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## Guardian Angels Start Anti-Gang Program in Northwest

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Washington (AP) - Guardian Angels are launching an anti-gang program today in Northwest Washington.

The non-profit group will be handing out fliers this afternoon outside of the Shrine of the Sacred Heart Church in Mount Pleasant. The area has seen an increase in gang violence and other crime.

The fliers in Spanish or English provide a 24-hour hot line residents can call for questions about fighting gangs. The group's director says their programs aim to educate parents and children as young as eight-year-old about gangs.

The group has been patrolling the neighborhood for about a month. They've opened an office on 15th and Irving streets.

Volunteers get legal and self-defense training, but are unarmed and authorized only to make citizens' arrests. The local chapter will be meeting with Police Chief Charles Ramsey tomorrow to talk about their efforts.