



Volunteer Guardianship ONE ON ONE, INC.

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5th Annual Star Celebration

Honoring

Daniel James "D.J." Wright

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019 • Inn at Lambertville Station • 5:30 pm

Please join Volunteer Guardianship in honoring a man who has dedicated his life to helping people at one of the most critical junctions of their lives, and as we raise support for a cause that is so close and vital to all of us.

D.J. is the owner and executive director of Wright & Ford Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Flemington, NJ. He is a Past President of Volunteer Guardianship One on One, Inc. and serves on numerous boards and committees all involved in promoting community welfare and engagement. From the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce and its Foundation, to Prevention Resources, to Rotary International, everything D.J. does, he does with a true spirit of altruism. He is currently the President of the New Jersey State Funeral Directors Association, where he promotes healing and comfort to the families served by his profession. It is his goal that every member of society, from the youngest to the oldest, are always protected and cared for.

We invite you to support and celebrate one of the true service "Stars" among us at our Fifth Annual Star Gala.

Our evening will provide a wonderful opportunity for fellowship in a lovely setting, together with folks who share your care and compassion for the neediest among us.

Join us for an "Evening with the Stars" of Volunteer Guardianship!

Sponsorship Packet For

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Can you imagine not being able to manage many areas of your life due to various involuntary reasons, and at the same time have NO family or friends able to assist you when you have to make important life decisions?

This frightening scenario happens much more often than most people realize. “You Are Never Alone,” the mantra of Volunteer Guardianship One-on-One, Inc. serves as a reminder to those who dedicate their time and resources to help fellow members of the community. The organization coordinates volunteers to provide compassionate and complete guardianship services to adults who have no willing family members or friends, and have been determined by the judicial system to be “incapacitated” and need of such services.

The organization developed in the 1990s when the New Jersey Office of the Public Guardian was under budget constrictions and a moratorium was placed on new cases. Hunterdon County Surrogate Susan Hoffman and local attorney Anthony Serra came up with the idea of using volunteers as a way to address the problem of persons who had no one to care for them and were essentially abandoned by the State.

A guardian is a person appointed by the court to make life decisions for another person whom a judge determines to be incapacitated. A guardian may be anyone. Important issues on where to live and how to manage their finances become the responsibility of the guardian.

Our volunteers are “never alone.” They must first become trained in the policies and procedures included in our Volunteer Handbook before they are assigned a ward. We offer ongoing workshops throughout the year and have a board of highly qualified people to answer any concerns or questions. The continuing growth of incapacitated persons has caused Volunteer Guardianship One on One to be more important now than ever. As you read through the following material, we hope you will realize the importance of this organization in our community. It is also our wish that you can help either by volunteering or through an enabling monetary donation. Thank you for your interest and remember that no matter what, you are never alone.

Respectfully,

*The Board of Directors, Staff & Volunteers of
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WHAT IS A GUARDIAN?

A Guardian is an individual who has been appointed by the court to make decisions for another person.

A person may require a Guardian for many reasons, including illness or injury. If a judge determines that the person is “incapacitated,” a Guardian is appointed.

A Guardian may be a family member, a neighbor, a friend, or a professional guardian. In some cases, a Volunteer Guardian or the State Public Guardian may be assigned.

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A VOLUNTEER GUARDIAN?

A Volunteer Guardian makes all life decisions for his/her “ward.” Important issues such as where to live and how to manage their finances become the responsibility of the Guardian.

“OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE NEVER ALONE”

Volunteer Guardians make these decisions with the assistance of volunteer professionals individuals and social service agencies.

WHAT IS THE BACKGROUND OF A TYPICAL VOLUNTEER GUARDIAN?

There is no typical Volunteer Guardian. Education, age, economic status, race and religious preference are all varied and welcomed. The only real requirement is that all volunteers share a strong desire to do something meaningful for another person.

WHAT TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED?

Volunteer Guardians are “never alone.” Before being assigned a ward, a volunteer becomes thoroughly familiar with the policies and procedures included in the “Volunteer Handbook.”

Opportunities for continued professional development abound, through educational programs sponsored by Volunteer Guardianship One-on-One, and The Guardianship Association of New Jersey, Inc. (GANJI). Volunteers have the opportunity of earning the Registered Guardian (RG) credential.



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WHAT HAPPENS IF I MUST BE AWAY FROM HOME?

No problem at all. Most wards are happily settled in their homes or in a care facility. Daily contact is not required. To be certain that decisions can be made even when the Guardian is unavailable, a “Power of Attorney” is arranged to allow availability of a substitute Guardian.

WHO DO I ASK FOR HELP?

Remember, our Guardians are never left alone!

The members of our Board of Trustees are persons actively engaged in legal, medical, religious, nursing and social services in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. All are personally committed to the Guardian’s success. Each is available whenever needed to answer a question, to provide guidance, or to help a Guardian make an important life decision.

WHO SUPPORTS VOLUNTEER GUARDIANSHIP?

Volunteer Guardianship One-on-One, Inc. is a proud member agency of The United Way of Hunterdon County and a grant recipient of The Department of Human Services, Hunterdon County.

Additional operating funds are gratefully received from The Large Foundation, Johnson & Johnson Investor’s Bank Foundation, The Holt Foundation, Anne Sychala Foundation, and many area businesses and individual sponsors. We never want financial constraints to dictate how a person manages basic life events, and we consistently strive to make sure that the organization stays solvent and can continue to offer to both guardians and wards all the best possible resources available.

***“A guardian does NOT have to put out their own money.
The just have to put out their heart.”***



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Just some of the people we can and have helped...

- Carl has had a severe stroke and cannot communicate and sits alone in a nursing home. He has no one to look out for his best interests.
- Mary was never married, has no siblings or living relatives. She is 90 and all her friends are gone. She was found in her home, alone with her advanced dementia. Adult Protective Services stepped in. Who will look after her best interests?
- Stan was at mental institution but now that he is on medication he is able to be moved to a supervised group home, but he has no one to ok his release.

Legally Incapacitated definition: determined by a Judge to be temporarily or permanently impaired by mental and/or physical deficiency, disability, illness, or by the use of drugs to the extent he or she lacks sufficient understanding to make rational decisions or engage in responsible actions.

Legal Guardian definition: Guardianship is generally defined as a legal arrangement under which a person (a guardian or fiduciary) is given the legal right and duty to care for another and his or her property (commonly referred to as the ward). A guardianship is established due to the ward's inability to legally act on his or her behalf because of mental or physical incapacity.

As our aging population grows we see more and more Alzheimer's, Dementia and Strokes. Many of these people are alone and have no one willing or able to step up and be their guardian. That is why they need you!



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It costs \$5,000 to train/sponsor ONE guardian.

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Ward Sponsor: Quarter page ad in program, one event ticket.....\$500

Rabbi Evan Jaffe Ward Fund: Business card ad in program.....\$150
A percentage of sponsorship proceeds will support The Rabbi Evan Jaffe Fund's mission to provide essentials and items to enrich the life of those who have so little.



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Organization (if applicable): _____

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Telephone: _____

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Sponsorship Level: _____

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If needed, VG00 will design something for your approval

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*Mail Form & Payment to: V.G.O.O., Inc., PO Box 265, Lebanon, NJ 08833

*V.G.O.O., Inc. is a 501c3 not for profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible

Thank You For Your Support.

Respectfully,

*The Board of Directors, Staff &
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