to pay a professional guardian to take a challenging pro bono client
 - ~Funds to pay for legal fees associated with guardianship
- Transportation needs
- Unusual housing needs
- Unique care needs

In-kind donations

- Legal services
- Medical services
 - General; Eye exams; Glasses; Hearing exams ; Hearing aides
- Dental services
- Denture services
- Legal services for guardianships
- Be a volunteer guardian

Sponsor Opportunities

- Guardian Certification Program
 - ~Sponsor for rural counties
 - ~Provide hotel accommodations
- Continuing education conferences
 - ~Sponsor one or more breakfasts
 - ~Sponsor one or more lunches
 - ~Sponsor one or more snacks
 - ~Sponsor a guardian
 - ~Provide hotel accommodations
- Web site development & maintenance
- Lay guardian support groups
- Volunteer guardianship program
 - ~Development
 - ~Training
 - ~Support meetings

100% of donations go to improving the lives of vulnerable adults under guardianship

Interested?

Call

360-683-8334

Or Email

info@bridgebldrs.com

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We accept VISA and MasterCard
Please send checks to the
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The Guardian Institute is now approved for the Washington State Combined Fund Drive

**Bridge Builders, Ltd is currently the Administrator of the Guardian Institute.
Mindi R. Blanchard, M.Ed., CPG,
President**

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Donation Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

I would like my donation to go toward the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational programs for guardians |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Client ID# _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship fund for guardians |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Fees associated with guardianship | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Needs of low income clients not covered by Medicaid | |

Check Please make your check payable to **The Guardian Institute** Address: PO Box 610, Sequim, WA 98382

Credit Card: Visa Mastercard Amount: _____

CC# _____ Security code: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____

Name on Credit Card: _____

Signature: _____

Billing address: _____

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