

# GUARDIAN GALS, INC.



## QUICK VIEW: ORGANIZATION & FINANCIAL SUMMARY

*The Vision of Guardian Gals, Inc. is to actively engage girls & women to ignite positive personal & societal change. Throughout the organization, Guardian Gals Members mutually empower & inspire one another to initiate personal, philanthropic & civic action for the common good.*

- Quite simply stated, Guardian Gals are girls of all ages committed to being healthy philanthropists for the world.
- They accomplish this in a variety of ways, such as: examining philanthropic causes, exploring philanthropic ideas that are meaningful to each girl individually & Guardian Gals collectively, engaging in activities that serve community: both economically (such a local business), environmentally (such as recycling or shopping at the farmer's market) & philanthropically (such as local, national, & global charities), while focusing on personal wellness (such as healthy lifestyle options) all in an effort to make a positive contribution to society.
- Beginning June 2015, incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls were invited to participate in summer programming. Each Thursday for 10 weeks throughout summer vacation, now girls in grades 5-12 gather for a full day of activities designed to inspire curiosity, grow courage & creativity led by Programming Director: Ms. Katie Hall.
- Also, new in June of 2015, girls preparing for 4<sup>th</sup> grade were invited to a special 2-hour sampler, meeting each Wednesday for 10 weeks & led by Programming Director: Mrs. Amy Mertz.
- To extend the mission of the Guardian Gals, a Scholarship Program encourages the participation of ALL girls within our community. A concerted effort is underway to identify & invite girls across of all socio-economic classes to participate for the diverse betterment of the organization; 10 scholarships currently exist in our budget.
- Assistance is sought in recruiting girls & women who would benefit from & be a benefit to Guardian Gals. Please help us connect girls to Guardian Gals through our website: [www.guardiangalsinc.org](http://www.guardiangalsinc.org).
- To broaden the reach of Guardian Gals, Inc., on April 26, 2014 the organization expanded programming to grown women, aptly named "Grown-up Guardian Gals" or "G3." Currently, 35 women, sharing in the common mission, gather to mentor, support, & inspire one-another & the younger Gals to be healthy, live generously, & serve of our community.
- Summer Programming Directors are paid through the generosity & participation of Grown-Up Guardian Gals.
- The Guardian Gals, Inc. Board of Directors consists of Founder & Executive Director, Abigail Hamilton, along with 12 Directors with variety of educational, professional & social backgrounds.
- The Board of Directors annually creates, approves & reviews monthly budget of approximately \$30,000. Through the generosity of its supporters, Guardian Gals, Inc. is the steward of nearly \$6,000 currently held in accounts owned by the organization.
- Within 2016 Budget, \$30,000 in revenue is anticipated through these streams: 8% from Guardian Gals dues & registration, 9% from Grown-Up Guardian Gals, 12% Board of Director contributions, 67% fundraising (primarily the Making Change Event) & 4% miscellaneous revenue.
- Within 2016 Budget, \$24,311 in expenses are anticipated through these cost centers: 47% to Guardian Gals Programming, 16% to Headquarters lease, 24% to hosting Otsego County's only ½ Marathon, & 13% to administrative expenses.
- And finally, while working to accomplish these lofty goals, the organization has a vision to extend the program beyond the geographic boundaries of Otsego County. Utilizing the original vision, Guardian Gals, Inc. is building a solid foundation of programs, policies & procedures, budget, & fundraising techniques, & business philosophies upon which the ideals & mission can be spread throughout northern Michigan, then nationally, & perhaps globally.
- Thank you for your consideration in supporting our mission. We are happy to answer any questions...