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## **PRESENTED TO:**

The Honorable Daniel B. “Danny” Verdin, III, Chairman  
Senate Medical Affairs Committee

The Honorable Sylleste H. Davis, Chairperson  
House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs Committee

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# Letter from the Chair

## **To Governor Henry McMaster and Members of the South Carolina General Assembly,**

According to recently released 2025 Alzheimer's Association Facts and Figures, there are now over 7 million Americans currently living with Alzheimer's disease—a number expected to rise dramatically as our population ages. Without meaningful intervention, projections estimate this figure could reach 13 million by 2050.

Here in South Carolina, we are facing a growing dementia crisis. According to the South Carolina Alzheimer's Disease Registry—the most comprehensive population-based registry of its kind—over 125,500 residents are living with Alzheimer's or related dementias. The impact on our state is profound:

- In 2025, Medicaid expenditures for individuals with Alzheimer's in South Carolina totaled \$887 million.
- South Carolina ranks as one of the largest "neurology deserts" in the nation, anticipating a significant shortage of neurologists needed to care for our dementia population.
- There are currently only 70 practicing geriatricians statewide. To meet the projected demand by 2050, that number must increase by 214%.
- An estimated 11.5% of South Carolinians aged 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia.

Additionally, approximately 224,000 family caregivers across our state are providing over 369 million hours of unpaid care each year. Over 60% of these caregivers are themselves managing chronic health conditions, and more than 15% report being in poor physical health. The economic value of this unpaid care exceeds \$7.2 billion. One-third of these caregivers are members of the "sandwich generation," simultaneously caring for aging loved ones and children or grandchildren.

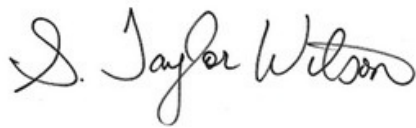
A key player in this statewide response is the Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center (ARCC), created by statute in 1994 (SECTION 44-36-310). The ARCC and its Advisory Council—members of which are appointed by the Governor—are tasked with coordinating services, developing statewide systems of care, providing caregiver support, and advising public policy. Council members participate in quarterly meetings, update the State Alzheimer's Plan, review community grants, and collaborate to expand services and support for families affected by dementia.

Oversight of this important work is provided by South Carolina's Dementia Coordinator at the Department on Aging (SCDOA), supported by the Caregiver and Alzheimer's Resource Division. The newly created Dementia Care Specialists program is being strategically established to serve all 46 counties in the state and delivers direct education and consultations to caregivers, impacting hundreds of families each year. The SCDOA also administers Alzheimer's respite vouchers, which remain in high demand across the state.

During 2024, work on implementation planning began in earnest for the updated 2023-2028 Alzheimer's State Strategic Plan, which works to strengthen dementia support services through communication, collaboration, and cooperation. This implementation plan fulfills a core requirement of the BOLD grant and is now being shared for input from stakeholders statewide.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support and leadership. Thanks to your investment and foresight, South Carolina is positioned to make a lasting impact on brain health, caregiving support, dementia research, and long-term care infrastructure. With continued dedication, we can ensure families are better supported, caregivers are healthier, and the financial burden on our healthcare system is reduced.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "S. Taylor Wilson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Respectfully submitted," text.

Director of Government Affairs, Alzheimer's Association, SC Chapter  
Chairperson, Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center (ARCC)



# Executive Summary



The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that there are roughly 55 million individuals living with some form of dementia worldwide. [1] With over 7 million people living with Alzheimer's disease in the United States [2], and more than 125,000 [3] individuals currently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia in South Carolina alone, the state of dementia is a known pandemic on global, national, and local fronts. The need to ensure services for this population, their families, caregivers, and communities continues to grow.



The prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia in South Carolina is steadily increasing, presenting substantial challenges for individuals, their families, and healthcare systems. The South Carolina Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center (ARCC), guided by a governor-appointed Advisory Council, remains committed to fostering collaboration among stakeholders, enhancing accessibility to vital services, and optimizing resource allocation.

[1] World Health Organization. (2023). Dementia. World Health Organization. Retrieved from: <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/dementia>

[2] Alzheimer's Association. 2025 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures. Alzheimer's Dementia 2025; 21(5).

[3] University of South Carolina. (2025). 2024 Annual Report South Carolina Alzheimer's Disease Registry. Retrieved from: <https://osa-sc.org>.

Written into the state legislature in 1994 in response to recommendations made by the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease in South Carolina, the mission of the ARCC is to improve the quality of life for persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, their families, and caregivers through planning, education, coordination, advocacy, service system development, and communication.

In South Carolina alone, 224,000 family caregivers provide an estimated 369 million hours of unpaid care to individuals living with dementia within the state [2]. The physical, emotional, and financial demands on unpaid caregivers are huge, especially when caring for a loved one with dementia. In South Carolina, nearly 31% of caregivers live with depression, 60.6% have chronic health conditions, and 15.2% report poor physical health. Families want to keep their loved ones at home, however, the absence of supportive services that enable families to care for their loved ones at home may lead to premature placements in an institutional setting, thereby increasing the economic cost to the state and the psychological cost to the family caregivers.

The Alzheimer's Disease Registry reports that of the 125,538 persons currently diagnosed with ADRD in South Carolina, 70% are known to reside in the community, 24% reside in nursing facilities, and another 6% live in unknown locations [3]. The Genworth "Cost of Care" Survey estimates the average nursing home cost for a private room in South Carolina was \$115,793 annually, while the median home health aide cost \$75,412 annually in 2024 [4].

According to the Alzheimer's Association's 2025 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures Report, in 2025, the Medicaid cost of caring for people with Alzheimer's in South Carolina is projected to be \$887 million [2]. This does not account for the cost of unpaid care by family caregivers which is estimated to be \$7.2 billion.

These figures highlight the immense financial burden Alzheimer's disease places on both the state and its families, underscoring the need for increased support and resources.

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## \$7.2 Billion

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[3] University of South Carolina. (2025). 2024 Annual Report South Carolina Alzheimer's Disease Registry. Retrieved from: <https://osa-sc.org>.

[4] Genworth Financial. (2024). Genworth Cost of Care Survey. Retrieved from: <https://www.genworth.com/aging-and-you/finances/cost-of-care>

Caregivers of persons living with ADRD South Carolina have identified their top three needs:

- Caregiver support in the form of emotional support, financial support, family support, and support groups;
- Information and resources on the disease; and
- Respite services that will allow caregivers to take a short break from their 24/7 caregiving responsibilities.

Experience has shown that caregiver support can promote a higher quality of life for the person with ADRD and their family. By relieving some of the burdens, even on a temporary short-term basis, supportive services can enable families to continue to care for the person with ADRD at home. Supportive services such as adult day services, group respite care, in-home respite, caregiver education, and counseling can help to prevent or delay institutionalization at a fraction of the cost of institutional care.

A significant barrier to proper care and services for individuals in South Carolina has been the lack of resources to fund the continuum of services needed by families through the course of the progressive disease.

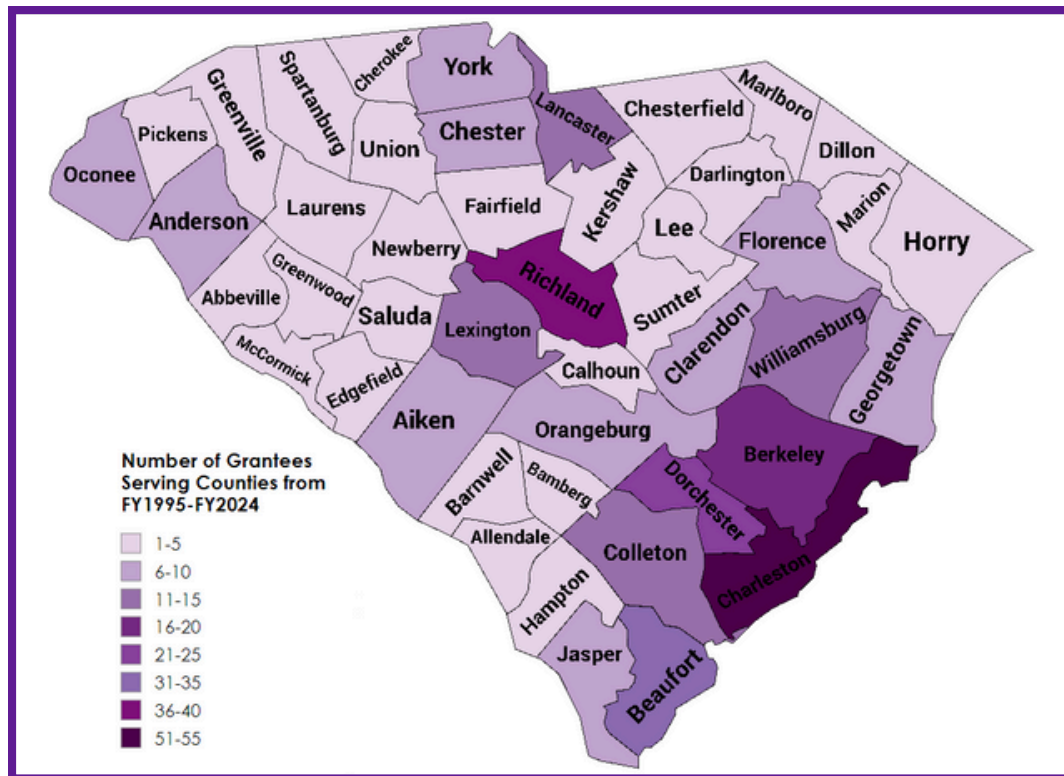
Beginning in 1995, the Legislature has addressed this need by allocating \$150,000 in state funds to the ARCC each year to develop community-based respite programs, caregiver education and training, and other supportive services to caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Grants have been awarded to communities for dementia-specific respite, adult day programs, education programs, and innovative programs that support family caregivers and those living with ADRD. Grant recipients have included medical communities, colleges and universities, first responders, community organizations, and faith-based groups.

Since 1995, the ARCC has awarded more than 378 grants for developing dementia-specific programs throughout the state, serving more than 7,508 South Carolinians through respite services and 73,035 individuals through education programs. The grants have also supported the implementation of 17 innovative programs. Grant recipients are awarded up to \$20,000 in the first year and \$10,000 in the second year. Grantees are required to match grant funds through cash or in-kind support equally.

The ARCC is the only entity in South Carolina that awards grants to start dementia-specific respite, education, and innovative programs in the community. It monitors and provides technical assistance to grantees to ensure the standards remain at the highest level.

It offers information and resources to grantees as well as the general public. The ARCC continues to encourage and support grantees after their grant award has ended by providing technical assistance to promote the sustainability of their programs.

## Counties Served by ARCC Grantees FY1995 - FY2024



## Number of Grants to Provide Services to Counties FY1995 - FY2024

Abbeville County	2	Greenwood County	3
Aiken County	8	Hampton County	2
Allendale County	3	Horry County	3
Anderson County	7	Jasper County	6
Bamberg County	3	Kershaw County	2
Barnwell County	3	Lancaster County	13
Beaufort County	34	Laurens County	2
Berkeley County	17	Lee County	2
Calhoun County	3	Lexington County	14
Charleston County	52	Marion County	4
Cherokee County	1	Marlboro County	4
Chester County	6	McCormick County	4
Chesterfield County	3	Newberry County	4
Clarendon County	7	Oconee County	10
Colleton County	11	Orangeburg County	10
Darlington County	4	Pickens County	5
Dillon County	5	Richland County	40
Dorchester County	23	Saluda County	3
Edgefield County	2	Spartanburg County	4
Fairfield County	1	Sumter County	5
Florence County	6	Union County	4
Georgetown County	6	Williamsburg County	12
Greenville County	5	York County	10



Eighteen grants were awarded in the 2023–2024 fiscal year, providing services in 27 counties. Grantees were comprised of five respite programs, three education programs, five innovative programs, three respite and education programs, and two respite, education, and innovative programs. All ARCC grant awards are equally matched with community funding and resources. A plan is required for the continuation of the program after grant funding is discontinued. Standardized reporting for all grant programs is required to ensure fidelity to the objectives outlined in the grant application.

As part of the grant process, the ARCC sponsored a pre-proposal workshop for prospective grantees in February 2024. Additionally, ARCC grant information was made available at [www.aging.sc.gov](http://www.aging.sc.gov).

Alzheimer's disease is one of the costliest and most uninsured health risks South Carolina families are likely to face. The U.S. Census Bureau projects that in 2030, South Carolina will be home to 1.1 million people over the age of 65, potentially propelling South Carolina to a ranking of 15th in the nation for the highest percentage of residents who are 65+.

Increasing age is a leading risk factor for Alzheimer's disease, and South Carolina's rapidly growing older population presents a challenge to families, communities, and those who plan and deliver services for the state. By preparing for the future now and providing the much-needed supportive services for families caring for loved ones at home, South Carolina will be ready to meet the challenges of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia with programs and services in place rather than trying to handle the epidemic after it has started.



# Activities of ARCC Grantees 2023-2024

## **Alzheimer's Family Services of Greater Beaufort**

The Alzheimer's Family Services of Greater Beaufort received \$10,000 in second-year funds for the expansion of their Social Day Program and in-home respite programs. The Social Day Program met every Tuesday and Friday morning and consisted of activities such as music therapy, pet therapy, and physical exercise for persons living with dementia. These activities took place in a space donated by a local church, and each day of attendance allowed family caregivers more than three hours of respite. The in-home respite program allowed for an aide to go into the home to provide care while the caregiver for the person with dementia was away. There was a minimum requirement of 2 hours of respite. Through both programs, Alzheimer's Family Services of Greater Beaufort was able to provide 5505 hours of respite care to 24 families. They also provided 52 support group meetings for 17 individuals.

## **Antioch Caregiver Support Group Ministry**

The Antioch AME Church received \$20,000 in first-year funds for their Caregiver Support Group Ministry. The ministry focuses on education, training, awareness, and self-care for caregivers as well as care recipients living with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia. This program served 40 caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia in the Lower Richland community.

## **Feonix Mobility Rising**

Feonix Mobility Rising received \$20,000 in first-year funds to expand their Feonix Access to Care program in Richland and Lexington counties. This program allowed the organization to provide no-cost, door-to-door transportation to nonemergency medical appointments for persons living with dementia. These services allowed participants to keep up with necessary doctor's appointments, avoiding costly ER visits and allowing individuals to remain in their homes for longer. With ARCC funds, they were able to provide services to 105 participants.

## **Golden Corner Respite Care**

Golden Corner Respite Care received \$20,000 in first-year funds to expand its respite care program, providing respite for caregivers and respite care for those with early to mid-stage ADRD. In Quarters 1 and 2 of the fiscal year, the grantee provided respite services to five families. However, the program was discontinued and \$12,500 in remaining funds was returned to the ARCC.



**Leeza's Care Connection**

Leeza's Care Connection received \$10,000 in second-year funds to expand its Helping U Grow Strong (HUGS) and Coffee Club Support Groups. HUGS is a caregiver-to-caregiver peer support network that provides caregivers of persons living with dementia or other chronic conditions a sense of community and support. Women's and Men's Coffee Club Support Groups met twice monthly. In total, 34 support groups provided services to 52 participants.

**Let's Walk**

Let's Walk received \$20,000 in first-year funds for the expansion of its walking program for persons living with dementia. Let's Walk is a free walking companion service that assists those with early to middle-stage AD/DR living in the community. Walks provide physical activity, promoting vascular health while also providing a modicum of respite to family caregivers while the person with dementia is out walking with a volunteer. During the grant period, Let's Walk was able to provide services to 43 persons living with dementia.

**Lexington County Sheriff's Department**

Lexington County Sheriff's Department received \$13,326.38 in second-year funds to expand its Project Lifesaver Program. The funds included roll-over funds from the previous fiscal year. Project Lifesaver allows individuals with cognitive impairment who wander from home to be quickly and safely located and returned to their caregivers through the use of radio transmitter tracking technology. Lexington County Sheriff's Department was able to enroll 23 individuals in Project Lifesaver and speak at 8 community outreach events about project lifesaver and the dangers of wandering, along with sharing brochures about the program with local physicians. Funds were also utilized to purchase the tracking technology provided by Project Lifesaver International, allowing individuals to enroll in the program at no cost.

**Magnolia Memory Care**

Magnolia Memory Care received \$20,000 in first-year funds to expand their respite, innovative, and education programs. Their programs consisted of Mind Matters Adult Dementia Day Program, providing support, resources, and respite to persons living with dementia and their families, and participating in community awareness and education activities surrounding AD/DR. Magnolia Memory Care was able to utilize ARCC funds to successfully expand their day program in terms of operation and expanding into another county, increase the number of caregiver support groups offered, and increase the number of community awareness and education activities offered. They were able to provide 962 hours of respite to 36 families, provide 41 support group sessions for 50 individuals, and provide innovative services to 32 individuals.

**MapHabit**

MapHabit received \$10,241.23 in second-year funds to expand its innovative program. The funds included roll-over funds from the previous fiscal year. The program is a care management platform which utilizes a patented visual mapping system supported by smart devices. MapHabit's programs include visual mapping of schedules/routines, cognitive engagement, and dementia education. Together, these resources simplify care coordination, provide dementia-appropriate cognitive stimulation, and provide caregiver education to improve the overall quality of life for older adults who are living with ADRD and their families. The grantee was able to utilize ARCC funds to strengthen service provider relationships, enhance participant engagement, and increase program visibility. They were able to provide 20 hours of education to 15 individuals, and support 26 people with innovative services.

**Memory Matters**

Memory Matters received \$20,000 in first-year funds to expand their respite program. The Memory Care Adult Day Respite Program is a non-residential program serving those living with mild to moderate cognitive decline by providing a safe, stimulating environment outside their home. The program curriculum is designed to complement the body's daily circadian rhythms which is shown to minimize changes in mood and behaviors, especially in those with dementia. This is achieved by following a schedule of stimulating activities, including mild exercise, music, dancing, singing, brain games, therapeutic art, cultural programming, meditation and rest, and includes a nutritious lunch. The grantee was able to utilize ARCC funds to add a second day to the Memory Care Adult Day Respite Program in Bluffton, SC and an additional day to the Hilton Head Day Program. They provided 10,684 hours of respite for 73 families, 47 support group sessions for 103 individuals, 1,590 hours of education for 200 people, and supported 45 people with innovative services.

**Mother DeVeaux Adult Daycare**

Mother DeVeaux Adult Daycare received \$16,845.40 in second-year funds for the expansion of their respite and education program. The funds included roll-over funds from the previous fiscal year. The grantee utilized ARCC funds to allow families impacted by ADRD to attend their adult day program on a scholarship if they did not have supporting insurance or funds. They were able to utilize funds to support 3 people on full scholarships and 1 person on a partial scholarship. They were also able to provide in-home support to 4 individuals. They provided 1,248 hours of respite care to 8 families and 16 hours of education to 12 individuals.

**Newberry County Council on Aging**

Newberry County Council on Aging received \$15,544.56 in second-year funds for the expansion of their respite program. The award included roll-over funds from the previous fiscal year. Newberry County Council on Aging's Adult Day Health Care program has provided those impacted by ADRD and their families with an affordable option to respite care for 29 years. ARCC funds were utilized to provide scholarships to families who otherwise may not be able to attend the program due to a lack of funds/insurance. Through the ARCC funds, the program was able to provide 2,477 hours of respite care to 7 families.

**Respite Care Charleston**

Respite Care Charleston (RCC) received \$30,000 in second-year funds for the expansion of their respite program. The award included roll-over funds from the previous fiscal year. They provided a half-day of memory care, allowing caregivers a short break from their responsibilities while their loved ones with dementia participated in fun, dementia-friendly therapeutic activities in a safe setting under the supervision of RCC's professional staff. Local churches served as program sites, though the program is not affiliated with any religion and individuals of any or no faith were welcome to attend. They provided 97.5 hours of respite to 8 families. During the grant period, they lost access to one of their program sites, as such they utilized only \$10,000 of their award and returned the remaining \$20,000 to the ARCC.

**South Carolina Christian Action Council**

South Carolina Christian Action Council received \$30,000 of second-year funds for the implementation of their respite, innovative, and education program. The award included roll-over funds from the previous fiscal year. The program "How Sweet the Sound" was proposed to provide a worship toolkit to faith leaders focused on Alzheimer's caregiver support and a theological framework for caregiving; provide a music program for persons living with ADRD and their caregivers to be hosted at eight different Councils on Aging; offer eight two-hour small group spiritual direction sessions to caregivers; and host a two-day caregiver retreat. The grantee was unable to meet the programmatic and financial reporting requirements of the grant. Reports received indicated 120 participants engaged in the music program offered. As such, the program was able to utilize \$15,467.66. The remaining \$14,532.34 was returned to the ARCC.

**Saint James South Santee Senior and Community Center**

Saint James South Santee Senior and Community Center received \$10,000 in second-year funds for the expansion of their respite program. The grantee was unable to meet the programmatic and financial reporting requirement of the grant. As such, their full award of \$10,000 was returned to the ARCC.

### **Straight Road International**

Straight Road International received \$12,868.76 in second-year funds for the expansion of their education program. The award included roll-over funds from the previous fiscal year. ARCC funds were utilized to provide statewide community education on Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and elder financial abuse. The grantee was able to provide 98 hours of education to 1,487 participants and develop an educational website.

### **The ARK of South Carolina**

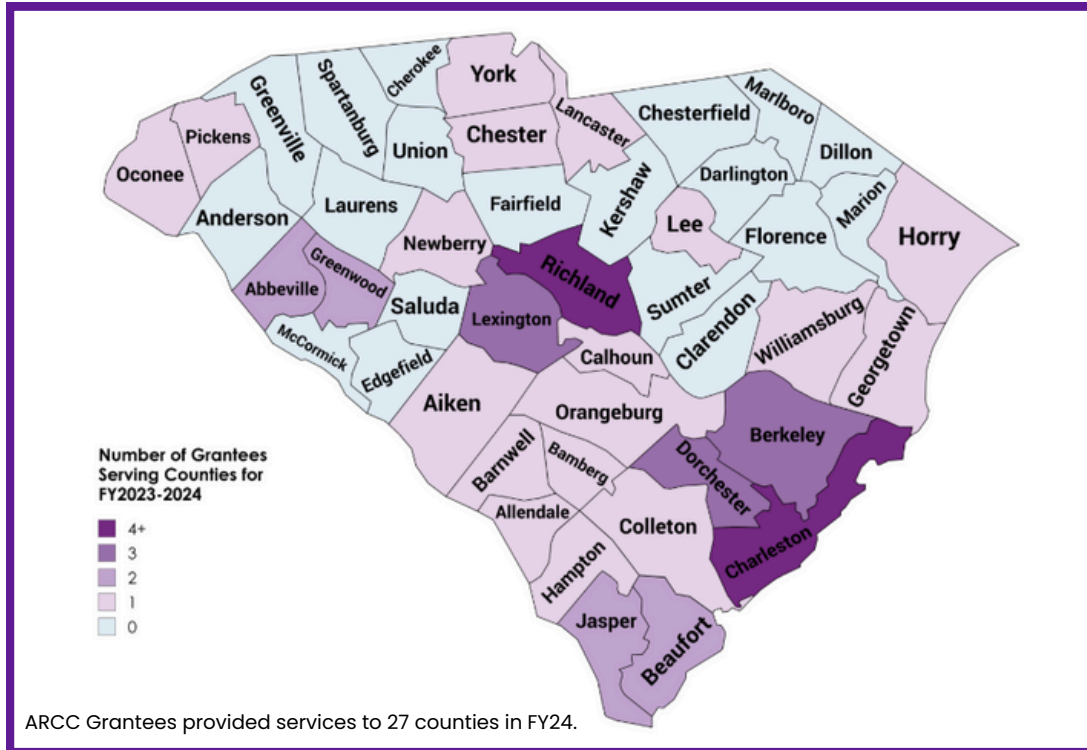
The ARK of South Carolina received \$20,000 in first-year funds for the expansion of their education program. The Neighborhood Outreach Alzheimer's Help (NOAH) Project is a mentoring program that assists small towns and rural and underserved communities in developing their own sustainable programs and ongoing services to assist families impacted by dementia. The grantee was able to utilize ARCC funds to provide 51 support groups to 250 individuals, provide 2,268 hours of education to 335 people, and support 6,740 people with innovative programming.

### **Think Different, LLC**

Think Different, LLC received \$20,000 in first-year funds for the implementation of its education and innovative program. The program is an online coaching platform designed to support family caregivers of those with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia. The program delivers monthly online workshops and presentations to support groups and senior centers across South Carolina. ARCC funds were utilized to provide 40.5 hours of education to 1,969 participants and support 30 participants with innovative programming.



## Counties Served by First and Second Year ARCC Grantees FY2023-2024



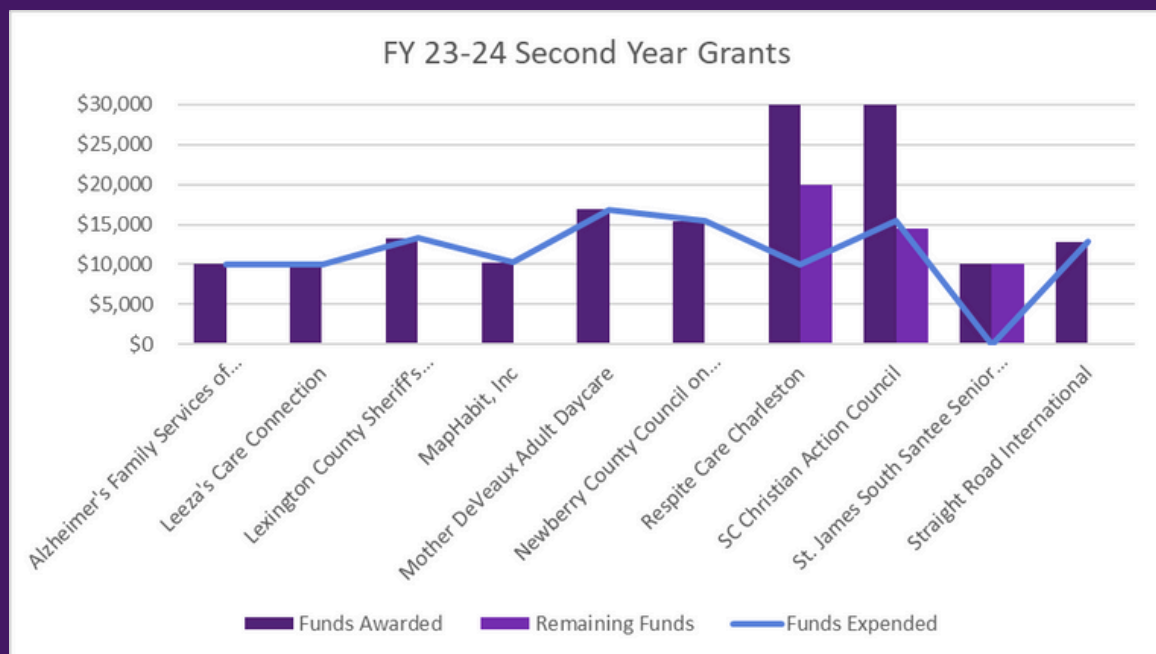
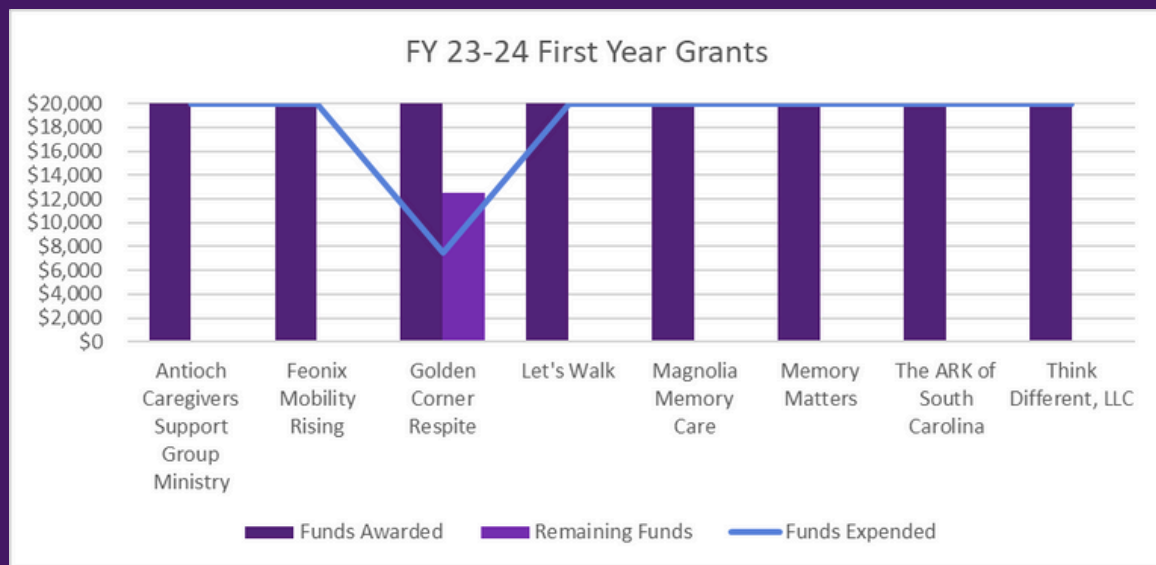
## Supportive Services Provided by First and Second Year ARCC Grantees FY2023-2024

### Supportive Services Provided by ARCC Grantees in 2023- 2024:

<b>Number of Unduplicated Respite Participants</b>	126
<b>Hours of Respite Provided</b>	10,390
<b>Number of Support Group Meetings</b>	230
<b>Number of Educational Participants</b>	4192
<b>Number of Hours of Education</b>	2610
<b>Number of Innovative Programs</b>	6
Clients served by innovative programming	298



## ARCC Grantee Funds FY2023-2024





# Background

## A. Enabling Legislation

The Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center was created in the Division on Aging Act of the South Carolina Legislature effective April 20, 1994, and is now housed in the South Carolina Department on Aging. The purpose of the Center is to "provide statewide coordination, service system development, information and referral, and caregiver support services to individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, their families, and caregivers."

## B. Responsibilities Assigned by Legislation

According to the SC Code of Laws Section 44-36-320, the center shall:

- (1) Initiate the development of systems, which coordinate the delivery of programs and services;
- (2) Facilitate the coordination and integration of research, program development, planning, and quality assurance;
- (3) Identify potential users of services and gaps in the service delivery system and expand methods and resources to enhance statewide services;
- (4) Serve as a resource for education, research, and training and provide information and referral services;
- (5) Provide technical assistance for the development of support groups and other local initiatives to serve individuals, families, and caregivers;
- (6) Recommend public policy concerning Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders to state policymakers;
- (7) Submit an annual report to the Chairman of the Medical Affairs Committee of the Senate and the Chairman of the Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives.
- (8) Facilitate coordination and integration of educational initiatives for healthcare providers on the importance and value of early detection and timely diagnosis of cognitive impairment, validated cognitive assessment tools, and increasing understanding and awareness of early warning signs of Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia and how to reduce the risk of cognitive decline.
- (9) Convene the advisory council to update the statewide plan to address Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.
- (10) When updating the statewide plan, the advisory council must solicit input from the Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Social Services to ensure the formulation of a comprehensive statewide plan that meets the needs of the State.
- (11) Submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly by September thirtieth concerning progress toward fulfilling the statewide plan.

### C. Community Grants

Beginning in 1995, the state legislature has allocated \$150,000 each year to the ARCC to provide grants to community organizations that support those living with ADRD, their families, caregivers, and communities. These grants are awarded on a two-year basis and are used to help with the development or expansion of respite care, education, or innovative programming relating to those living with ADRD and their families. The ARCC Advisory Council provides recommendations on priority needs and criteria for selecting grant recipients. Grant recipients must provide matching funds or an in-kind contribution equal to the amount of funds awarded in the grant.



# Advisory Council

According to the SC Code of Laws Section 44-36-330, the ARCC must be supported by an advisory council appointed by the Governor including, but not limited to, representatives of:

1. Alzheimer's Association, South Carolina Chapter
2. American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) – South Carolina Chapter
3. Clemson University
4. Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
5. Department of Health and Environmental Control (now known as the South Carolina Department of Public Health)
6. Department of Health and Human Services
7. Department of Mental Health
8. Department of Social Services
9. Medical University of South Carolina
10. National Association of Social Workers, South Carolina Chapter
11. South Carolina Adult Day Care Association
12. South Carolina Association of Area Agencies on Aging
13. South Carolina Council on Aging Directors
14. South Carolina Association of Nonprofit Homes for the Aging (now known as LeadingAge SC)
15. South Carolina Association of Residential Care Homes (now known as South Carolina Assisted Living Association)
16. South Carolina Health Care Association
17. South Carolina Home Care Association
18. South Carolina Hospital Association
19. South Carolina Medical Association
20. South Carolina Nurses Association
21. South Carolina Alzheimer's Disease Registry
22. South Carolina State University
23. University of South Carolina

Represented Entities Not Listed in State Legislature:

24. Consumer/Family Caregiver
25. Consumer/Family Caregiver
26. Silver Haired Legislature
27. Veteran's Health Administration

The Advisory Council meets quarterly

# SC Statewide Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia

In the fall of 2021, the South Carolina Department of Health and Economic Control's (SC DHEC, now the South Carolina Department of Public Health) Department of Injury and Substance Use Prevention was one of 18 states awarded funding from the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure Act to convene a statewide dementia coalition to develop or update a strategic plan to address Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. SC DHEC partnered with the South Carolina Department on Aging to utilize the Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center Advisory Council to act as the statewide dementia stakeholder group for the development of the statewide strategic plan to address Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, which was released in March of 2023.



Developed by: The Division of Injury and Substance Abuse Prevention at SC DHEC; The South Carolina Department on Aging's Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Council and Center (ARCC) and The Weathers Group  
Funded By: BOLD Infrastructure Core Capacity Grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



The South Carolina Statewide Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias details a five-year strategic plan to combat ADRD in the state and support those impacted. Furthermore, SB0569 was passed by the South Carolina state legislature and signed into law by Governor Henry McMaster on May 19, 2024, requiring the South Carolina Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center Advisory Council to maintain and update the Statewide Plan every five years and submit an annual report to the governor and general assembly each September on the progress towards fulfilling the state plan.

Since the release of the Statewide Plan to Address ADRD, the SC Department of Public Health (SC DPH) has received further BOLD funding for state plan implementation. The ARCC Advisory Council will continue to serve as the representative coalition for this process. ARCC Subcommittees

comprised of Advisory Council members and other stakeholder groups, will meet quarterly to develop and execute an implementation plan that guides the activities outlined in the Statewide Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias. Their focus will be on the Plan's five principal goals: Education, Advocacy and Policy Making, Access and Connection to Care, Caregiver Support, and Data and Resources.

## Appendix A - ARCC Advisory Council Members for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Alzheimer's Association-SC Chapter  
Ms. Taylor Wilson (Chair)

AARP  
Mr. Joseph Meyers

Clemson University  
Dr. Nicole Davis\*

Coastal Carolina University  
Dr. Cynthia Port

Consumer/Caregiver 1  
PENDING

Consumer/Caregiver 2  
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Department of Disabilities and Special Needs  
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Department of Public Health  
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Department of Health and Human Services  
Ms. Margaret Alewine

Department of Mental Health  
Dr. Miroslav Cuturic

Department of Social Services  
Ms. Kelly Cordell

Medical University of South Carolina  
Dr. Steve Carroll

National Association of Social Workers  
Ms. Sara English

South Carolina Adult Day Association  
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SC Association of Area Agencies on Aging  
Ms. Janae Stowe (Vice-Chair)

South Carolina Council on Aging Directors  
Mr. Andrew Boozer

LeadingAge, SC  
Ms. Kassie South

SC Association of Residential Care Homes  
Ms. Denise Kish\*

South Carolina Health Care Association  
Ms. Melissa Gilliam

South Carolina Home Care Association  
Ms. Mary Peck\*

South Carolina Hospital Association  
PENDING

South Carolina Medical Association  
PENDING

South Carolina Nurses Association  
PENDING

South Carolina Silver-Haired Legislature  
Ms. Rebecca Smith\*

South Carolina State University  
Dr. Miriam Evans

SC Alzheimer's Disease Registry  
Dr. Maggi Miller

University of South Carolina  
Ms. Megan Byers (Secretary)

Veterans Health Administration  
Dr. Jessica Broadway

Staff: Ms. Jennifer Brewton, Ms. Dana Daniel

\*Denotes former representative/no longer active with the ARCC



## Appendix B - First Year Grants Awarded Fiscal Year 2023-2024

<b>Antioch Caregivers Support Group Ministry</b>	\$20,000
Respite	
Lower Richland County	
<b>Feonix Mobility Rising</b>	\$20,000
Innovative	
Lexington & Richland Counties	
<b>Golden Corner Respite</b>	\$20,000
Respite	
Dorchester County	
<b>Let's Walk</b>	\$20,000
Innovative	
Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester, Horry, Georgetown, & Williamsburg Counties	
<b>Magnolia Memory Care</b>	\$20,000
Respite, Education & Innovative	
York & Lancaster Counties	
<b>Memory Matters</b>	\$20,000
Respite	
Beaufort & Jasper Counties	
<b>The ARK of South Carolina</b>	\$20,000
Education	
Charleston, Berkeley, Colleton, Dorchester & Orangeburg Counties	
<b>Think Different, LLC</b>	\$20,000
Education & Innovative	
Upstate, including Greenwood & Abbeville Counties	

**TOTAL FIRST YEAR  
GRANT AWARDS**

**\$160,000**



## Appendix C - Second Year Grants Awarded Fiscal Year 2023-2024

<b>Alzheimer's Family Services of Greater Beaufort</b>	\$10,000
Respite	
Beaufort County	
<b>Leeza's Care Connection</b>	\$10,000
Innovative	
Lexington & Richland Counties	
<b>Lexington County Sheriff's Department +</b>	\$13,326.38
Education	
Lexington County	
<b>MapHabit, Inc. +</b>	\$10,241.23
Innovative	
Statewide, Aiken County Focus	
<b>Mother DeVeaux Adult Daycare +</b>	\$16,845.40
Respite & Education	
Lower Richland County	
<b>Newberry County Council on Aging +</b>	\$15,445.56
Respite	
Newberry County	
<b>Respite Care Charleston +*</b>	\$30,000
Respite & Education	
Charleston, Berkeley, & Dorchester Counties	
<b>SC Christian Action Council +*</b>	\$30,000
Respite, Innovative, & Education	
Statewide, emphasis on Abbeville, Allendale,	
Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Chester, Greenwood,	
Hampton, Jasper, & Lee Counties	
<b>St. James South Santee Senior &amp; Community Center +*</b>	\$10,000
Respite	
Charleston County	
<b>Straight Road International +</b>	\$12,868.76
Education	
Statewide	

**TOTAL SECOND YEAR  
GRANT AWARDS**

**\$158,727.33**

+Award includes funds rolled over from the previous fiscal year

\*Funds deobligated due to non-compliance with grant Terms & Conditions

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