



PROJECT GUARDIANSHIP

Friendly Visitor Volunteer Program

Our clients often have no friends or families in their lives. Our Friendly Visitor Volunteer Program succeeds in reducing their loneliness and isolation. Dedicated volunteers visit their neighbors frequently, and both parties have the opportunity to form a new and mutually beneficial relationship.

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Caring for a
growing population
of older and disabled
adults who have no
family or friends to
care for them.



Who we are

Abuse, financial exploitation, and inadequate care are all pervasive problems for older adults and adults with disabilities. Project Guardianship (PG) was created to address these problems, as well as the need for improved legal guardianship standards and elder care services in New York.

PG provides direct services, advocacy, and care support. Our expert attorneys, social workers, and benefits, finance and property managers safeguard the physical, mental, and financial well-being of our clients while respecting and maximizing their autonomy and independence.

We investigate and assist in the resolution of cases of abuse on behalf of our clients. And, we promote improved policies and practices to address the growing number of older people and people with disabilities across the nation who need assistance.



Who are Project Guardianship's clients?

Our clients have no friends or family to care for them and face a wide range of challenging issues — such as serious illness, threat of eviction, financial exploitation, and lost benefits and income.



Many of our clients are older adults with dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

A person in need becomes a PG client when New York court judges ask PG to serve as a guardian for an adult with serious physical or mental disabilities who is without a caretaker's support, per Article 81 of the New York State Mental Hygiene Law. We assist these individuals with both preventative and restorative measures for their overall health and welfare.



Keeping our clients in their homes and communities

Many of our clients would be forced to move from their homes into nursing homes or institutions if we were not there for them. Some would have remained in these places indefinitely. PG performs emergency interventions such as deep cleanings and major home repairs so clients can stay in or transition back to their homes. With PG's help, 60 percent of clients are able to stay in their homes and communities.

MORE THAN 60% OF OUR CLIENTS REMAIN IN OR RETURN TO THEIR HOMES AND COMMUNITIES.



A growing need for guardianship

The population is graying rapidly. By 2030, the number of New York City seniors will outnumber school-age children. Nationwide, the number of people who will be in need of guardians is expected to increase substantially.

PG ADDRESSES THE PERVASIVE PROBLEM OF THE ABUSE AND FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF OUR NATION'S OLDER ADULTS.



Advocates and change agents for sound guardianship

PG seeks to shine a light on the current gaps in the guardianship and elder services safety net by educating decision makers at the local, state, and federal levels.

As a change agent, we seek to influence policy and promote practical approaches that impact a growing population and address the critical needs of these people while saving public dollars.

