



Team
Connect
Generations Ashe

June 2022

CELEBRATING & APPRECIATING THE WORK OF OUR TEAM

OUR MISSION & OUR VISION

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Elder abuse refers to intentional or negligent acts by a caregiver or entrusted individual that causes harm to an older person. Elder abuse takes many forms, including:

- Neglect or Isolation
- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Financial abuse and exploitation
- Emotional or psychological abuse (including verbal abuse and threats)

Caring about elder abuse is caring about justice for all. The costs of elder abuse are high for the affected individuals and society alike. Their losses can be tangible (homes and life savings) and intangible (dignity, independence, and possibly their lives). It is everyone's interest to care about and prevent elder abuse.

Elder abuse affects older people across all socioeconomic groups, cultures, and races and can occur anywhere when they are disconnected from social supports:

- In a person's own home
- In nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other institutional settings
- In hospitals

While any older person is potentially at risk of elder abuse, some are more susceptible to experience abuse or neglect than others. Based on available information, women and people 80 and older are more likely to experience abuse. Factors such as dementia or poor physical health can increase older people's isolation, which in turn puts people at greater risk of experiencing abuse or neglect.

There are many ways to get involved in creating a stronger society that safeguards our communities and prevents elder abuse occurring. We can all be "beams" of support in our society structure. Keep in contact and talk with your older friends, neighbors, and relatives frequently. Be aware and alert for the possibility of abuse. Look around and take note of what may be

happening with your older neighbors and acquaintances. Ask questions and listen.

It is up to everyone to prevent and address elder abuse. Report suspected mistreatment to your local adult protective services, long-term care ombudsman or law enforcement agency who can investigate the situation.



Generations Class of 2022



Congratulations to the Generations Ashe graduating class of 2022! Pictured left to right: Ms. Brianna (Assistant Pre-K Teacher), Kenzi, Abel, Natalie, Heath, Henry, Ryker, Bekah and Ms. Brandi (Pre-K Lead Teacher). The graduates' futures were so bright they had to wear shades!! Congratulations – you will do wonderful in Kindergarten!!



Stop by & say HELLO!

Generations Ashe will be at Christmas in July this year!! Please stop by our booth and say hello. **We will be stationed across from Ashe County Cheese on Saturday, July 2nd, 2022 from 9:00am until 5:00pm.** We will have sunglasses and sunscreen to give away as well as a few other promotional items. There will also be a variety of fun, temporary tattoos for the kiddos.....and adults...if you want! Tell your friends and help us spread the word about all the awesome work happening for our community at Generations Ashe!



Senior Center Happenings

We are so excited about the many wonderful things happening at our Senior Center!

Congratulations to Glenda Luther and her staff for being recertified as a Senior Center of Excellence with the North Carolina Division of Aging & Adult Services!!
"Centers of Excellence provide exemplary services and opportunities to their communities and serve as mentors and models to other centers." (NCDAAS)

Check out these new classes and opportunities for connection!:

- **New Wreath Making Class – Wednesdays at 10:00am**



- **Chair Volleyball – Mondays at 11:00am**
- **Happy Hearts Chorus Club – Mondays at 1:00pm (the club is now up to 14 people!)**
- **Coffee & Conversation – Every Friday at 9:00am starting Friday, July 1, 2022**
- **International Day of Yoga – Tuesday, June 21st at 10:00am out on the lawn at Generations Ashe – ALL are welcome!! Free class.**



Intergenerational Fun!

The Adult Day Health Center participants and Child Development Center participants have been having a wonderful time together the past few months! They have learned about Japan and how to make Origami. They took a field trip to Makoto's in Boone to learn more about Japanese food. And just recently the young toddlers made birdfeeders with our Adult Day participants. Such sweet interactions and memories were made!



Help us Grow our Team

We have an array of employment opportunities available throughout our agency. Do you know someone who might be interested in joining our team? Below are the different positions that we would like to fill. If you know of someone, please share and direct them to apply online through our website at www.generationsashe.org.

Administrator at our Assisted Living

Night Shift Supervisor at our Assisted Living

Med-Aides & Aides at our Assisted Living

In-home Aides/CNAs

Substitute Teachers in our Child Development Center

Dietary Aides at our Assisted Living

Cook at our Assisted Living



Spring Giving Campaign

Last year, because of the amazing generosity of our community, we raised \$7,750 through our annual Spring campaign to support Generations' Adult Day Health and Child Development Centers!

Following a thirteen month closure, we were finally able to open our doors again to Adult Day Health Center participants in May 2021. The funds raised last year through our campaign have since provided numerous experiences for our intergenerational participants through various programming and special activities. Both children and adults are once again enjoying the presence of each other's company, all made possible by your support!

It is around this time of year that we honor and remember our mothers and fathers, grandparents and other special people in our lives. Their contributions are celebrated by Mother's Day and Father's Day during the months of May and June. Continuing throughout the end of June, we are offering you an opportunity to recognize your mother, father, grandparent, or any other special person in your life.

By making a donation in memory of or in honor of your loved one, you will help us ensure that mothers and fathers like yours get the loving care and support they need to be healthy, happy, and independent for as long as possible. All proceeds for this annual campaign are used to support the needs of our Adult Day Health and Child Development Centers.

Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated, and donations of \$50 or more will be recognized and updated on our Facebook page regularly. Checks may be made out to ASA Foundation or you may also make a donation online through our website at www.generationsashe.org.

We are so grateful for your continued support of our organization and of our mission – Connecting people. Embracing challenges. Enriching lives...from generation to generation. Thank you for being a part of enriching the lives of our participants and supporting their families.



Staff Shout Out



Congratulations to Terri Hopkins, Senior Center Assistant, on completing her certification from the Ann Johnson Institute for Senior Center Management!!! Great job Terri!! We are so proud of you!

Our Mission

Connecting people.
Embracing challenges.
Enriching lives...from
generation to generation.

Our Vision

A community sharing in
the power of connections
through life's journey.

Our Values

Compassion
Excellence
Accountability
Integrity



Generations

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Where Age is Just a Number