

Enhancing the Work You Do

when

- Your most valuable asset is **time**
- Your client's **dignity** and well-being are most important
- Your **reputation** is based upon success

The right
partner
makes a big difference.



For more than fifty years, community leaders throughout St. Joseph County, 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 clients.

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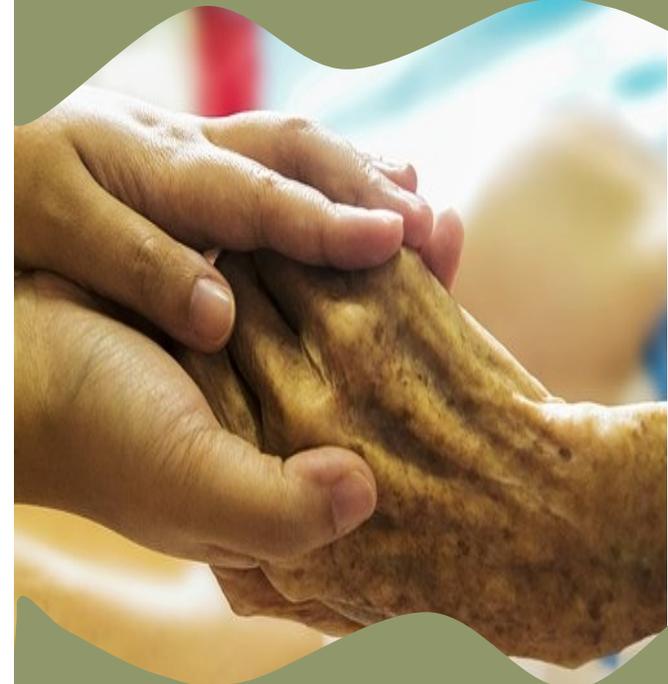
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REAL Services, believing in the dignity of all people, will provide services without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry, or status as a veteran.



Guardian Partner



Supporting Independence for Life

Advisory Council

This non-financial service that complements your financial 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 clients.

Our Service Complements Your Work

The Guardian Partner program at REAL Services is designed to complement the day-to-day work of trust officers and attorneys by managing the well-being of men and women in our community who can no longer make decisions for themselves. We manage the day-to-day quality of life decisions for your clients so that you can focus on their financial well-being.

Benefits

The Guardian Partner program complements your work on behalf of clients by providing non-financial decision-making assistance that includes the following life-changing benefits:

- Serving as a personal advocate and historian throughout the medical process, making healthcare decisions, scheduling appointments, arranging transportation, coordinating procedures, etc.)
- Ensuring 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

The Process

You 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
- Evaluated and determined to be mentally incapacitated by a physician
- Have no other willing, able, or suitable guardianship options available.
- Have adequate resources to pay for their living and guardianship expenses.