



# ANNUAL REPORT 2025



# MESSAGE... FROM THE BOARD OF GUARDIANS

The Canyon County Board of Community Guardians was established in 1987 and has continued its service to the citizens of Canyon County for the past 38 years. The Board is grateful for each volunteer that has or is currently serving as a Board member, guardian, conservator or companion.

We take this opportunity to highlight special cases, our financial status and objectives for the future.

Idaho Code section 15-5-603

## Board Members

Cynthia Alleman

Stephanie Baumert

Mary Jo Campbell

Nancy Glascock

Eva Gohr

Brent Hart

Jayne Josephsen

Dottie Neher

Lisa Nicodin

Bailey Wilson



## Board Members

Term Started

Bailey 8.8.23  
Brent 12.17.24  
Cynthia 3.6.25  
Dottie 2.16.23  
Eva 1.18.24  
Jayne 7.11.24  
Lisa 4.8.25  
Mary Jo 2.16.23  
Nancy 4.4.24  
Stephanie 3.6.25

## Companion

Clients Served

Nancy-6

## Guardians

Clients Served

Bailey-6  
Brent-1  
Cynthia-1  
Dottie-4  
Eva-2  
Jayne-2  
Jenn-18  
Lisa-1  
Mary Jo-1

## Representative Payee

## Conservators

Clients Served

Kellie - 19  
Yvonne - 17

## County Staff

Jenn Odom  
Kellie George  
Yvonne Baker

# IMPACT REPORT

## 2025

The Canyon County Board of Community Guardians is dedicated to protecting our most vulnerable citizens and their assets. This report provides an overview of the impact we have achieved based on our main objectives.

32

CLIENTS  
1.1.25

28

CLIENTS  
12.31.25

17

REFERRALS  
TO THE BOCG

4

REFERRALS  
ACCEPTED

13

REFERRALS  
DECLINED

8

PASSED  
AWAY

### WHO WE SERVE

Gender	Age	Guardianship Began
Female:15	20-40: 3	1996-1999: 4
	41-60: 7	2000-2010: 7
Male: 13	61-80: 17	2011-2019: 6
	81-90: 1	2020-2025: 11



In 2025, we sadly lost eight of our wards: Jennifer, Robert, Mildred, Joanne, Tavie, Mark, Hattie, and Agenora.

# Process of becoming Guardian & Conservator



The referring agency or individual completes a Referral Application including a supporting letter from the treating physician.



The application is submitted to the BOCG for an investigation. This process includes engaging with family and friends, as well as obtaining medical records and other pertinent information.



Present the findings and information to the Board of Community Guardians. The Board will subsequently determine whether to approve or decline the application.



If the Board grants approval for the new case, the Canyon County Prosecuting Attorney's office will file a Petition for Guardianship and Conservatorship with the Court.



Once the temporary guardianship is granted, the BOCG and County Staff will assess the client's needs, secure housing, request to serve as the Social Security Representative Payee, verify Medicaid eligibility, and seek out financial resources.

# How We Serve

## Communication

- Getting to know clients, their needs, likes and dislikes
- Engaging with clients via phone, home visits & emails
- Maintaining communication with family and friends

## Client Care

- Facilitate both physical and mental health care
- Accompany clients to their appointments
- Make well-informed treatment choices

## Personal & Social Needs

- Coordinate personal necessities (shopping and transportation)
- Acquire and oversee housing
- Plan social events

## Financial care

- Manage financial accounts
- Process bill payments
- Coordinate the sale of real estate, homes, and vehicles
- Administer asset management

## Administrative

- Complete all necessary paperwork, case notes, and care plans
- Apply for and oversee insurance benefits
- Prepare and file year-end guardian/conservator reports

## End-of-Life Planning

- Consider arrangements for care and funeral services
- Probate Estate: Understand the processes involved in managing the estate

# Financial Overview

January 1- December 31

2025

## BOCG Operating Account

Beginning Balance: \$15,779.18

Revenue: +\$10,773.94

Expenses Paid: -\$12,972.71

Ending Balance: \$13,580.41

## Money Market Account

Beginning Balance

\$14,500.04

Transfer from Operating Account

+\$8,334.19

Interest Accrued

+\$497.70

Ending Balance

\$23,331.93

## CLIENT FIDUCIARY & VA ACCOUNTS

Beginning Balance

\$44,736.53

Income Received

+\$584,269.40

Expenses Paid

-\$454,961.32

Ending Balance

\$174,044.61

# Guardian Ad Litem Attorney Expenses & Reimbursement

FY2025

Budgeted by Canyon County  
\$50,000.00

Funds Expended  
\$845.10

Amount Reimbursed to County  
by State Public Defender  
\$845.10

Idaho Code 57-828: ATTORNEY COSTS FOR GUARDIAN AD LITEM ACCOUNT.  
(1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the attorney costs for guardian ad litem account. The account shall be used solely to reimburse counties for representation of a guardian ad litem pursuant to section 16-1614(4), Idaho Code.

# VOLUNTEERS

## Volunteering

Volunteers play a crucial role in the operations of the Board of Community Guardians; however, attracting and keeping them can be quite challenging.

Regular feedback and open communication can further enhance volunteer satisfaction, allowing individuals to voice their experiences and suggestions, ensuring that the program continually evolves to meet both community needs and volunteer expectations.

## Targeted Recruitment

A focused recruitment strategy is crucial for assembling a strong Board. By pinpointing the specific skills and qualities necessary for various roles, the Board can customize its outreach initiatives to draw in individuals who are not only dedicated to community service but also have the expertise needed to create a meaningful impact.



## Retention

Creating a welcoming and inclusive environment is key. By fostering a culture that values diversity and encourages participation from all backgrounds, the Board can ensure that volunteers feel valued and motivated to contribute their time and talents. Additionally, offering meaningful opportunities for professional development and recognition can help retain volunteers, making them feel like an integral part of the organization's success.

The logo for Community Partners features the text "Community Partners" in a blue, sans-serif font. The text is contained within a white rounded rectangle with a thick black border. A thin, light grey circle is partially visible behind the rectangle.

# Community Partners

The Community Guardian program depends on its local partners for success.

- Advanced Legal Planning, LLC
- Sadie Kunz, LMSW - Court Visitor
- Nikkie Kiesel, LMSW - Court Visitor
- First Interstate Bank
- Adult Protective Services
- Victory Transport
- Janet Caufield  
Third District Guardianship & Conservatorship Coordinator
- Canyon County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

*Thank you!*

The Canyon County Board of Community Guardians plays an essential role in providing support to individuals who do not have assistance from family or friends.

As we progress, our focus will be on enhancing and strengthening the program to ensure its effectiveness for the future.

