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Guardian Family Services wants to thank the following for their donations (September 1st through November 24th) without you the shelter would be closing. Our "thank you" seems so small compared to all that each one of you has done, but it comes from our hearts! If you would like to make a donation to GFS please mail your tax-deductible donation to GFS, PO Box 742, Metropolis, IL 62960.

Community Christian Church	The Metropolis Kiwanis Club	Norma Smith
Powers United Methodist Church	Upper Salem Baptist Church	Myrtle Dorris
St Paul AME Church	Joppa Missionary Baptist Church	Michael Edwards
Bobette Steele	Trinity Presbyterian Church	Terry & Roberta Taylor
Massac Co. Ministerial Alliance	Community of Women	Tracy Suttles
Don & Alice Smith	Letitia Hogan	Brenda Herring
Les Carroll	Rene Martinez	Jim Pepping
Patrick & Holly Windhorst	Jon & Betty Cockrel	Linda Jacobs
John & Janet Foster	Tom Emmerson	El Tequila
Scarecreepers	Curves for Women	Methodist Men
Joppa Baptist Church	United Methodist Women	BettyJo Mathis
Bea Adkins	Brookport Unity Missionary Baptist Church	St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

We would also like to thank Harrah's and the United Way of Massac County for their continued support!

Do you know of someone in a domestic violence situation? What about yourself?

If we can help with services or information, call us anytime 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 618-524-HELP (4357).

All services are free and confidential.



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Charity Dining a Big Success

Guardian Family Services would like to thank Mark Riley and all the employees at Chick-fil-A in Paducah for allowing GFS to hold a fundraiser at their facility (located in front of Kohl's) on November 3rd. GFS received 20% of the proceeds for the evening. We would especially like to thank Callie Gower for being the cow and having her picture made with the children. A big thank you to everyone that came to the event to support GFS!



We would like to thank El Tequila and The Grill for the impressive charity dining nights on November 8th and 22nd. Our appreciation is also extended to the wonderful patrons who filled El Tequila and supported GFS. These nights raised over \$600!



Volunteers filled drinks, served chips and salsa, and cleaned tables. Thank you for all your hard work!



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Custom Reflective Signs Help You and GFS!!!

Have you or a loved one ever had to call 911 for help? What if the help you needed couldn't find your home? Too many addresses in the area are not visible enough from the street, not visible after dark, or maybe not even posted at all. The truth is that if the emergency responders can't locate your home they can't help you!!! Highly visible and reflective address signs are recommended by EMT's, Firefighters, Police, Mailman, and food delivery personnel. You can get a great sign that is specifically designed and installed for you from Bivens Sign Company.

After hearing of our drastic cuts in funding on the news, John Bivens of Bivens Sign Company contacted us to offer his help in raising funds to support Guardian Family Services. John will be going door to door within Massac County selling address signs and will donate a portion of each and every sign to GFS!! If you would like a sign call John at 270-559-3208 or Rita Gower, GFS Program Director at 618-524-HELP to get your sign today.

John also donated a sign to GFS so please drive by the shelter and check it out! Please visit our [website](#) to see other great examples! You do not pay anything until the sign is delivered.

Items needed:

Tax-deductible donation

- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Bathroom cleaner
- Air freshener
- Disinfectant spray
- Laundry detergent
- White kitchen-sized trash bags
- Bleach
- Laundry stain remover
- Fabric softener sheets
- Toilet Paper

New Grant Helps GFS Funding

Catholic Campaign for Human Development granted Guardian Family Services request with a \$750.00 donation. The CCHD was founded to help people who are poor help themselves escape poverty and address its causes by investing in their development as leaders. The CCHD stated they appreciated GFS's efforts to address the root causes of poverty in poor rural areas of Illinois by offering recovery activities, life skills, counseling and advocating for domestic violence victims to break the cycle of being demeaned, abused and impeded from going forward with their lives and becoming financially independent.

GFS is very appreciative of this first time grant and plans to apply for funding again next year.



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Great Raffles

Would you like the chance to win some great prizes while helping a great cause? Check out our three raffles below. Call GFS at 524-4357 to purchase some tickets. They make great Christmas gifts!

#1. Predators/Nashville Weekend Getaway:

This includes 2 tickets (8th row from the glass) at the Predators v Blackhawks Hockey game in Nashville on January 21st. These tickets are all inclusive and include 2 free buffets and all the beer/wine you can drink. The package also includes a free night at the Renaissance Hotel (2 blocks from the arena – within walking distance) in Nashville on Saturday. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. **Drawing will be January 2, 2012.**

#2. Wii Game System: Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. **Drawing will be 12-15-11**

#3. XBOX 360 Game System: Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. **Drawing will be 12-15-11**

Scaring for a Cause

"We Scare Because We Care" was this year's theme for Scarecreepers Haunted Attraction in Metropolis. This was the second year that the event has donated a share of the proceeds to Guardian Family Services. The Haunted Attraction is operated by Jessica and Beau Neihoff and Shannon Latham and run solely with the help of volunteers from the community.



We received \$700 from this year's Haunting. In addition to the Haunted Attraction they collected linens and blankets from 3 area churches: County Line Church and Gilead Church both in Simpson and the First Baptist Church of Vienna.

GFS would like to thank the Neihoffs, the Lathams, the volunteers and all those who supported this event or helped out in any way.



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GFS Staff Accomplishments

AmeriCorps Induction in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois – Governor Pat Quinn proclaimed October 13, 2011, as National Service Recognition Day in the state of Illinois, and congratulated Illinois' AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and Learn and Serve programs on their service in strengthening communities through volunteerism.

More than 86,000 people of all ages and backgrounds are serving with more than 2,570 national and local nonprofits, schools, faith-based organizations, and other groups. This includes 2,600 AmeriCorps Members, 19,000 Senior Corps volunteers and over 64,000 Learn and Serve America students.

National Service Members serve their communities by improving education, protecting public safety, improving health care, safeguarding the environment, providing disaster relief and promoting civic engagement.

For more information on AmeriCorps or Serve Illinois, visit the website at www.Serve.Illinois.gov or call 800-592-9896.

GFS AmeriCorps Member, Amanda Kirby, attended the event in Springfield. We appreciate the time and talents Amanda contributes to Guardian Family Services.

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From Top Left: Dave Warner, Amanda Kirby, Laurel Mabry, Mandy Wolfe, Amanda Dent, and Casey Bryan.

Phi Theta Kappa international Induction at Shawnee

The Alpha Lambda Epsilon chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa international honor society at Shawnee Community College recently conducted an induction ceremony, welcoming new members. Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership and service programming. Amanda Kirby, GFS AmeriCorps Member was among the inducted. Congratulations Amanda!