

Volunteer

With the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

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YOU CAN HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Elder abuse is a silent problem that robs seniors of their dignity, security, and—in some cases—costs them their lives.

Up to five million older Americans are abused every year, and the annual loss by victims of financial abuse is estimated to be at least \$36.5 billion.

WHAT IS ELDER ABUSE?

Elder abuse includes physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, exploitation, neglect, and abandonment. Perpetrators include children, other family members, and spouses—as well as staff at nursing homes, assisted living, and other facilities.

TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER

**Must be 18 years
or older to
volunteer**

**Volunteer a
minimum of four
hours a month**

**Visit designated long-
term care facilities in
Clarendon, Kershaw,
Lee or Sumter County**

Volunteer Ombudsmen make unannounced friendly visits to designated long term care facilities on a weekly or biweekly basis. During their visits volunteers listen to and interact with the residents. Volunteer Ombudsmen work with residents to communicate concerns and provide support and empowerment. The Volunteer Ombudsman assist residents by being their voice and with their permission, work hand in hand with the facility staff to resolve issues.



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