

Reducing Senior Isolation Through Technology

Innovative Programs in Action in South Carolina

Digital Literacy Training

- ▶ Hands-on Training
 - ❖ Telehealth
 - ❖ Online Social Engagement
 - ❖ Finding Resources Online
- ▶ 20 Seniors per Location
 - ❖ Training + Tablet/Chromebook
 - ❖ One year of wireless service

Partners:

Palmetto Care Connections

SC Department on Aging

Rural Local Initiatives Support Corporation

5 Local Senior Organizations
*Williamsburg, Clarendon, Allendale,
Barnwell, Richland*



<https://www.palmettocareconnections.org/digitalliteracyprograms/>

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Joy for All Robotic Pets

- ▶ **Interactive cat/dog as a companion**
 - ❖ **Combats loneliness**
 - ❖ **Improved cognitive abilities**
 - ❖ **Improved overall well-being**
- ▶ **74 pets to seniors with dementia**
 - ❖ **Distributed by Area Agencies on Aging**
 - ❖ **Pre/post test by caregivers**

Partners:

SC Department on Aging

Area Agencies on Aging Family Caregiver programs

Administration for Community Living,
Department on Aging, Aging and Disabilities
Resource Center



Companion Charlie

- ▶ **Tablet for Meals on Wheels Seniors**
 - ❖ Daily engagement
 - ❖ 36 participants to date
 - ❖ One year of service

- ▶ **Connecting the Homebound**
 - ❖ **Communication**
Family, MOW staff, photo shares
 - ❖ **Entertainment**
News, websites, videos
 - ❖ **Wellness**
Check-ins, alerts, reminders



Organization:
Meals on Wheels Greenville County

<https://clarishealthcare.com/mow-greenville-companion-charlie/>

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Virtual Resource Support Library

- ▶ “The Senior Network” Webinars
 - ❖ Topic of the Month
 - ❖ Education & Resource Awareness
 - ❖ Connections with local senior organizations and resources
- ▶ Live and on-demand
 - ❖ Webinar format
 - ❖ Recorded resource library
 - ❖ YouTube channel



Organization:
Senior Resources (Columbia)

<https://www.seniorresourcesinc.org/senior-care/senior-network/>

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