



Guardian Angel, n. an angel believed to have special care of a particular individual

Dear Friend,

Throughout the past 33 years, we have created, expanded, and enhanced The Baddour Center's programs and services so that over 900 residents have been presented with opportunities to have the highest possible quality of life. The Center's unique, faith-based ministry continues to set it apart from other facilities throughout the United States, and we look forward to making a positive impact on even more residents and their families in years to come.

Your contributions make it all possible and for that, we thank you!

That's why this letter is addressed, *Dear Friend*. You've already shown that you're a true friend of The Baddour Center with your past contributions. Now you can lend your support in an easier and more convenient way – by joining the Guardian Angel monthly giving program.

Because of your consistent generosity, we invite you to become a member of our Guardian Angel Program, which allows you to contribute through automatic bank or credit card transfers. When you become a Guardian Angel, you'll continue providing assistance to adults with intellectual disabilities, but in a way that is *easier for you*.

Rest assured, Automatic Funds Transfer (AFT) is secure and convenient. Your monthly bank or credit card statement will clearly show the amount you have given, and your annual donations will be easy to track for tax purposes. You can change your gift amount or discontinue giving at any time. Your partnership with The Baddour Center will be automatically renewed each year as long as you are a Guardian Angel – no renew-by-mail forms!

Why are we asking for month-by-month gifts instead of a one-time donation? The work of sustaining a community for adults with intellectual disabilities requires long-term commitment. At The Baddour Center, we're in it for the long haul. We need predictable, stable funding to continue to provide for the 171 adults that we serve. Automatic monthly gifts provide us with the day-to-day support we need, in a way that's more convenient and cost-effective for you.

This means your contribution works harder making a difference.

- For \$10.00 a month, just 33¢ a day, you could help purchase the local newspaper for residents to practice their reading skills and stay up-to-date on local news.
- For \$15.00 a month, you could help with the maintenance costs for one of our 14 group homes.
- For only \$20.00 a month, you could help cover costs for our annual picnic in Sardis, MS, which is a grand time for all residents who attend.
- For \$25.00 a month, you could help purchase activity supplies for Enrichment residents, those residents whose age or health dictate a need for a slower-paced life.
- For \$50 a month, you could help purchase meals for residents who participate in Special Olympics while at competition.
- For \$100 a month, you could help purchase choir clothing, make-up, music and other items needed for *The Miracles*, The Center's resident traveling choir.

We hope that you will become a Guardian Angel today for the many men and women who call The Baddour Center home. To show our appreciation, we'll send you a copy of *The Miracles'* latest CD. You can keep it, or give it to a friend or colleague whom you'd like to introduce to The Baddour Center.

In addition to our newsletter, *The Heart of Everyday Life*, which is published three times a year, you will also have the option of subscribing to our new electronic newsletter, *Baddour Heart-Mail*, which launches in mid-March and will be emailed to you monthly. It will keep you updated with articles on the programs and services for residents that *you* make possible. You'll get a picture of The Baddour Center that not everyone will get to see.

Your monthly pledge is one of the best ways to protect the financial stability of our ministry. It's convenient, hassle-free giving that has a direct impact on the men and women with intellectual disabilities we serve. Now that's an investment worth making.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Karen Dunn
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