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FAMILY CRISIS CENTER
AND RESALE BOUTIQUE
SEA CLIFF, NEW YORK

OUR MISSION

OUR VISION

- The mission of Guardian Angel Family Crisis Center (GAFCC) is to meet the immediate needs of woman who have lost control of their lives, who are struggling to raise their children, or who have been left shipwrecked by economic or marital hardship.
- GAFCC offers practical help, from food and clothing needs, to help navigate government agencies, including housing, health care, and services to disenfranchised women. We run a thrift store where women and children can come for immediate clothing needs. We counsel, console, encourage, and assist.

GAFCC Second Annual Fundraiser: Towards a Common Goal

This year Guardian Angel Family Crisis Center has joined forces with local agencies to reach families struggling and to be that bridge of hope. We are honoring three organizations on November 3, 2011 at the Brookville Country Club. Our honorees are The North Shore Boys and Girls Club, The North Shore Inn, and The Senior Center of Glen Cove.



North Shore Boys and Girls Club-

The North Shore Boys and Girls Club was formed in 1996 by a group of concerned parents and business owners who wanted to provide our youth with an environment and place where our children and teens could congregate and be themselves. The organization serves over 2,100 children from kindergarten through high school in the North Shore School District and neighboring communities. Services provide and include the "Beyond the Bell" after school program, a Friday evening program caked the Canteen; live band shows known as the Rock Lobster, and Artist Café, a seven week summer sports and recreation program.



The North Shore Inn-

The INN was founded in 1983 as a single soup kitchen run by a small group of concerned volunteers. Working at a church in Hempstead, the volunteers discovered that not only were there large numbers of hungry people on Long Island, but that individuals working together could make a difference in their lives. What began as a tiny seed quickly grew as other communities discovered that hungry people existed in their community, too. By sharing their knowledge, the volunteers began to form an interfaith network of soup kitchens to feed hungry Long Islanders. Today, there are a total of 19 soup kitchens, operating as part of The INN's network across Long Island. More than 7,500 people are fed each week.



The Senior Center of Glen Cove-

The Glen Cove Senior Center is the official agency of the City of Glen Cove that plans, develops and coordinates programs and services for older residents in Glen Cove and its surrounding communities. We have offered opportunities, adventures and assistance in meeting the challenges of aging for ever three decades. The Center was formed in order to provide support for to senior citizens 60 years of age and over. The Senior Center of Glen Cove has been realized with a dedicated staff, extraordinary volunteers and generous funding form the City of Glen Cove, the Nassau County Department of Senior Center Affairs through the New York State Office of Aging, and the United States Administration of Aging.





Donations: Partnering with women in emergency financial crisis

- Domestic Violence** → Mom and two children denied assistance from several agencies. GAF assisted in their rent.
- Eviction** → Mom and two year old daughter needed assistance in her financial move.
- House Fire** → Family lost their home due to a fire. GAF helped with clothing and in their pursuit to finding a home
- College Support** → Mom was experiencing eviction and job loss. Desired to stay in college this semester, GAF helped mom to register for school and assist in apartment search for a less expensive rental.
- Job Loss** → Mom and two children in need of financial support until they were able to recover.

“Guardian Angel Family Crisis Center offers merchandise and meaningful counsel to all who are in need and are ready to turn their lives around.”

Partnering Programs

Partnering Programs—Serving the Community by connecting with schools and other organizations.

Styles for Success: Guardian Angel Resale Boutique is a resource for women who have found themselves out of work and in need of dress clothes/suits for their interviews and job search.

GED (General Equivalency Diploma) Program: Guardian Angel Family joined forces with the North Shore Boys & Girls Club in offering young adults 21 years and older classes through the BOCES certi-

fied testing program. Together our mission began from a need for this age group that was not offered in their local community.



Sewing Classes: Guardian Angel’s sewing class give women the confidence they need. All proceeds from the sewn goods, sold at the store, will go to each

women participating in the program.

Community Volunteer center for Teens: Our Teen Angels help with the retail end of the store, meet customers and assist with fundraising events.

Latina Social Gathering: Women from Latino heritage gather on Friday evenings for food and fellowship.

Empowered

Creative

Confident

Inspired

Guardian Angel Family Store

For the two years that the Guardian Angel Family Store has been open, they have had open doors for families in need throughout the community. Through a self profit system, the Guardian Angel Family is able to provide others with the basic needs that they would struggle to get on their own.



By raising awareness for causes such as domestic violence, college support, eviction and job loss Barbara and the rest of the Guardian Angel Family have supported women and children who need it.

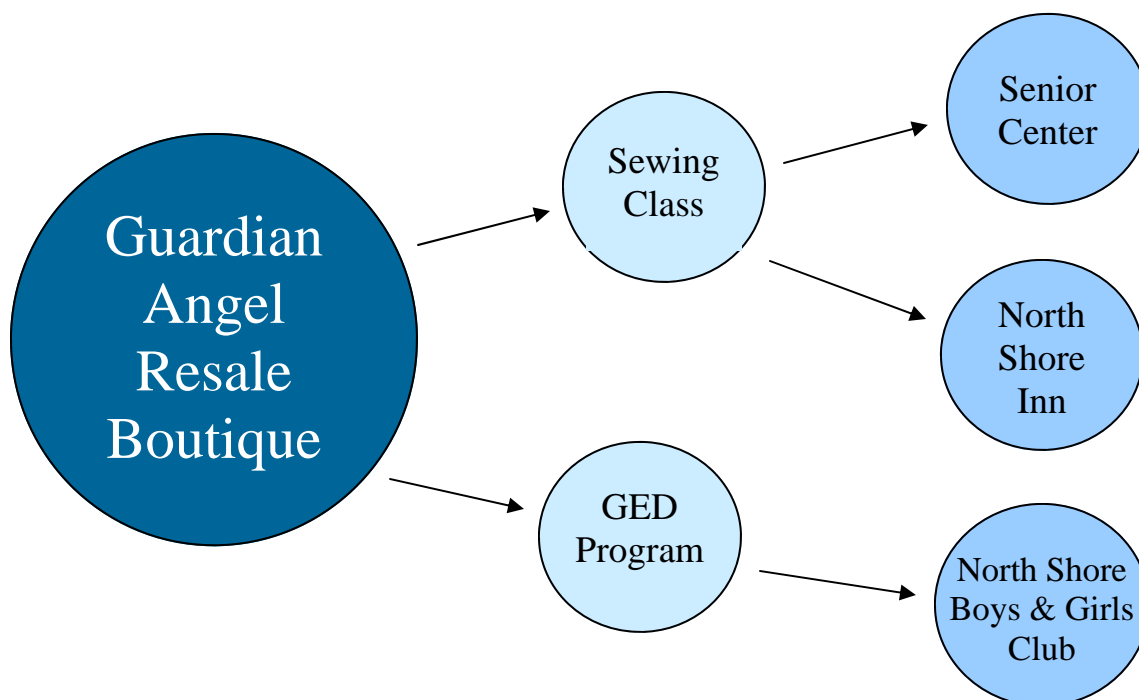
The Guardian Angel Store sells women and children's apparel, jewelry, and toys.



Volunteers are the driving force behind the program, and are always welcomed to help out.



Guardian Angel Joins Forces Here and Abroad



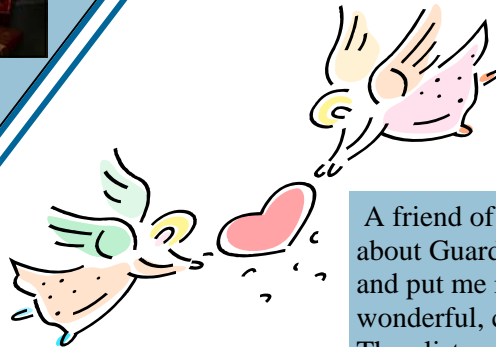
Testimonies

The Guardian Angel family are angels on earth to me, I say that because I know first hand the work they do. They go above and beyond to help their fellow neighbors in need. Barbara, the owner, has been my guardian angel since the day I walked into the store for a pair of gloves for my two-year old daughter on a bitterly cold evening in Sea Cliff.

I was and still am a full time student working toward my RN degree, a single mother with no financial help from my daughter's father and had lost my job and was struggling to stay afloat. I was also being evicted from my apartment and felt I had no one to help me figure out what my next step would be. I was afraid we would end up homeless, on the streets, that's until the day I stumbled upon Guardian Angel. They listened, and provided me with different avenues to venture on for finding an affordable home and assistance with paying my rent.



The Guardian Angel Family inspires me to be a better person every day. When they do for others and the love that comes along with it, comes natural for them and makes you feel like you are the most important thing in their lives. When things feel so low and you feel you are alone and barely treading water, Guardian Angel shows up with the raft! ~Heather R.



A friend of mine had heard about Guardian Angel Family and put me in touch with this wonderful, caring program. They listened as I explained my situation and they took action. Calling many of the agencies that I had connected with and more. I was desperate and they took the time to meet with me for coffee and lovingly agreed to assist with a financial gift to help us get away from the abuse and start our lives over again.

With this time to heal and restore our lives, I have been able to get a job and concentrate on my children. All of this would not have been possible without the help of Guardian Angel Family. ~ Diane

My four children and I have for many years endured abuse from their father. The emotional and verbal abuse was generally directed at me, but as a Christian woman, I struggled with the decision to disrupt the lives of my children and to move out. I prayed and begged for help from the Lord.

I began to call agencies and several other resource programs which only led to closed doors. No one seemed to be able to assist my family in this crisis.

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