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Know a family caregiver?

Then you know that no matter their age, a break from giving care can make a HUGE difference!

Wishing you happiness this

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S.C. RESPITE COALITION HELPS FAMILIES TAKE BREAKS!

From January to October 31, 2016, SC Respite Coalition has provided \$108,416 directly to family caregivers to purchase respite from private providers, agencies, camps or adult day programs.

Since 2001, the Respite Coalition has been working to create more respite in S.C., was instrumental in S.C. receiving one of the first 12 federal Lifespan Respite Grants, and has "warmed the soil" for respite to be funded by the legislature and be planned for in more state grants and programs. We ARE making progress for some populations all over the state! Rejoice with us and help us keep it up! We thank all our donors, advocates, and supporters

Brenda S. cares for her adult son with
Rubenstein-Taybi Syndrome.

"Respite has given me a chance to take a
break and catch a second wind so that I can
keep caring for our son at home."

SC Respite Coalition focuses on younger or
midlife families without any respite or on
waiting lists for other respite programs.
We coordinate with the Family Caregiver
Support Programs to provide funding to
family caregivers of elders.

SCRC Voucher recipient, Earnest M cares
for his wife who is
getting dementia.

It is especially challenging to find husbands and wives who realize that this is more than just marriage, but that now they are family caregivers and MUST care for themselves too!

Bonnie Sue, caregiver to her husband with a traumatic brain injury: "I really enjoyed my time that I got. It seems strange to get to go out and have some time to myself....I have been closed in for 3 1/2 years!"

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