



# GUARDIAN ANGEL

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

Changing and Saving lives since 1897

### 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

We hope that this message finds you in good spirits, and in good health. While the year 2020 was one of unprecedented circumstances due to COVID-19, we rallied together to ensure our essential services could continue on, while keeping all stakeholders as safe as possible. On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and everyone at Guardian Angel, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to you, our loyal supporters, for your overwhelming displays of generosity and care for the at risk individuals and families we serve.



For 124 years, Guardian Angel has been a safe haven for individuals and families in crisis. We have helped thousands of sexual assault and domestic violence survivors, abused children and vulnerable adults with disabilities, and have educated the masses. It is our pleasure to share our 2020 Annual Report, recapping the fiscal year of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. We reached 49,842 people; 11,338 through direct services, and 38,504 via prevention education and community outreach. Responding to such an extraordinary and continually growing need would not have been possible without your support.

In addition to the snapshot of our programmatic achievements highlighted in the annual report, we celebrated an unforgettable year of modified, virtual, and socially distanced awareness and fundraising activities. While our annual Angelica: Dancing With Our Local Stars Gala was not able to be held in-person, we hosted our first "Virtual Angelica" online fundraiser, and were touched by your tremendous support. Additionally, memorable virtual awareness activities took place across social media throughout April: Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and October: Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

At a time when the restaurant industry was also arguably amongst the hardest hit, these phenomenal restaurants and businesses donated meals to our 24-hour emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence, some, even sponsoring food and hot meals for many months at a time, like Moe Joe's and Bob Fox of Omega Plumbing, Hufendick Farm Market, Niko's Pizzeria, Syl's Chop House, Fat Ricky's-Plainfield, and American Legion Post 1080. We are so grateful to them and the following for their generosity: Chicago Street Pub, Jody's Hot Dogs, Bella Cucina, Village of Plainfield, McBride's on 52, Uptown Tap, Chicken-N-Spice, Fat Ricky's Romeoville, Aurelio's Joliet, Aurelio's Plainfield, Next Whiskey Bar, Rotary Club of Joliet & Jacob Henry Mansion Estate, Exchange Club of Joliet and Bronkberry Farms & Greenhouse.

Guardian Angel's annual report represents the collaborative efforts of our staff, administration, Board of Directors, and all of you, who help us to help those who need it most. As always, we thank you for being a part of the Guardian Angel family, and for helping fulfill our mission to empower people to improve the quality of their lives.

Sincerely,  
  
 Ines Kutlesa, MA, LCPC, LPHA, CCTP  
 Chief Executive Officer



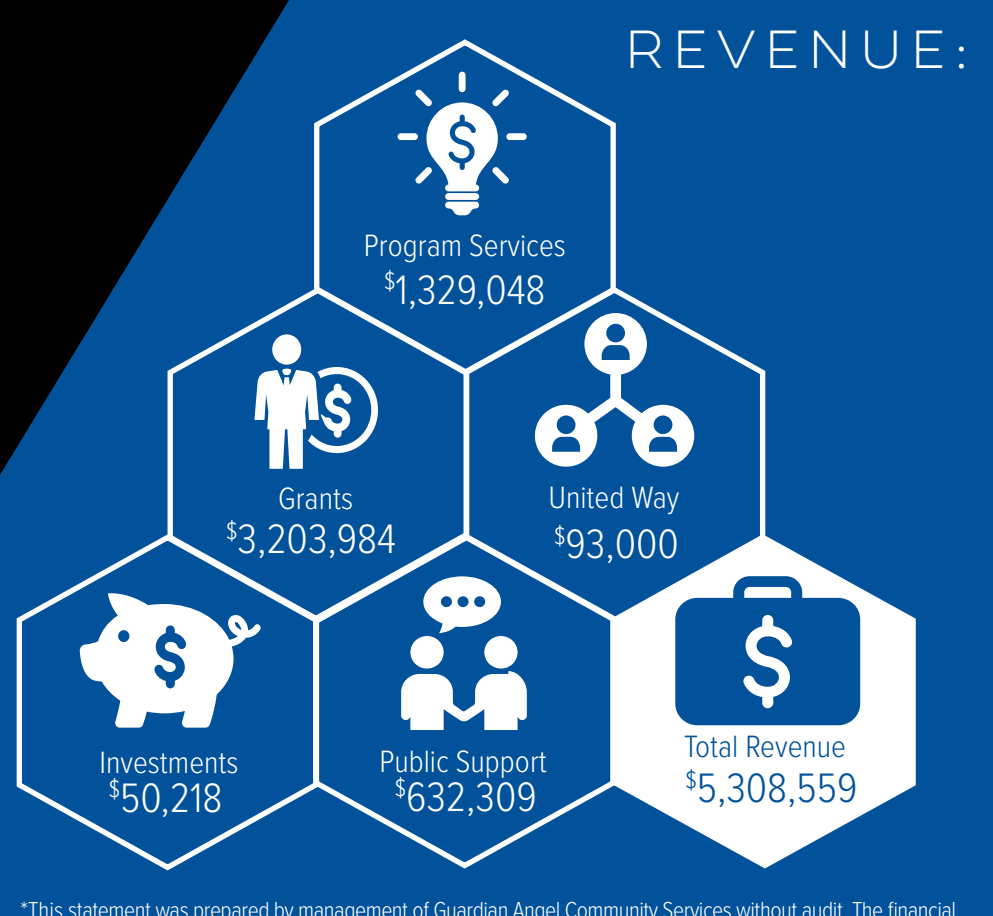
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**EXPENSES:**  
 JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$724,821
FUNDRAISING	\$234,459
ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES	\$421,859
EXCHANGE CLUB CENTER	\$12,857
FOSTER CARE	\$1,215,448
GROUNDWORK	\$1,250,160
PARTNER ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM	\$130,998
SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE CENTER	\$896,391
SUZY'S CARING PLACE	\$579,587
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,466,580</b>



- GACS' MAJOR FUNDING SOURCES:**
- Gifts from Individual Donors, Organizations, Service Clubs & Estates
  - Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
  - Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault
  - Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
  - Illinois Department of Children & Family Services
  - Illinois Department of Human Services & Emergency Solutions
  - Illinois Office of the Attorney General
  - Northeastern Illinois Agency on Aging
  - United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
  - United Way of Will County & United Way of Grundy County

\*This statement was prepared by management of Guardian Angel Community Services without audit. The financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2020 were audited by a certified public accounting firm and they expressed an unqualified opinion. A copy of the audit is available for review at the Administrative Office of Guardian Angel Community Services.

**IMPACT**  
 # OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY GACS' PROGRAMS IN FY 2020:

**ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES**  
 HELPING TO PROTECT ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES AND THE ELDERLY IN NEED  
**5,004**  
 AT-RISK ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS & ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

**GROUNDWORK**  
 COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
**4,512**  
 INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE CENTER**  
 SEXUAL ASSAULT & RAPE CRISIS SERVICES  
**1,316**  
 SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT & THEIR LOVED ONES

**PARTNER ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM**  
 SUPPORTIVE EDUCATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS  
**246**  
 PERPETRATORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**SUZY'S CARING PLACE**  
 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING & SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
**123**  
 SURVIVORS AND THEIR CHILDREN

**FOSTER CARE**  
 NURTURING & SAFE HOMES FOR CHILDREN, FOSTER HOME LICENSING & SUPPORT SERVICES  
**117**  
 CHILDREN & BIOLOGICAL PARENTS

**EXCHANGE CLUB CENTER**  
 PARENTING CLASSES FOR THE PREVENTION OF ABUSE & NEGLECT  
**20**  
 AT-RISK FAMILIES

**DONORS**

**\$10,000 & UP**

Events For A Cause: Witches Night Out Joliet  
 LSP University Park LLC  
 Old Plank Trail Community Bank  
 University Park Energy, LLC  
 Mr. & Mrs. Larry and Sue Wiers

**\$9,999 TO \$5,000**

Employees of Chicago Tube and Iron  
 Exchange Club of Joliet  
 Mr. & Mrs. David Schlesinger

**\$4,999 TO \$1,000**

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Benoit  
 Blackburn, Giegerich, Sonntag Funeral Home  
 Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Bowden  
 Ms. Jane Condon-Boyer  
 Mr. Martin Cosgrove  
 Crane Fund For Widows and Children  
 DuPre, Construction Co.  
 Exxon-Mobil  
 First Midwest Bank  
 First United Methodist  
 Mr. & Mrs. Mel A. Gray, Jr.  
 Harrah's Casino Joliet  
 Hollywood Casino Joliet  
 Tom Holobowski & Friends  
 Hometown National Bank  
 Mr. Rich Kelch  
 Kiwanis Club of Joliet  
 Kiwanis Club of Shorewood  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ivan and Ines Kutlesa  
 Mr. Marilyn Kurtz  
 Mr. Alan Kuska  
 Lunafest  
 North Will County Exchange  
 Northern Insurance Services  
 NuMark Credit Union  
 Ms. Ann Rubino  
 Mr. & Mrs. James and Dorothy Ruzon  
 Mrs. Mary Sheehan  
 Dr. Ernesto Tan and Dr. Consuelo Tan  
 United States Krav Maga Association  
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas and Michele Vana  
 Village Of New Lenox  
 Mr. & Mrs. Bruce and Carol Vollrath  
 Will County Take Back The Night  
 Mrs. Suzanne Wright  
 Mr. William Ziegler  
 Mr. Frank M. Zuccarelli

**\$999 TO \$500**

3R Consulting LLC  
 Mr. & Mrs. Chad Bumpous  
 C-2 Corporation  
 Ms. Elizabeth Costa  
 Dr. C. Leslie & Mary D. Cox  
 Coyote Moon Dancers  
 Mr. Eric Cramer  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jack and Lynne Daly  
 Helen & John Engemann  
 Mrs. Cindy FioCCA Bloom  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Inserra  
 Jackson Township  
 Judson Memorial Baptist Church  
 Mr. Mark Krippel  
 Kurtz Memorial Chapel, LTD.  
 Kurtz Memorial Chapel, Inc.  
 Midwest Tankermen, Inc.  
 Mr. John M. Misak  
 Mr. Joe Mitchell  
 Our Mother of Good Counsel  
 Peace Lutheran Church  
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Piese  
 Mr. & Mrs. Rodney & Karen Raspolich  
 Rush Interiors, Inc.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Stone  
 Ms. Carolyn M. Tomazic Engers  
 Tri Chevy Association

**\$499 TO \$250**

A-1 Lindsay Water Treatment  
 Mrs. Tracy Arns  
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Baczak  
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bauer  
 Mr. George Beverly  
 Mrs. Shari Brinkman  
 Mr. & Mrs. Donald E. Buss  
 Kerry & Matthew Carey  
 Carnaggio Enterprises, Inc.  
 Marianne & Edward Chalfoux  
 Mr. Thomas Chester Jr.  
 Ms. Michele Christensen  
 Combined Warehouse Co LLC  
 Mr. & Mrs. Victor Corsetti  
 D Construction  
 Mrs. Susan Dienstake  
 E-1 Sports  
 Frankfort LLC  
 Fraternal Order of Police - Romeoville  
 Mr. & Mrs. James Gast  
 Ms. Debbie Graham  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Hanley  
 Mr. Kevin Hattemar  
 Mr. & Mrs. Glen Huston  
 Mr. & Mrs. George and Sue Johnson  
 Joliet Rivals Club  
 Mr. & Mrs. George Jones  
 Mr. William Kaluzny  
 Ms. Joanne Kasch  
 Knauer Industries  
 Ms. Colleen Kocher  
 Mr. & Mrs. Brian Kovack  
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank and Marina Kusera  
 Mr. & Mrs. Dan and Thelma Kuska  
 Mr. Michael Martin  
 Mr. & Mrs. Mike Masokas  
 Tame Mixson  
 Mokena Police Department  
 Mr. & Mrs. David Nelson  
 Dr. Vera Petras  
 PMI Energy Solutions, LLC  
 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Potter  
 Ms. Rebecca Potter  
 Chris Prodoehl  
 Mr. Benjamin Raffae  
 Ms. & Mr. Roberta Rand  
 Mr. & Mrs. Hector Ruiz  
 Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Russell  
 Mrs. Elaine Seamon  
 Sheila King Public Relations  
 Ms. Jamie Shimer  
 St. Genevieve Society No. 108 KSKJ  
 St. John's United Church of Christ  
 Ms. Sandy Sutton  
 The Exchange Club of Quad Cities, IL  
 Turk Furniture  
 Mr. & Mrs. Todd H. Tuskey  
 Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Weiss  
 Ms. Laura Welch  
 Wengler Law Firm LLC  
 Donald Cass Wenzlburg  
 Westminster Presbyterian Church  
 Pat Wojnovich

**TESTIMONIALS:**

- "I FEEL LIKE SOMEONE HAS FINALLY LISTENED TO MY MOTHER'S SITUATION & HAS OFFERED HELP." -ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES
- "I HAVE CHANGED MY ENTIRE OUTLOOK ON LIFE. I AM HAPPY TO NOT BE IN SUCH A SCARY PLACE ANYMORE. GUARDIAN ANGEL/GROUNDWORK SAVED ME!" -GROUNDWORK
- "MY COUNSELING SESSIONS ARE A CONSTRUCTIVE OUTLET WHERE I CAN TALK WITHOUT BEING JUDGED OR PITIED...IT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE & I'M GRATEFUL." -SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE CENTER
- "THIS CLASS HAS CHANGED MY LIFE & MY WAY OF THINKING." -PARTNER ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM
- "EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED...I FEEL LIKE A NEW PERSON. I FEEL HAPPY, EMPOWERED, STRONGER & HEALTHIER." -SUZY'S CARING PLACE
- "THE STAFF AT GUARDIAN ANGEL ARE SO HELPFUL, WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT ALL OF THEM." -FOSTER CARE
- "THE CLASS WAS VERY EDUCATIONAL & HELPFUL." -EXCHANGE CLUB CENTER

**GACS AGENCY WIDE IMPACT FY 2020:**

11,338 + 38,504 = **49,842**

HELPED DIRECTLY THROUGH PROGRAMS THROUGH SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ADVOCACY & JUSTICE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, PREVENTION EDUCATION, TRAININGS & PRESENTATIONS

Guardian Angel Community Services (GACS) is grateful for all of these gifts given between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. Please forgive us if we have inadvertently omitted your name.