

RI VOLUNTEER GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM
GOOD SAMARITAN GUARDIANSHIPS FOR COGNITIVELY IMPAIRED ELDERS
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Volunteer Guardian Orientation and Training – Reserved Seating Required

Next Class: Both Thursdays, October 29 & November 5, 2009

Time: 6:00-9:00 pm

Location: Cornerstone Adult Services

140 Warwick Neck Avenue

Warwick, RI 02889

Prospective Volunteer Guardians must attend both sessions and have their application approved to be eligible for guardianship appointment. To Reserve Seating call Patricia Vinci: 401-739-2844 ext. 36

Please complete a Volunteer Application Form and return it to Patricia Vinci by mail to Cornerstone or by fax at 401-739-5388. A link to print the form is available below.

About the Program and Volunteer Guardianships: The RI Volunteer Guardianship Program (“VGP”) has been a successful service to Rhode Island’s elderly population since the RI Department of Elderly Affairs began sponsoring the VGP as a pilot program in 2001. The VGP is managed by Cornerstone Adult Services, Inc. Guardianship is a legal arrangement through which the Guardian is authorized to make certain decisions for another person, the Ward. The VGP provides trained volunteers to help cognitively impaired elderly persons. Volunteers are appointed as “Good Samaritan” Guardians of the Person by a Probate Court Judge and make important health care, residence, and relationship decisions. Volunteer lawyers handle the Probate Court papers and hearings needed to appoint Volunteer Guardians.

Who may be eligible to have a Good Samaritan Guardian? Rhode Island residents who:

- Are at least 60 years of age
- Are medically determined to be cognitively impaired
- Are medically determined to need a surrogate decision maker
- Whose income meets certain financial criteria
- Who reside in a skilled nursing care facility or in certain community environments
- Have no family or friend to be a guardian

Who are the Volunteers? *No special expertise is required; only the desire to make a difference in the lives of elders in need.* Volunteer Guardians:

- Are compassionate and caring
- Come from all walks of life and backgrounds
- May have experience taking care of family
- May have training and experience in health care or social work
- Are both working and retired people
- Receive initial and ongoing training and support from the VGP

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Please visit our website at www.cornerstone-ri.com for further information about the Volunteer Guardianship Program and to obtain a copy of the Volunteer Application Form.