

## When

- You are worried about a friend, neighbor, or family member
- They seem too confused to be making decisions for themselves
- There is no one to step forward, be responsible, and make quality decision

The right  
**partner**  
makes a big difference.



For more than fifty years, community leaders, who comprise the Board of Directors for REAL Services Inc., have worked tirelessly to support and assist thousands of less fortunate, frail and isolated men and women who live among us.

Now these same community leaders want to make sure that you know about a unique and valuable program **designed to assist you**. It offers **REAL benefits** for you and REAL benefits for your loved one.

## About Us

The ultimate objective of REAL Services is to assist in establishing a community in which those we serve can maintain their independence to the maximum degree possible and find meaning and satisfaction throughout their lives.

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**REAL Services, believing in the dignity of all people, will provide services without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry, or status as a veteran.**



## Guardian Partner



**Supporting Independence for Life**

## Advisory Council

This service is guided by an Advisory Council made up of this community's leading physicians, nurses, attorneys, clergy and nursing home administrators. The Advisory Council bases all its decisions upon the individual life-long values, beliefs and preferences of your loved one.

## Options That Are as Least Restrictive as Possible

The Guardian Partner program at REAL Services is designed to help find options for senior living that are as least restrictive as possible and yet provide protection and safety. Intensive case management is available for the client who has assets to provide for their care and personal needs. We manage day-to-day quality of life decisions and provide the support to make the most appropriate option a reality.

## Benefits

The Guardian Partner program provides legal guardianship for mentally incapacitated members of our community. Our service provides support and protection for vulnerable older adults. Guardian Partner services include:

- Serving as a personal advocate and historian throughout the medical process, making healthcare decisions, scheduling appointments arranging transportation, coordinating procedures, etc.
- Resolving financial problems that have developed as mental capacity has waned
- Ensuring consistent payment of expenses
- Making arrangements to meet religious and spiritual needs
- Assisting with quality of life needs including grocery, clothing, and other personal shopping needs
- Maintaining social networks
- Honoring and assisting with end-of-life decisions and arrangements

## The Process

Any community member or organization can refer a potential client to the Guardian Partner program.

Upon approval, REAL Services Guardian Partner will petition the court for a hearing and prepare necessary paperwork. Candidates for the Guardian Partner program must be:

- Sixty years of age or older
- Determined to be mentally incapacitated by a physician
- Have adequate resources to pay for their living and guardianship expenses.