http://guardianangels.org

The main Guardian Angels activity is “Safety Patrol” in which members walk the streets or ride transit. The organization accepts volunteers who do not have a recent or serious criminal record and are not members of a gang or racial-hate group. In order to join the Safety Patrol program, members must be at least 16 years old. Members are paired up and follow the directions of a Patrol Leader. If their own or other citizens’ lives or health are endangered, they do what is lawful and necessary.

Guardian Angels are role models in the community and lead by example. The philosophy of empowering the people through the collective act of daring to care has defined the Guardian Angels organization for over 37 years. Volunteers are trained in self- defense, basic martial arts, CPR, law, communication and conflict resolution. They protect the most vulnerable residents and respond to criminality within the confines of the law all without aid of weapons. When the victimization of ordinary people infiltrates the daily lives of citizens to a greater extent than even cops or politicians can adequately handle, the Guardian Angels stand ready to assist.

The war we fight as Guardian Angels trying to prevent crime is one we wage on multiple levels. And while we are honest in regards to the realities we face we also revel in every victory we can achieve. It motivates us and inspires us to carry on. We can not end crime all on our own, but with the support of the communities we serve, we are making a positive difference each and every day. Each potential crime we prevent improves life for all of us. Every mugging, robbery, rape, or murder we help stop is one more person and one more family that is spared the trauma that could have happened. Every time a senior is out for a walk and sees the Red Beret volunteers and feels a little safer we, the concerned citizens, win a little victory.