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Assist Guardian Angels

Patricia Gilbert, founder of Guardian Angels in Bath, was on local TV several months ago. Panel participants addressing her accomplishments seemed more critical than supportive.

A co-host asked about the Guardian Angels in Elmira, expressing disappointment they hadn't cleaned things up. Patricia Gilbert advised of her efforts, pointing out they had four volunteers in Elmira. She was working closely with them, providing training to the group.

Patricia Gilbert and her group must certainly be viewed as heroes. Confronting crime on the streets in our rural towns and cities is no small endeavor. There is danger in our drug-infested towns. People are shot, stabbed and beaten up. These heroes risk life and limb patrolling our streets.

People look and ask why aren't the Guardian Angels doing better? It seems more is expected from the Guardian Angels than is expected from our police departments. We have gotten too used to sitting on the sidelines waiting for others to protect us. They need help. We must all do something to help fight epidemic crime in America.

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