

# Volunteer

## With the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

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### Volunteer Appreciation

It is a fact that we could not do what we do without Volunteers. The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is responsible to ensure that residents of Long Term Care Adult Facilities are safe and that their needs and desires are honored and met.

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.

### **TO JOIN THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

- You must be 18 years of age or old
- You must complete necessary training and annual training
- You must work a minimum of four (4) hours pers month
- You must visit designated Long Term Care Facilities in Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee or Sumter Counties

## **TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

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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