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#RespiteAwarenessWeek2016

JOIN US AS WE HIGHLIGHT the need for respite among the thousands of family caregivers.

IT'S EASY AS PIE to take part in supporting family caregivers of all ages.

WE NEED YOUR HELP and encourage you to join us in making this week of love be about the needs of family caregivers.

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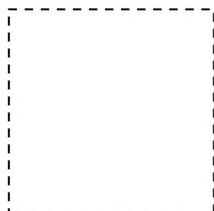
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***Respite Awareness Week
February 8-14
the week of love and caring.***

Go to the **SCRC Website**
and see Governor Haley's Proclamation.

It's as easy as.....



**phone, write or e-mail your State Senator
and Representative this week.**

**inspire them with your caregiving and respite stories and
thank them.** After two years of awarding generous ONE TIME funds, in 2015
the legislature approved \$1 million recurring (on-going) respite money in the Lt.
Governor's Office on Aging (LGOA) budget. (This is being distributed in vouchers to family
caregivers by the 10 Family Caregiver Support Programs statewide and by S.C. Respite
Coalition.)

In 2014 the legislators awarded funds to allow S.C. Dept. of Disabilities and Special Needs
(DDSN) to serve 1,400 more families - support services, which can include respite.

ncourage them to keep it up *and* approve new respite funds!

In the 2016-17 budget LGOA is asking for another \$1.6 million recurring funds for respite statewide. (note: The Governor removed it from the "Executive" state budget she sent to the legislature, so this means the Senate and House committees will have to reconcile all versions.)

In 2016-17 DDSN requests \$1 million recurring to pay for 8 non-emergency respite beds.

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