

Guardian Angels 2004 Year in Review

A Year in Review
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A look back at some of the events and accomplishments of this, our 25th year of service.

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Notable Events



You know about our Safety Patrols, about our Educational Initiatives, and about our Internet Safety program, but here are a few efforts you may not be aware of:

This year, Guardian Angels from all over the United States worked together to assist victims of hurricanes Charlie, Frances and Ivan - earning the thanks of President Bush.

Guardian Angels from all over Japan came together to assist victims of the tragic series of earthquakes that struck in November.

Guardian Angels earned the gratitude of the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund with their donation for families of military personnel who have lost their lives in defense of our country since September 11, 2001.

Staff Notes

We welcome Sandi Bachom, our new Director of Public Relations. Sandi is a noted author and producer and we are pleased to welcome her into the Guardian Angels family.

L'il Angels

Former "Youngest Angel" Anthony Chester Sliwa welcomes newest angels Rooks Atticus Metz, son of Western Regional Director Sebastian Metz; and Kendra Lee daughter of East

2004 Awards and Recognition



The Alliance of Guardian Angels is both gratified and proud of the numerous awards and citations granted us by various officials, organizations and communities. Among other citations, we are grateful for the following nods of recognition:

- New York State Assembly Citation
- New York City Council Citation
- Yeshiva Derech Hatorah Guardian of Israel Award
- President's Service Award for our Hollywood, FL Chapter
- Courageous Citizen Award from the FDNY
- Commendation from the Governor

Coast Director Frank Lee.

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[Our 25th Anniversary Gala Celebration](#)

On June 9th of this past year, the Guardian Angels celebrated 25 years of service (see our [timeline](#)) at their annual gala. The gala was a celebration of a quarter of a century of dedication and service to community and also gave the Angels a chance to recognize and honor the outstanding efforts of three individuals. Congratulations to Howard Lorber (recipient of the Guardian Angels Lifetime Achievement Award), Chad W. Johnson (Guardian Angels Role Model of the Year Award), and Sid Paterson (Guardian Angels Spirit of New York award).



Mark your calendars for June 7, 2005. Our next gala is already in the works, and we'd like **you** to be a part of it.

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Violence Prevention Seminars

Our two-hour violence prevention seminar for educators seeking certification has recently expanded from St. John's University to Manhattan College and Iona College. Dean Jerrold Ross reports that the seminars "have been extremely well recieved", and that "It would certainly be in the best interests of students at other

institutions...to hear [Curtis]."

Anti-Bullying/Character Education Programs

This successful program meeting state law and federal "No Child Left Behind" mandates has been very successful, reaching faculty and students in Morris Plains,

of Hawaii

- Citation for Heroics from Assemblyman Jose Peralta
- Italian Charities of America Christopher Columbus Award to Curtis Sliwa

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Bernardsville, Red Bank's St James School, Norwood, Boonton, Montville, Rockaway Township, Oradell, Roxbury, Keyport and Kearny Schools. John Dumford, Superintendent of Keyport Public Schools says of John Munro: *"Your programs...have made a difference for the Keyport School District and for its students."* and *"I would gladly recommend your programs without reservation to other school districts."*

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Safety Patrols

Our Regional Directors have been busy this year! Requests from communities all over the globe resulted in the formation of **18 new chapters** during 2004:

San Paulo, Brazil; Puerto Rico; St Croix; Honolulu, HW; Jackson MS; Weldon and Charlotte NC; Plainfield NJ; Schenectady NY; Ft Pierce, Key Largo, Orlando and Davie FL; Los Angeles CA; Cincinatti, Fostoria, Dayton and Price Hill OH.



Asian Initiatives

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi welcomed Curtis Sliwa to the Kantei (Japanese equivalent of the White House). While there, Koizumi invited the Guardian Angels to bring safety programs into the public schools. Guardian Angels has the distinction of being the very first recognized non-profit entity in Japan.

[Our Safety Patrol Program](#)

Our Academy of Security & Police Sciences

This program made great strides in 2004. Building on 25 years of experience in safety and security, Arnaldo Salinas has garnered the respect of the Department of Defense's Chairman of US Reserve Forces Policy Board - General Zapanta. Under his guidance, and



paved by President Bush's Third Border Initiative, the Guardian Angels have been engaged in an official collaboration with the Caribbean Institute for Security and Preparedness.

The Academy is also pleased to report that they have offered more than a dozen seminars in security at City University of New York. This seminar, licensed by the New York State Department of Criminal Justice, has been well received by staff and students alike.

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The Thorn in Gotti's Side

Fourteen years ago, Curtis Sliwa's outspoken criticism of mob activity in the city of New York led to an attempt on his life. Law enforcement, at that time, did not credit the theory that the shooting was mafia related. New evidence unearthed this year proved the veracity of Curtis's accusations, leading to a federal grand jury investigation of John A. (Jr.) Gotti.



Gotti's indictment was a vindication for Curtis, but his efforts to raise public awareness about the mob presence in the city led to a new attack: this time in court. Gotti's legal team attempted to have a gag order placed on Curtis, preventing him from discussing the case or defendant on his daily radio show. Curtis stood on his first amendment rights, which were enforced by Judge Shira Scheindlin.

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