



*"Knowledge, after all, is power and the gateway is empowerment"*

**-- Curtis Sliwa, The Guardian Angels founder**

The red beret of The Guardian Angels has become an icon for safety around the world. Founded in 1979 by Curtis Sliwa, The Guardian Angels began as a group of 13 dedicated volunteers who patrolled the subways, streets and neighborhoods of New York City to combat and deter crime. The organization has evolved into today's global network of Angels—volunteers from all walks of life, respected by law enforcement, welcomed by citizens and applauded by governments.

The Guardian Angels and founder Curtis Sliwa have received awards and commendations from Presidents Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. Strengthened by alliances with corporate, community, and government leaders, and organizations including the YMCA, the National Crime Prevention Council, The United Way and the Points of Light Foundation, the Angels continue their quest to make the world a safer place.

Key initiatives include:

- **The Guardian Angels Safety Patrols** to protect communities
- **The Guardian Angels Education Academy** offering an array of seminars and programs
- **CyberAngels**, an Internet safety program

### **The Guardian Angels Safety Patrols**

Over the years, Curtis and his Angels have empowered thousands of citizens to take responsibility for reclaiming their communities and safeguarding their streets through the formation of Safety Patrols. Today, more than 90 Guardian Angels Safety Patrol chapters operate throughout the world, and their numbers are growing. Each chapter is comprised of volunteers who safeguard streets, subways and other public areas from dusk until dawn, without weapons. Safety Patrol members attend community events to deter disruptions and are on call 24/7 to support the community. Through a unique feature—the inclusion of inner city youths in its safety patrols—The Guardian Angels is empowering young people to take pride in their communities and protect their neighborhoods.

The Guardian Angels' strength and trusted reputation have earned global recognition. Popular support of The Guardian Angels Safety Patrols is growing in Japan, with educational and safety training programs in place in Tokyo, Yokohama and Hiroshima. Staunchly supported by Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, The Guardian Angels has become Japan's first non-profit organization.

In 2005, The African National Congress in Capetown, South Africa invited The Guardian Angels to establish a local chapter. Expansion of The Guardian Angels also includes New Zealand, Canada and the Philippines.

### **The Guardian Angels Education Academy**

The Guardian Angels Education Academy encompasses a host of educational programs for students and educators, including public seminars and customized training sessions. Topics include character development, bullying, gang resistance, violence prevention, safety education, and Internet safety. Without education and intervention, school bullying can quickly spill onto streets and neighborhoods, unleashing a path of crime and violence. Gangs use schools to attract younger and younger recruits to their dangerous enterprises. Academy programs help educators create safe and productive classroom environments and instill students with the courage to resist gangs and eliminate bullying. A ***Role Model Academy*** offers students and teachers opportunities for ongoing implementation of The Guardian Angels

lessons. Academy programs are unique and powerful and equip schools with practical tools for immediate application in the classroom.

The Guardian Angels welcomes the opportunity to partner with businesses or individuals interested in sponsoring educational programs. Sponsorship is an ideal way for businesses to give back to their local communities, while encouraging the healthy development of the next generation of the workforce.

### **CyberAngels: The Guardian Angels Internet Safety Program**

As part of its move "beyond the streets", the Guardian Angels responded to citizens' calls for protection from online threats with the launch of **CyberAngels** in 1995. Through **CyberAngels**, Curtis Sliwa is applying the methods he pioneered on New York City streets to fight crime on the Internet. The volunteer-based CyberAngels is one of the oldest and most respected online safety education programs in the world, recognized by President Bill Clinton with a Presidential Service Award, former New York City mayor Rudolph Giuliani, and other government officials and dignitaries.

In addition to collaborating with law enforcement, CyberAngels works with schools, libraries, and parents, offering information, workshops, seminars, lesson plans, and a Web site to educate and promote safeguards for children's online activities. CyberAngels welcomes the opportunity to work with businesses and interested individuals through sponsorships or other collaborations to ensure that CyberAngels' programs remain relevant and effective in the ever-changing online world.

**With selfless dedication and passionate community service spanning nearly three decades, The Guardian Angels stands today as a leading violence prevention and safety education organization. The Guardian Angels welcomes partners who share its vision of community empowerment and safety through education. The challenges are great, but the rewards are priceless.**