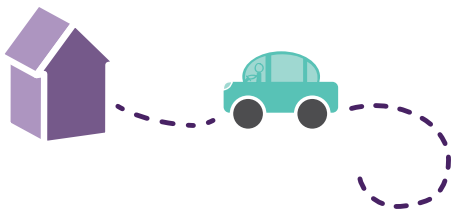


Thank you for caring • for Alzheimer's caregivers.

For those with dementia, caregivers are their lifeline. **For caregivers, respite can be a lifeline.**

1,507

South Carolina families benefited from the Alzheimer's Caregiver Respite Program last year, thanks to your support!



The Alzheimer's Caregiver Respite Program provides families short-term assistance to arrange paid care.

Whether used for in-home care, adult day services or a short-term facility stay, respite helps caregivers be "off the clock," supporting their mental, emotional and physical health.



In SC, an estimated **295,000 unpaid caregivers** currently provide **336 million hours** of care valued at over **\$4 billion**. Respite helps them take a break from round-the-clock care.



Alzheimer's poses a unique challenge to family caregivers as the individual with dementia progresses through memory loss, mood and behavior changes, problems with rational thinking and difficulty speaking, swallowing and walking.

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Investing in Alzheimer's Caregiver Respite makes \$ense.

Please continue funding Alzheimer's Caregiver Respite through the Dept. of Mental Health. The budget request of **\$778,706** has passed through House Ways & Means Medical Subcommittee.



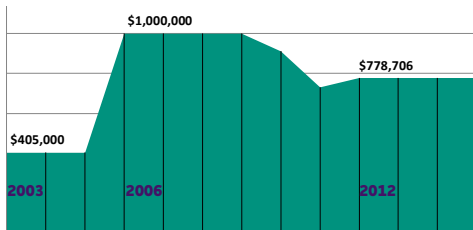
Unpaid family caregivers are the first line of defense before higher and **more costly levels of care** are needed. Supporting their well-being can help avoid or postpone strain on the state budget as families turn to Medicaid long term care.



Over the next 10 years, SC is expected to see a **61% increase in Medicaid costs for Alzheimer's patients, up from \$510 million in 2015.** This projected increase is the **6th highest in the nation!**

19x more

A senior (65+) with Alzheimer's disease currently costs Medicaid **19 times more** than a senior without dementia.



81,000 South Carolinians are living with Alzheimer's, and that number is expected to grow to **100,000 by 2025.** **In the face of a growing need for respite, it is vitally important to sustain (if not increase) funding levels for the Alzheimer's Caregiver Respite Program.**

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