

The goal of the BOCG is to protect adult citizens from exploitation, abuse and neglect; assist in making medical decisions; and ensure the ward's daily needs are being met. This work will be conducted through the volunteer guardians who will help to ensure that the safety of the ward and the established care plan are being followed.

### **CHARACTERISTICS OF A VOLUNTEER**

Being a long-term volunteer is a serious commitment and requires a big heart. We are looking for people who are:

- Compassionate
- Responsible
- Dependable
- Self -motivated
- Trustworthy

### **Note from the Ada County Board of Community Guardian**

The Ada County Board of Community Guardian would like to thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer guardian. There will always be people in Ada County who need our help and being a volunteer is a wonderful way to give back to your community. Being a volunteer is an incredibly rewarding opportunity.

We welcome you to visit with us about our program if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. This is a group effort and those in need cannot do it by themselves.

Please contact us through e-mail or through our volunteer coordinator at 208-287-7977.

Sincerely,

**The Ada County Board of Community Guardian**

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## ADA COUNTY VOLUNTEER GUARDIANS

“Helping those who are unable to help themselves”



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## WHAT IS A VOLUNTEER GUARDIAN ?

A volunteer guardian:

- Monitors quality of support and services
- Provides medical consents
- Manages the limited finances of the ward
- Regularly visits the ward
- Provides reports to the court and BOCG
- Ensures the ward is receiving all the benefits to which he/she is entitled
- Ensures the ward's safety



In 1982, the State of Idaho enacted legislation that provides for volunteer guardians for the disabled, aged and otherwise impaired adults. Idaho law provides that a volunteer Board of Community Guardian may be established in each county to serve as guardians for such individuals. Ada County created its first Board of Community Guardian immediately after this law was passed.

The Ada County BOCG consists of 7 board members who sit as an administrative department of the county. They set policies for accepting referrals and the recruiting, screening and training of volunteer guardians.

As a volunteer guardian you will have the ability to consult with the board and volunteer coordinator for assistance with any questions, training, resources or any other issues.

The main focus of the program is to assist those who have been deemed by the courts as legally incapacitated, have very limited funds and no family member who is able or willing to help. The BOCG is recruiting volunteers willing to assist in protecting the rights and serving the needs of this at-risk population.

Although the volunteer guardians will not be the actual caregivers, they will help to ensure that the ward is getting the best care in the least restrictive manner.

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