

## What is advocacy?

Advocacy is as basic as speaking on behalf of oneself or others to get something done. For example, as child advocates we seek to ensure that the children in our community have a voice and that their needs are met.

This can mean speaking on behalf of children and families to your local community officials, your state-level elected officials, or your federal policy-makers.

## Why should you be an advocate?

The most obvious reason to be a child and family advocate is that you care. You care about the children in our country and want them to be safe, healthy and happy. It follows that you want to help ensure that local, state and federal policy-makers adopt, implement and maintain important policies and programs that support children and their families. In order to ensure that these policies and programs are maintained, it is critical to have a sustained vocal and noticeable presence at all levels of policy-making. You can be part of that presence and, therefore, you can be part of the effort to protect our nation's children and families.

## “Don’t Let Your Silence Drown Out Their Cries”



### REPORTING CHILD ABUSE:

An oral report must be made immediately (within 48 hours) to the nearest Child Protective Service Office (920-832-5161), to the 24-hour Child Abuse Hotline (800-422-4453), or to the local law enforcement officials. Anyone who files a report is immune from civil or criminal liability - if the report is made in “good faith” and “without malice.” “Good faith” means the person took reasonable steps to learn the facts that were readily available and at hand. “Without malice” means the person did not intend to injure or violate the rights of another person.

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**Guardian of the Children**

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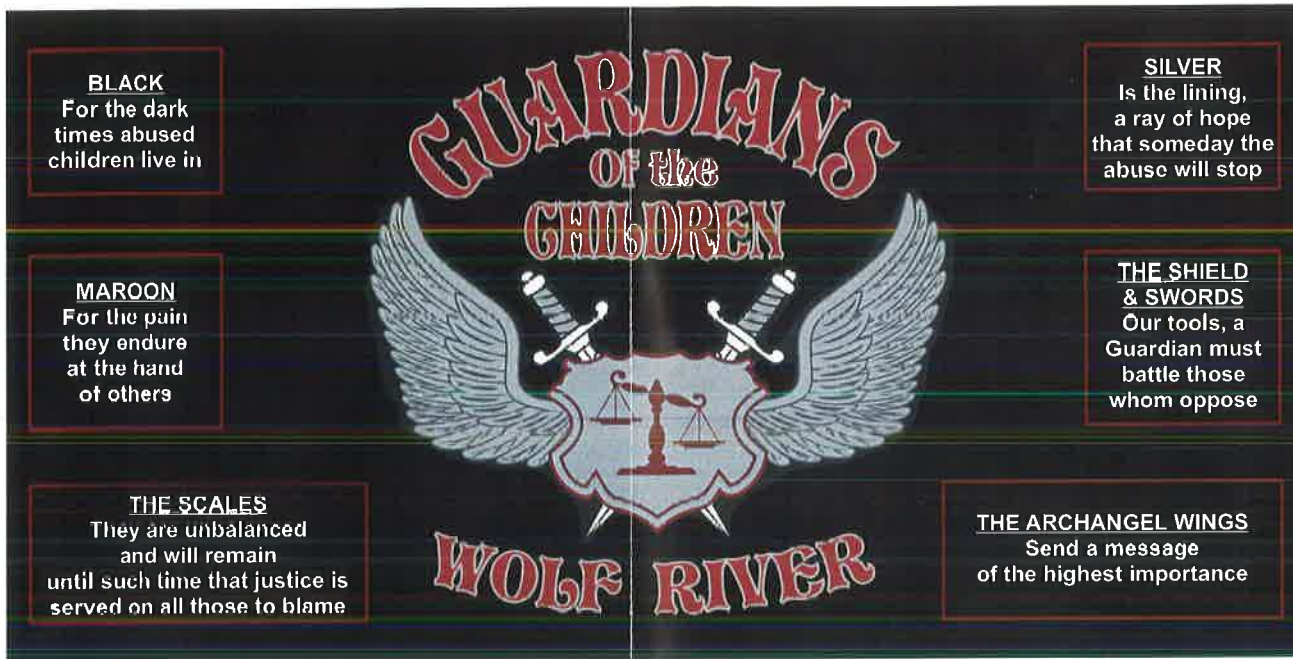
**VALOR**

**TRUTH**

**INTEGRITY**

**GUARDIANS OF THE  
CHILDREN'S  
MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Guardians of the Children (GOC) is to recognize and react to child abuse and educate the public to do the same; to serve as advocates to provide strength and stability to families in crisis; and be the answer to the prayer of an abused child or teen for courage, support and protection.



## HOW DONATIONS ARE USED

- Birthdays
- Christmas
- Basic Needs (Clothing, Personal Hygiene Supplies, etc.)
- Literature to Promote Child Abuse Awareness
- Activities for the Kids

Donations are used to directly assist local children that are the victims of abuse or neglect. We strive to give these children the same opportunities that your own children have, a normal life and a family that loves and cares for their needs.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE AT:  
<https://www.wolfrivergoc.com>

## CONTACT US 1-888-88G-OCWI

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COUNTIES OF:

Winnebago, Outagamie, Calumet,  
 Waupaca, Portage and Fond du Lac

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**BLACK**  
 For the dark times abused children live in

**SILVER**  
 Is the lining, a ray of hope that someday the abuse will stop

**MAROON**  
 For the pain they endure at the hand of others

**THE SHIELD & SWORDS**  
 Our tools, a Guardian must battle those whom oppose

**THE SCALES**  
 They are unbalanced and will remain until such time that justice is served on all those to blame

**THE ARCHANGEL WINGS**  
 Send a message of the highest importance

Guardians of the Children (GOC) was established in 2006 in San Antonio, Texas by a small, but dedicated group of individuals who saw the need to make aware and educate their community on the effects and consequences of child abuse on the children and families that were victims. The abuse of children is a problem affecting all levels of our society, which we must address head on. The GOC motto is:

**“Don’t let your silence drown out their cries.”**

We serve as a public benefit organization. Our vision is to improve the quality of life in our communities by educating the public and making them aware of the steps to take in order to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child abuse. We partner with Child Advocacy Agencies, Victim Assistance Groups and others to raise awareness of the

prevalence of child abuse. GOC assists these agencies by being one of many resources available to them. Through collaboration we are able to assist families that have been victimized, and help the child heal by being a source of support and protection.

The Wolf River Chapter encompasses Outagamie, Winnebago, Calumet, Fond du Lac, Portage and Waupaca counties. Our members reflect the diversity of the communities that we serve and we are committed to the mission of the GOC to change the lives of those who have been victimized and aid them in finding the strength and courage for a better future.

Our members share a common goal in that we enjoy the open road on our iron horses and we are here to convey a message: “We stand as one prepared to protect this priceless resource.”