

GUARDIAN FAMILY SERVICES

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**Do you know of someone in a domestic violence situation?
What about yourself? If we can help with services or any
information, call us anytime 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at
618-524-HELP (4357).**

All services are free and confidential.

Statistics

- **1 in 5 teens** who have been in a serious relationship report being **hit, slapped or pushed by a partner.**
- Boys who witness domestic violence are *twice as likely* to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.

The El Tequila night was a great success!

We want to thank everyone for visiting the restaurant on April 20th and a big thank you to the El Tequila staff for working so hard and donating 20% of the night's tickets to the shelter.



Thank you to all *Curves* Members for donating *much needed* canned goods and non-perishable food items during your recent food drive. Our shelter truly appreciates your efforts!

Shelter Needs

- Deodorant
- Toilet Paper
- Women's Shaving Cream
- Cleaning Supplies
- Non-Perishable Foods
- Foil

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EVENTS

May 10-24: GFSC and Big Daddy's Butts and Ribs Sale
Get some mouth watering BBQ from Big Daddy's and support Guardian in one fantastic fundraiser!

- 1 – Smoked Pork Butt 'n Bottle of Sauce (approx. 4-6 lbs.) \$25
- 1 – Full Slab of St. Louis Style Spare Ribs \$18

We are taking orders May 10th-24th and delivering on the 28th or you can pick up your order at the shelter – 117 W 10th St. After 1pm.

Contact a staff member or call the shelter 524-HELP to order starting May 10th.

May 15: GFSC Roadblock in Metropolis
The Metropolis Chapter of the Modern Woodmen will be matching your donations!

Now through July: We are taking AmeriCorps applications for positions as caseworkers. If you, or someone you know would like to apply for this year-long commitment, please contact Rita Gower, Program Director, for an AmeriCorps application.



Rita Gower, right, GFS Program Director, and staff member Kristen Amaya, display the latest grant for the shelter. On April 23rd, GFS was one of seven area agencies that received a \$1,000 Wal-Mart Grant. At the same presentation, area high schools each received a \$100 gift card for their project graduation celebrations.

Kristen Amaya, GFS Staff, recently completed her second Illinois Half-Marathon held May 1st, at the University of Illinois in Champaign. This year, she chose to run for charity and raised \$435 for Guardian Family Services.

Thank you to all the generous sponsors!



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Please help us buy a shed

We are in desperate need of a storage shed for our bicycles. With the coming rainy Spring, we don't want the bicycles to get rusty. These are used for clients and their children to get to school and appointments, even work.

Please help us by making a donation.

Maternity clothes

If you have any new or gently used maternity clothes in medium and/or large, please consider donating them to the shelter.

Donate your old cell phones today

Gather your old or broken cell phones and chargers to help victims of domestic violence. Drop them off at the courthouse, Linwood Motors, Shawnee Metro Center, or LaFarge. You may also bring them to the shelter any time as we are open 24/7!

Harrah's Volunteers

Once again, a group of dedicated volunteers from Harrah's spent a day at Guardian Family Services. Among many needed tasks, they performed routine maintenance, changed light bulbs, fixed closet doors, and repaired the outdoor swing set.

We truly appreciate their hard work and continued dedication!



Back Row: Pat Penrod, Thomas Johnson, Dave Miller, Chris Runyon
Front Row: Andrea Holt, Rakayia Holms, Tammy Evers