

## Calgarian Angels march in Edmonton

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As passing motorists honked their approval, Edmonton's Guardian Angels prospects took to the streets yesterday.

Led by Angels' founder Curtis Sliwa and several members of the newly formed Calgary chapter, about 20 recruits and supporters marched down the city's most notorious stroll for prostitutes.

Sliwa, who formed the group in 1979 to combat crime in his hometown New York, says he's seen an urgent need for the group in Edmonton. He added potential members don't need to be big or intimidating.

"We've got people that look like they're off the pages of GQ magazine, and guys that look like they drink Geritol and take Bengay baths," he said.

For supporters of the group, the Angels' arrival in Edmonton couldn't have come soon enough. Former Montreal Angel Allen St. Arnaud works as a security guard at a bank, and experiences crime first-hand on a daily basis.

"If you walk down our streets here, you can see drug dealers, prostitution, stabbings, and women getting attacked at night -- they're all too common."

Final selections will be made by May 27.