

2025 Grant Recipients

1. [A Home for the Day](#) (St. Cloud, Minnesota) - The organization seeks to provide cognitive performance testing for members, caregiver counseling, a sensory room and outdoor space as therapeutic tools, and outings with care partners as co-participants.
2. [AginCare Homecare](#) (Jamaica, New York) - The organization seeks to develop and implement ProjectCares – a comprehensive, person-centered initiative designed to enhance respite care services for individuals living with dementia and their caregivers.
3. [Aging and In-Home Services Northeast Indiana](#) (Fort Wayne, Indiana) - The organization will provide respite services to persons living with dementia and their caregivers in two of the rural counties in its service area as part of their Aging and In-Home Services Rural Respite program.
4. [Aging Strong, a Program of Jannus](#) (Boise, Idaho) - The organization will provide the Spark Model, a scalable, community-driven framework designed to spark connection, foster joy, and provide hands-on support for family caregivers and individuals living with dementia. Their Spark Model is a new approach to dementia respite that blends volunteerism, therapeutic engagement and intergenerational connection.
5. [Boise First United Methodist](#) (Boise, Idaho) - The organization will provide group respite care for people living with dementia in a caring and enriching environment that uses a social, rather than a medical model of care.
6. [Cathedral Square Corporation](#) (South Burlington, Vermont) - The organization will provide the Best Friends model of care at an assisted living community, but it will open this to non-residents.
7. [Catholic Community Service](#) (Juneau, Alaska) - The organization will develop and implement innovative care practices that enrich the lives of individuals living with dementia, helping them remain engaged, active, and emotionally supported in a safe environment while giving their unpaid caregivers a much-needed break.
8. [Cedars Nursing Care](#) (Portland, Maine) - The organization will provide sensory kitchen activities, movement therapy, creative arts, “Music and Memory” and “Memory Lane TV.”
9. [Community Healthcare of Texas](#) (Fort Worth, Texas) - The organization will provide in-home respite visits with therapeutic support, safety and wander management enhancements for overnight stays, therapeutic day sessions at partner facilities and volunteer virtual activities.
10. [Cooley Dickinson Hospital](#) (Northampton, Massachusetts) - The organization will launch a two-year startup respite care program for adults living with Alzheimer’s and their caregivers. This initiative builds on the success of their existing Care Ecosystem and volunteer program and will be tailored to support families in the organization’s diverse geographic region, which includes rural areas, small towns and college communities.

11. [CORA's Intergenerational Center](#) (Charlotte, North Carolina) - The organization will expand their newly launched respite care program, CORA'S Club, and will develop a Saturday adult day care service to support caregivers of individuals living with dementia.
12. [Council on Aging in Union County](#) (Monroe, North Carolina) - The organization will expand in-home respite, Music and Memory programming and live music integration in group respite as well as creative expression studio and life story mapping.
13. [Day-Break Adult Day Services](#) (Fort Payne, Alabama) - The organization will provide art therapy, music therapy, pet therapy and gardening.
14. [Daybreak Senior Services](#) (Ogden, Utah) - The organization will create a sensory garden, make essential interior improvements such as updated furnishings and activity tools, and introduce a licensed recreational therapist to lead expanded programming.
15. [Deutsches Altenheim](#) (West Roxbury, Massachusetts) - The organization will add a new Music Therapy Program, which will provide participants with structured, evidence-based therapeutic interventions that align with their personalized care plans.
16. [ElderHaus Adult Day Program](#) (Fort Collins, Colorado) - The organization will offer 10–20 participants from their Elderhaus dementia care program the opportunity to engage in one to three structured workshop projects each week (hands-on activities—such as furniture assembly, light car detailing, and other skills-based tasks and services needed by their community).
17. [Episcopal SeniorLife Communities](#) (Rochester, New York) - The organization will provide expressive arts, intergenerational programming and a daytime respite program onsite at St. Leo's Community Center.
18. [Erie County Health Department](#) (Sandusky, Ohio) - The organization will launch the Compass Point Community Project, an initiative designed to significantly enhance dementia care capacity and directly address the critical unmet respite needs for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias and their caregivers within Erie County.
19. [First United Methodist Church](#) (Lawrenceville, Georgia) - The organization will expand the number of people it serves by supplementing their regular volunteers with clinical graduate students and using virtual reality for a caregiver experience of dementia.
20. [Fox Valley Memory Project](#) (Menasha, Wisconsin) - The organization will expand access to high-quality, person-centered respite care for people living with dementia through the launch of Thryve. This community-based initiative empowers individuals living with dementia to remain active, connected and valued members of society.

21. [Goodwin Living](#) (Alexandria, Virginia) - The organization will provide 20 individuals with adult day services. It will incorporate large touch screen smart boards offering interactive applications tailored to cognitive stimulation, including memory games, music, storytelling, puzzles, virtual tours and reminiscing. The smart boards will also support group participation, such as virtual exercise classes, trivia games and guided art tutorials.
22. [Institute on Aging](#) (San Francisco, California) - The organization will launch a Member Council, a group of individuals living with dementia who will provide ongoing feedback to shape future programming. In addition, it will start a Cycling Without Age program, provide safety-focused wearable technology for cycling and expand their creative improv programming.
23. [Jewish Family & Career Services](#) (Atlanta, Georgia) - The organization will launch an innovative respite care initiative that expands its One Good Deed volunteer program to better support individuals living with dementia and their family caregivers.
24. [Jewish Family Service](#) (MI) (West Bloomfield, Michigan) - The organization will provide culinary art therapy, chair yoga, meditation, sound healing, simultaneously scheduled cognitive training classes and mind aerobics.
25. [Keswick Multi-Care](#) (Baltimore, Maryland) - The organization will enhance its Social Engagement Program with a new community immersion component—an innovation designed to strengthen the respite experience for care partners, enrich the lives of individuals with dementia, and reduce the dementia stigma through community-level engagement.
26. [Legacy Home and Respite](#) (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) - The organization will launch and expand its Caregiver Sanctuary Pop-Up Model, a flexible, community-rooted respite care program that is designed specifically to support caregivers and their loved ones who are living with dementia.
27. [Lifepath Inc.](#) (Greenfield, Massachusetts) - The organization will provide co-created programming with participants, intergenerational programming, a hub-and-spoke model and a peer-to-peer respite co-op.
28. [Lifespan of Greater Rochester](#) (Rochester, New York) - The organization will provide an in-home and drop-in respite program, it will increase participation for the ROC drop-in respite program and improve access to families by creating a supplemental deaf sister program for its partners in caring in-home volunteer respite program.
29. [Mid-Columbia Senior Center](#) (The Dalles, Oregon) - The organization will launch “Harbor Respite at Mid-Columbia Senior Center.” This program will support both family caregivers and people living with dementia by providing four to six hours per week of high-quality, person-centered respite care in a safe, engaging environment.
30. [Muslim Mindset Academy](#) (Boonton, New Jersey) - The organization will launch culturally sensitive respite support services specifically designed for caregivers of Muslim dementia patients—a currently unmet and underrepresented need.

31. [Oakwood Creative Care](#) (Flagstaff, Arizona) - The organization will establish a social model adult day program in Flagstaff that expands access to dementia-specific respite care while delivering innovative, evidence-based support for family caregivers and the broader community. This program will be grounded in strong community partnerships and designed to be both scalable and sustainable.
32. [ROC Chapel](#) (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma) - The organization will launch the Sabbath & Mid-Week Respite Innovation: a person-centered, dementia-capable respite program that combines clinical best practice with faith-rooted community engagement.
33. [Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay](#) (Tampa, Florida) - The organization will expand its current volunteer-led, in-home Senior Companion Program, increase the number of people who have access to and improve delivery of no-charge, strengths-based, person-centered dementia care and dementia-specific caregiver respite.
34. [Still Waters Adult Day Center](#) (Indianapolis, Indiana) - The organization will expand and enhance their dementia-capable services, providing a structured, innovative approach to engagement and respite care for seniors living with dementia and their caregivers.
35. [Sundance SADC](#) (Brooklyn, New York) - The organization will pilot a culturally responsive, dementia-specific respite model that addresses the unmet needs of caregivers and individuals living with dementia in East New York, Kings County, Brooklyn. Their goal is to deliver bilingual, person-centered respite services through their Structured Adult Day Center, focused on enhancing accessibility, reducing caregiver burden, and supporting aging-in-place for families that have been underserved.
36. [Texas Tech University](#) (Lubbock, Texas) - The organization will improve and increase the availability of their CREATIVE MINDS respite service. This includes reducing barriers to engaging in respite by paying participants for their travel, providing multiple locations around Texas (i.e., Amarillo) to assuage long commutes, and providing additional days and times.
37. [The Life Center of Davidson County](#) (Lexington, North Carolina) - The organization will expand and enhance the utilization of its existing adult day services programs by improving the availability and delivery of person-centered, strengths-based, cost-efficient, and effective dementia care with innovative components for a rural community that is at higher risk for Alzheimer's disease or other dementia.
38. [Vintage, a Service of FamilyLinks](#) (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) - The organization will launch a comprehensive initiative to provide respite care for individuals living with early memory loss. This project aims to enhance the quality of life for these individuals and their caregivers through targeted staff training, facility adaptations, and the launch of a dedicated respite care program.
39. [Walker West Music Academy](#) (St. Paul, Minnesota) - The organization will provide culturally responsive music engagement and therapy, virtual sessions, door-to-door transportation and a memory care station with sensory tools.

40. [Winter Growth](#) (Olney, Maryland) - The organization will expand their Ensemble-in-Residence Program, a transformative initiative developed in partnership with the Iris Music Project. Designed specifically for individuals living with dementia, this program brings live, interactive music-making into the daily rhythm of care.
41. [YMCA Buffalo](#) (Buffalo, New York) - The organization will provide the enCourage program, where caregivers can drop off their care recipients and receive four hours of respite. The program schedule consists of a social mixer, an art project, group lunch, a physical activity (appropriate for the present group), a no-fail table and cognitive game and a musical/song component. A single-serve prepared meal-to-go. Professionals will lead specialized activities (musicians, musical therapy drumming, juggling and art instructors).