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Connect: Where Love Never Forgets awarded grant to increase respite care services

Huntsville, AL—Alabama Lifespan Respite announced that it has awarded a \$2,000 grant to Connect: Where Love Never Forgets, a new community respite ministry of Christ Episcopal Church, to expand respite services for caregivers of adults who have memory loss due to Alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's, or stroke. Connect: Where Love Never Forgets was one of three organizations statewide to receive grants as part of Alabama Lifespan Respite's annual effort to enhance respite opportunities for all family caregivers, especially those who represent underserved populations and areas.

Grant funding will support program start-up costs for Connect: Where Love Never Forgets, including materials and supplies, and respite scholarships for families who may not otherwise be able to receive community-based respite.

“Connect: Where Love Never Forgets is devoted to providing quality respite services to caregivers in their community and we are excited to support their efforts to enhance and expand respite services by providing start-up funding and technical assistance,” Tracy Cieniewicz, Alabama Lifespan Respite director, said. “This collaboration will provide more caregivers in the Tuscaloosa area the benefits of regularly scheduled respite, which can help to prevent stress and burnout and promote overall well-being.”

“We are thrilled to be chosen as one of the grant recipients from Alabama Lifespan Respite,” Amanda P. Jones, LPC, Director of Connect: Where Love Never Forgets, said. “We look forward to this partnership and offering respite opportunities to everyone in the Tuscaloosa community.”

Caregivers in the Tuscaloosa area who need information about community respite services can contact Connect: Where Love Never Forgets at 205-758-4252, ext. 122. The program is available one day per week, four hours per day, with program expansion anticipated within the year.

About Alabama Lifespan:

Alabama Lifespan Respite, a statewide program of UCP of Huntsville & Tennessee Valley, Inc., provides programs and services to increase access to and availability of high-quality respite resources for all caregivers in Alabama. Its services for full-time, unpaid family caregivers and community partners include respite resource information and referrals, education, advocacy, technical assistance, and voucher respite reimbursement services. For more information about Alabama Respite, call 866-737-8252, visit www.alabamarespite.com, follow us on Twitter, or connect with us on Facebook.