ANGELS AGAINST ABUSE
April 14, 2026

Angels Against Abuse met on April 14, 2026, at Bridgepoint Church Tyrone, 6690 Crosswinds Drive North at 8:30 am. President, Sandy Kearney, welcomed everyone and asked them to introduce themselves.

The following reminders were given out:

Child Advocacy Expo – August 24, 2026
Fashion Show – October 10, 2026

Celeste Fernandez, Community Development Administrator for Department of Children and Services, spoke to us. Their goal is to keep children out of Child Welfare and to ensure the safety of the child. They investigate abuse, needs and make referrals. Most cases of drug and domestic violence offer safety plans.

They have several services to help keep a child in the home. If the judges get involved, he can place a child in foster care or a group home. The Department of Children and Services work with the whole family to be sure they keep their appointments and they give referrals to the parents. If the child is removed from the family, the parents can become organized and then petition to get the child back. If the child is placed in permanent guardianship, the parents need to terminate their rights to the child.

They have an extended foster care program for those 18 years of age up to age 21, hoping to unify the families.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Valerie Rankin
Recording Secretary.