

A Message from Judge Ted Klammer

Dear Friend,

As Probate Judge, I have a responsibility to protect the citizens of Lake County, especially the vulnerable senior citizens. The service provided by Volunteer Visitors and Guardians is truly invaluable not only for the Probate Court, but for our Lake County residents.

I am asking you to help improve the quality of life for vulnerable seniors who need guardians. “S_ccess can not be achieved nor spelled without **U!!!!**”

Thank You,

Ted Klammer



Lake County
Probate Court
Judge Ted Klammer

Court Location:

Lake County Courthouse
West Annex –First Floor
25 North Park Place
Painesville, OH 44077

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Monday-Friday
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Lake County Probate Volunteer Visitor and Guardian Program

TED KLAMMER
Lake County
Probate Judge



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A LIFE
TODAY!!!!**

Volunteer Visitor and Guardian Program

About Us

The Lake County Probate Court believes that all persons are entitled to be treated with respect and dignity should they become incompetent or incapacitated. In Lake County, we are trying to address the growing needs of our elderly citizens. Our program is dedicated to improving the lives of those in need by providing trained, qualified, volunteer visitors and guardians. However, it is very difficult to obtain volunteers. We all have a responsibility to be concerned and to assist our neighbors especially in time of need. The services provided by volunteer visitors and guardians to the vulnerable senior citizens and to the overall community is precisely stated on the courthouse, "The Regard to be had for Public Welfare is the Highest Law," referencing "Cicero DeLegibus".

Qualifications

A volunteer guardian must be at least 21 years of age, Ohio resident with a high school diploma or possess the GED equivalent, no criminal record, bondable and must comply with Ohio Revised Code 2111.03.

A volunteer visitor must be at least 18 years of age, Ohio resident with a high school diploma or possess the GED equivalent, and must have no criminal record.

Interested individuals must complete an application, provide references, and complete initial training. The Court provides initial and ongoing training to all volunteers.

Responsibilities

The volunteer guardian is appointed by the Court to oversee the legal and financial affairs of an adult who is not able to manage his or her own affairs because of advanced age or some other physical or mental disability.

The volunteer visitor goes to the ward's place of residence, observes conditions and talks to the ward and the ward's caregivers.

Unlike guardians, Volunteer Visitors have NO decision making authority over the ward instead their sole responsibility is to send bi-monthly reports on their visits with the ward to the Court.

Mission Statement

The Lake County Volunteer Visitor and Guardianship Program strives to provide the optimum quality of care for the indigent, vulnerable, senior citizens of Lake County.

**YES! I UNDERSTAND THE NEED
AND WANT TO VOLUNTEER.**

Check box of interest:

- ☐ Volunteer Guardian
☐ Volunteer Visitor

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Detach and Return To:

Lake County Probate Court

Volunteer Visitor and Guardian Program

25 North Park Place

Painesville, OH 44077

or

Fax this form to: 440-350-2628