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Another email that I mentioned.

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From: Hightower, Kay [mailto:khightower@aging.sc.gov]  
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To: Danny Varat  
Subject: ElderCare Trust Fund

Hi Danny-

Below is some information about the ElderCare Trust Fund.

The ElderCare Trust Fund (the Fund) was created by statute, 43-21-160 et. Seq., to support innovative programs designed to help seniors stay in their homes as long as practicable. It is funded primarily through voluntary tax-payer contributions made through the SC Check-off program on state income tax returns. The Fund operates by awarding grants to public and private non-profit organizations that fulfill their mission of helping older South Carolinians live with dignity and vitality in their communities. Since its inception, the Fund has awarded over \$400,000 to more than 30 non-profit organizations statewide.

Currently, the Fund has three grantees in the third year of a three year grant cycle: the N.O.A.H Project (Summerville); Lakeview Center for Economic Change (West Columbia); and Memory Matters (Hilton Head). ARK and Memory Matters are both programs designed to address the needs of people battling dementia and their caregivers. Lakeview's program combats the problem of senior isolation through a food and recreational program for limited resource seniors.

Since the overwhelming majority of the Fund's donations are given through the Department of Revenue's Check the Box program, and the Fund is competing with 16 other funds, it is important to raise public awareness of the Fund. Your assistance with this effort would be greatly appreciated. Thanks. Kay

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