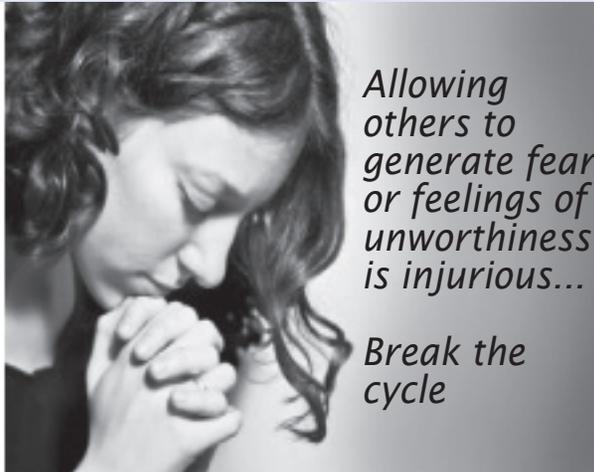


Our Mission

It is the mission of Guardian Angel Community Services to help empower people to improve the quality of their lives.

Our History

Guardian Angel Community Services (formerly, Guardian Angel Home), was founded in 1897 as an orphanage, by the Sisters of Saint Francis of Mary Immaculate, to care for dependent and neglected children. Incorporated in 1973, Guardian Angel Community Services is a licensed, child welfare, 501(c)(3), not-for-profit agency focusing its efforts on addressing the increasingly complex problems of women, children, and entire families.



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Groundwork Domestic Violence Program



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Groundwork Program was established in 1983 to address the needs of domestic violence victims and provide critical resources to help them break the cycle of family violence. Groundwork is a leading provider of comprehensive services to those experiencing abuse and violence in the home. Central to Groundwork's mission is the strong conviction that all victims of domestic violence have the right to realize their human dignity; regain control of their lives; develop ways of living that promote harmony and well-being within their families, and exercise their legal rights with and through the support of an informed community. All services are offered at no charge. Services are also available in Spanish.

PROGRAM SERVICES

Presentations and Training

Our presentations and trainings offer social service, law enforcement, education professionals, and volunteers valuable resources, and information about issues of domestic violence.

Emergency Shelter

Our 30 bed shelter provides a temporary safe haven for women and their children who are victims of domestic violence 365 days a year.

Legal Advocacy

Legal advocates, while not lawyers, assist victims of domestic violence in obtaining orders of protection, pressing criminal charges, and navigating the court system.

Medical Advocacy

Trained medical advocates are available 24/7, 365 days per year to provide crisis intervention services to victims in emergency rooms. Advocates provide information and emotional support to help victims make informed choices and regain a sense of control **over their lives.**



Support Groups and Community Presentations

Support groups for adult survivors of domestic violence are offered at several locations throughout the community. Also, members of our trained professional staff are available to give educational presentations to churches, community groups and other organizations.

Individual Counseling

Our trained professional counselors provide one-on-one counseling to both adults and children. Victims can explore, in a safe and supportive environment, the impact of domestic violence on their lives. It also gives them the opportunity to define goals to self-empowerment.

Group Counseling

Together with others who share the pain of domestic violence, victims become survivors in talking about their experiences and realizing that they are not alone. Led by a trained professional counselor, group participants have the opportunity to learn new life skills and regain their sense of self-esteem and well-being.

CONTACT

For more information about this program and its services, please contact the program at (815) 729-0930 ext. 1429.

24-HOUR HOTLINE

Emergency assistance, support and information available 24-hours a day, 365 days a year:

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