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Guardian Angels Cleaning Up Your Neighborhood Free Of Charge

■ "Aiming To Protect And Serve Communities" In More Than 67 Cities Globally

By Curtis Allen

On a cold February day in 1979, a man, leaving his job at a South Bronx McDonald's, decides to take the subway home. Exhausted from a long day, he sluggishly walks through the spray painted metal doors of his train. Using his left hand to assist him, he grabs hold of the back of a seat and plops downward. While taking a deep breath, and wishing the seat were his bed, he hears the all too familiar "cry for help" coming from a frightened voice in the rear of the train. Rejuvenated by the desire to help, he approaches the scene in question.

Some young hoodlum is robbing an old woman. He grabs the kid, tells him that we won't be putting up with that on this train, and then lets him go. Stunned by the actions that just occurred, the assailant gets off at the next stop. The old woman thanks him. Humbly telling her, "it's no problem ma'am," he returns to his seat.

There was a problem though. He did not believe the last statement that he told the woman. He felt that there really was a problem with all the crime going on in New York city. Someone, somewhere, has to take a stand. Some-



District Guardian Angels firmly believe in communication with community members

one did.

He returned to work the next day and found out that twelve other people he worked with felt the same way. With that, he decided to start a new organization.

The "he," is Curtis Sliwa.

The "organization," is the Guardian Angels.

It has been over 18 years since this 13 man organization began in New York city. Today, it has 5000 working members in more than 67 cities across the United States, as

well as in; Germany, Italy, England, Sweden, Canada, Australia and Denmark. The primary goal of Guardian Angels is to clean up communities and make them safe places to live in.

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