



## International Alliance of Guardian Angels Richmond, VA Chapter

*VIRGINIA CURRENTS*  
*Richmond Guardian Angels taping*  
*June 6, 2012*



One of the crews from Virginia Currents spent the day with us interviewing us as well as our Junior Chapter Commander for a 1 hour broadcast that will air in October.

We had community members speaking on our behalf as well.



*International Alliance of Guardian Angels*  
*Richmond, Virginia Chapter*  
*July 2012 Issue*

Welcome to Summer!!! It's a little warm.....ok maybe a little warmer than just a little warm.....ok fine, its HOT! Time for cook outs, swimming pools, picnics, and oh yea...VACATIONS! I want to start this issue by wishing everyone a safe and happy vacation season and remember, if you're going away, don't forget to fill out the home watch request form for RPD to make periodic checks on your home or business.

(<http://www.richmondgov.com/police/documents/HWBW.pdf>)

### SAFETY PATROLS

We continue to patrol the North Richmond and VCU areas. Our patrols normally include the area parks and community stores. We are fighting against loitering, gambling, drugs, and guns. We've had to threaten one of the stores that we will go after their ABC license if they continue to allow the loitering/trespassing on

their lot. Where there's loitering, there's normally trouble which includes drugs and guns. If we deal with the loitering, perhaps we won't have to deal with the drugs and guns.



*POETRY BY*  
*JUNIOR GUARDIAN ANGELS*  
**Amber Cook-Sims**

Through a child's eyes you see things  
you shouldn't see like your mother  
getting beaten up by her lover.  
Everybody sees her scream and cry in  
fear.

She lets her emotions and feelings  
take over her

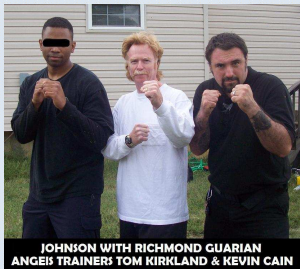
Through a child's eyes you see your  
family being torn apart and in despair,  
feeling sadness and hurt in an  
unhappy home.

Through a child's eyes  
You see things you shouldn't see,  
You hear things you shouldn't hear,  
You feel things you shouldn't feel,  
You fear things you shouldn't fear.

Through a child's eyes you should not  
hurt or harm anybody, or feel the pain  
that we feel.

So why can't you see and ask what  
does a child see through their own  
eyes..

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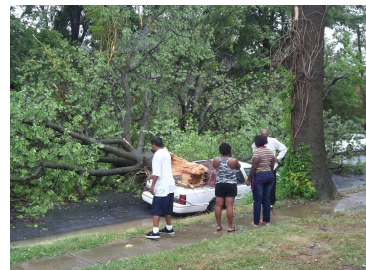
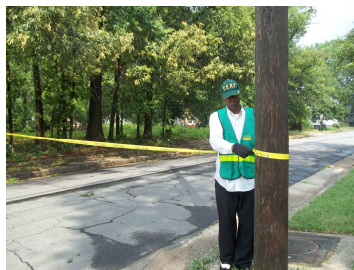
Martial Arts and Raven  
Tactical Training continue for  
all patrol team members. We  
continue to train on  
Wednesday evenings at the  
First Baptist Church Gym on  
Monument & Boulevard or at  
Kevin's Dojo on Paterson  
Avenue on Tuesdays and  
Saturdays

## TRAINING

Giving more thanks to Anthony McLean and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management for our CERT Training. Several of our Richmond Guardian Angels members received training this year. New Richmond Guardian Angels CERT Members:

*William Bey*  
*Melvin Brinkley*  
*Saevon Hudson*  
*Michael Waddy*

We've already had to use our training this year with these intense storms rumbling through the areas with very high winds knocking down trees and power lines leaving thousands of people without electric.



### ARE YOU PREPARED FOR 3 DAYS?

**GET A KIT:** Kit should include non-perishable food, water, first aid kit, flashlight w/batteries, battery powered radio, medications and refills, and blankets. Store all items together in a water tight plastic container in an accessible place.

**MAKE A PLAN:** How will you contact your family? Create a phone list. How will you get back together in an emergency? Devise a plan that includes an out-of-town contact list, doctor, pharmacist names and telephone numbers, record of daily medications.

**STAY INFORMED:** Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being prepared. Once access is available listen to the radio, check the internet, watch TV often for information or official instructions from your local government.



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

We now have 206 members in the Highland Park Neighborhood Watch.

Our Highland Park NW meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month in combination with Councilwomen Ellen Robertson's Community meetings.

**"The law of a few – 20% of the people do 80% of the work."** We need 20% of Highland Parkers to come together and stand up for a better community. With 20% of us working together we can accomplish all the goals we talk about in our community meetings – from reducing crime to building more respectful youth.

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## NEW GUARDIAN ANGELS

We want to welcome the following new Guardian Angels to our family

*Melvin Brinkley*  
*Tiffany Lester*  
*Brock Lester*

Melvin, Tiffany and Brock have been working with us on our community service projects. Melvin assisted in the "Time to Live" Breast Cancer Awareness Walk as well as did the cooking for our end of school cookout.

Tiffany and Brock had a very successful event called "Fight Blight". As written up by Channel 12 – WWBT, neighbors in Richmond's Highland Park community are taking a stand to bring about change. They said they're sick and tired of seeing blighted houses in their neighborhood and that the abandoned properties are attracting rodents and crime. On Memorial Day, more than a dozen residents gathered on a blighted property to raise awareness. At first glance it appeared to be a typical BBQ. Burgers and dogs were on the grill. There was laughter and games -- but looks can be deceiving. The goal behind the BBQ is to highlight blight.



## JUNIOR GUARDIAN ANGELS



The future of our communities is truly built upon the training, guidance, and security of our youth. Neglected, abused, bullied, or corrupted, our youth only turn to violence and brutality to solve their problems. There is no question that the structure of our economy and society has provided youth with less stability and fewer role models, guides, parenting, and adult supervision. The Guardian Angels youth program helps to provide the needed structure, guidance, training and other prevalent skills to succeed in today's society.

## JUNIOR GUARDIAN ANGELS HIGHLIGHTERS



Jamiesha McCarthy  
Richmond Community High  
Heading to the 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Jamiesha, a straight “A” student is heading for a career in Law



Taurean Thomas  
Franklin Military  
Heading to the 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Taurean is looking for a life in Marketing & Media

## JUNIOR DEBATES

Most of our Juniors participate in our Junior debate sessions which are held weekly on Thursday evening. We are looking forward to part 2 of “The New Jim Crow VS The New Black Identity” debate. Part 1 of this debate was held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Part 2 will be held at the Richmond City Jail and will be moderated by Sheriff C. T. Woody. You don't want to miss this so give us a call.



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*Richmond, Virginia Chapter  
Members*

*Commander  
Jo White*

*Patrol Sergeants  
Tom Kirkland  
Kevin Cain  
Jason Pheifer*

*Sargent of Arms  
Ali Abri  
Lukas Settle*

*Self Defense Specialists and  
Tactics Coordinators  
Tom Kirkland  
Kevin Cain*

*Director of Communications  
Henry Gonzalez*

*Other Patrol Team Members  
Thomas Cox  
Lorraine Wells  
Ishmal Saleem  
Samuel Huang  
William Bey  
Saevon Hudson  
Melvin Brinkley*

*Barton Heights Captain  
Karen Link*

*Other Guardian Angels  
Members outside of Patrol  
Casey Landes  
Michael Waddy  
Corey Entzminger  
Tiffany Lester  
Brock Lester*

**DARE TO CARE**

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## **“Time to Live” Breast Cancer Walk for Early Detection**



We'd like to take this time to thank those who participated in the First Annual “Time to Live” Breast Cancer Walk for Early Detection for making it such a success!!! Thank you for continuously showing your commitment to the health and welfare of communities. Special thanks to VCU Massey Cancer Center, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation, Cross Over Ministry, Virginia Department of Health, Fan Free Clinic, Bon Secours, Capital Area Health Network, 31<sup>st</sup> Street Baptist Church, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Fresh Anointing Cathedral, Morning Star Baptist Church, Richmond's First Baptist Church, Second Baptist Church, and last but certainly not least, the **Baltimore Guardian Angels**.

With your help, we were able to reach approximately 1300 families this year. If this information helps to save one life from a pre-mature death due to breast cancer, than we've done our job well. Next year we expect to reach 3 times that many people

We're looking forward to next years walk. As it was this year, next year it will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of June. We will have our first planning meeting for next years walk in October. We would like for representatives from your Church to be a part of the planning because your input is very important.

## **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL COOKOUT**

**June 15, 2012**

**Gabriel Prosser Freedom Park**

We decided to have a cookout in the park for the Highland Park youths last day of school. Melvin did his thing at the grill. It was supposed to be for the youths but just as many adults showed up. But that was ok, we all had a great time.



## BALTIMORE, MARYLAND



Our Baltimore Chapter, headed by Commander Marcus “Strider” Dent, is the supporting Chapter for Richmond. We share several activities from training to patrols, oh, and yea...fun.

### *“Time to Live” Breast Cancer Walk June 2, 2012*



### Alliance of Guardian Angels

Some of our Chapter include:

New York City, NY  
Atlantic City, NJ  
Baltimore, MD  
Chattanooga, TN  
Chicago, IL  
Cleveland, OH  
Dallas, TX  
Detroit, MI  
El Paso, TX  
Hartford, Conn  
Honolulu, HI  
Houston, TX  
Indianapolis, IN  
Jacksonville, FL  
Las Vega, NV  
Los Angeles, CA  
Madison, WI  
Miami, Dade Co. FL  
Minneapolis, MN  
MS Gulf Coast  
Nashville, TN  
New Haven, CT  
New Orleans, LA  
Orlando, FL  
Paterson, NJ  
Philadelphia, PA  
Phoenix, AZ  
Portland, ME  
Reno, NV  
Richmond, VA  
San Diego, CA  
San Francisco, CA  
Savannah, GA  
St Louis, MO  
Sussex, NJ  
Tampa, FL  
Toledo, OH  
Washington, DC  
Yonkers, NY  
York, PA  
Africa  
Australia  
Canada  
Europe  
Japan  
Italy  
Israel  
Korea  
Mexico  
New Zealand  
Philippines  
South America



**“DARE TO CARE”**

*Our Mission: Providing peaceful solutions to safeguard neighborhoods, schools and cyberspace from bullying, gangs, and violence. Empowering individuals, especially at-risk youth, to prioritize academic achievement and become role models for their peers.*

The Alliance of Guardian Angels is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization founded in 1979 in New York City, New York. Our mission is to provide positive role models for today's youth and work toward promoting community safety and betterment for the good of society overall.

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012

July 20<sup>th</sup>, “Unity in the Community” community clean up day

August 7<sup>th</sup>, National Night Out Event, Ann Hardy Park

August 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> CERT Classes

August 18<sup>th</sup>, Baltimore Guardian Angels 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

September 2012, Long Walk To Freedom

Every Wednesday, Training 7:30 Karate or Jujitsu, 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church Gym or Kevin's Dojo on Paterson Avenue.

Every Thursday, Youth Debate, 3007 Meadowbridge Avenue.



## Guardian Angels.....Taking Back Our Streets.

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From Chapter Commander Jo White  
and the Richmond Guardian Angels Family

Have a blessed Summer!!!

For more information or to find out how to join us, please contact

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