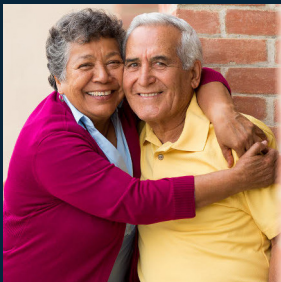


## ***Responsibilities of a VAGAL SC Volunteer***

- Represent unbiased, best interests of the vulnerable adult
- Advocate for the adult's right to self-determination
- Gather information about the vulnerable adult's situation
- Conduct monthly, in-person visits with the vulnerable adult
- Interview adult's family, caregivers, medical providers, law enforcement, and other relevant parties
- Collaborate with SC DSS case managers
- Present written recommendations to court



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tomorrow....  
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# ***What is the South Carolina Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem (VAGAL SC) Program?***

## ***Our Mission***

The mission of VAGAL SC is to advocate for the best interests of abused, neglected, and exploited vulnerable adults in the protective custody of the SC Department of Social Services, Adult Protective Services division.



VAGAL SC volunteers are appointed by a SC FAMILY COURT judge to recommend the best possible outcome for those 18 years of age and older with physical and/or mental impairments that prevent them from caring for or protecting themselves.



## ***Did you know?***

Since the VAGAL SC program began in 2011, we have served more than 4,000 vulnerable adults.



We welcome volunteers from all cultures, professions, ethnic and educational backgrounds. Our volunteers are passionate and caring individuals who are the voices of South Carolina's most vulnerable adults.



## ***Be the Voice!***

We need YOU to advocate for these vulnerable adults. We cover all 46 counties and need volunteers throughout the state.

This is a challenging and rewarding volunteer opportunity.

As a volunteer, you will receive ongoing training and support from VAGAL SC staff.



## ***What kind of time commitment is required?***

On average, expect to spend 20 hours as Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) on each case. Most cases remain open between six months to a year. How many cases you take at a time is up to you!

