

## Impact

"I gave the VAGAL SC Vulnerable Adult Fund bag of goodies to my adult. One would think I gave a satchel full of gold bricks to her at Christmas time. She was so appreciative. She asked me to thank everyone for thinking of her. So, from her to you, thank you!"

—Mark, VAGAL SC Volunteer



## VAGAL SC

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# VAGAL SC Vulnerable Adult Fund

**Making a  
difference for  
SC's Vulnerable  
Adults...**



**VAGAL SC**  
Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem  
of South Carolina

## **About the VAGAL SC Vulnerable Adult Fund**

The VAGAL SC Vulnerable Adult Fund (VAGAL Fund) was established in early 2021, for the purpose of creating a means of providing necessary items and time limited services in order to ensure the wellbeing and dignity of vulnerable adults served by the VAGAL SC Program.

### **The Need**

Persons placed into emergency protective custody are taken from their home abruptly due to abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation. They often do not have the opportunity or capability to gather their personal items and it may be unsafe to re-enter their home. Many of these vulnerable adults have little or no assets and no family members or friends who can or will provide support.

### **Items Provided**

Toiletries and clothing; reading glasses; communication tools i.e., tablets, notepads, or stamps; mind challenging items i.e., various reading books or activity books; comfort items i.e., a doll or a blanket; and snacks or treats.

## **We need your support**

You can support this fund and its growth through sponsorships, attending fundraising events, and, personal and corporate donations.

### **Making a Donation**

Please make checks payable to:  
SC Department on Aging/VAGAL

### **Please mail to:**

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Your donation is tax deductible

## **By the numbers**

The Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem program of South Carolina (VAGAL SC) serves vulnerable adults age 18 and older. There have been more than 4,300 cases since the program began.

### **Data and impact:\***

2023: 358  
2022: 372  
2021: 401  
2020: 435

### **Percentage of vulnerable adults by age, all cases:\***

Under age 60 – 31%  
Age 60 and older – 69%

### **Gender, all cases:\***

Female – 55%  
Male – 45%

**\*Data as of February 2024**