

Volunteer Support

As a volunteer guardian, you will receive:

- Comprehensive training and a reference manual
- Support from Life Essentials staff
- Services from a volunteer attorney who can attend court hearings and offer legal advice regarding guardianship
- Continuing education opportunities throughout the year

Becoming a Guardian Angel is a big responsibility but it is also very rewarding. Benefits to you include:

- The satisfaction of enhancing the quality of life for a member of our community
- Knowledge of the legal system, health care and medical procedures, and Medicare and Medicaid.
- Interaction with a variety of professionals including doctors, nurses, therapists and social workers

Become a Guardian Angel Volunteer

To start the process, fill out the Guardian Angel Volunteer Application at www.lifeessentials.org/programs/guardian-angel-volunteer.

Questions? Email Life Essentials at: HomeOffice@lifeessentials.org or call (937) 586-0545

Life Essentials is a leader in providing professional, person-centered services for our community's forgotten, those living with mental illness, those who are alone, and those who have no voice.

Life Essentials provides unique and specialized programs that enrich lives by educating and inspiring clients to be in charge of their mental health. Our advocacy services enable seniors and people living with mental incapacities to have a greater quality of life.

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Guardian Angel Volunteer Program

Be the voice for those who have lost theirs



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Be the voice
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Not Everyone Has Someone...

There are many adults in our community who are not able to make decisions for themselves and don't have the appropriate family or friends to be their advocate and ensure their safety and quality of life. Many of these adults are elderly, living with a disability or mental illness or have been neglected or exploited.

The need for caring Guardian Angels who can be an advocate and give a voice to those who can't speak for themselves is growing.



Guardian Angel Volunteer Program

Life Essentials is the only guardianship program in Montgomery and Greene counties and we work closely with both Probate Courts to ensure the safety and well-being of the individuals entrusted into our care.

As a Guardian Angel, you will be a court appointed "Guardian of Person" to serve individuals who have no family able or willing to make decisions for them. **Guardian Angels do not have financial responsibility for the person.**

Guardian Angels serve as advocates in making major life decisions about housing, medical care, health benefits, legal services and long term care. You will ensure the person in your care lives in the least restrictive environment possible and receives compassionate medical care.

Guardian Angel Volunteer Qualifications

- Be at least 21 years of age
- Provide references
- Attend an interview and training
- Undergo a background check
- Make at least a two year commitment
- Have reliable transportation

Training and Placement

All Guardian Angels must attend a training program and sign a contract, making a two year commitment to the program.

We will do our best to make appropriate matches that will make all parties comfortable.



Guardian Responsibilities

Once you have attended training and met the person you will serve as Guardian for, you will:

- Attend a hearing conducted by the Probate Court to be assigned as the legal Guardian of Person.
- Develop a relationship with the person and visit at least once a month. Two visits per month is ideal.
- Participate in planning and giving consent for medical treatment and other services.
- Be empowered to advocate for your person, monitor and protect their rights.
- Complete required program and court reports.
- Attend two trainings a year.