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We are one of more than 600 state and local chapters across the country united under the mission of advocating for services for citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

### Accomplishments

2021 Selected by IREX Corporation to virtually host an international fellow student from Lebanon.

Created and implemented phase 1 of our 3-phase Continuing Education to be taught in the Adult Day Center in the Low Country Area.

We have conducted the first virtual learning session between our international fellow and students at Club Horizon Adult Day Center.

Developed a Family Financial Management program to assist families in creating a financial plan for their loved ones with disabilities once they can no longer provide the necessary level of care. This team comprises attorneys, Financial Planners, an Insurance person, and a Tax Account.

Created information series "How We Support Our Citizens with Intellectual and Physical disabilities."

Achieve year one goals through volunteer commitments alone!

### How will the resources of this event be used?

Complete phase two of the Continuing Education Program

Expand the Family Financial Planning program in the community

Hire program coordinator

Develop financial resources to help offset the cost to families participating in the Family Financial Planning Program.

### Facts

As of 2018, South Carolina ranks **6th for having the highest unemployment rate** for people with disabilities in the United States.

1,216,011 Adults in South Carolina have a disability.

** County	Total Population 2015	Disabilities Population 2015	% 2015	Total Population 2020*	Disabilities Population 2020*
Berkley	188037	24,784	13	229,861	29,882
Charleston	365883	39,490	11	408,235	53,070
Dorchester	142852	16,961	12	161,540	19,385

\* We are using the exact percentage of persons with disabilities from 2015.

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\*\* 2016 South Carolina Report for County-Level Date: Prevalence

What are ALC 3 most significant needs right now?

Our three most significant needs are operational budget, experienced team members, and community liaison person.

What is ALC's best program?

This is a tricky question because all of our programs are gap-filling programs. We define "gap-filling" as having done the research to identify the unmet needs of individuals and family members of loved ones with intellectual and physical disabilities in the community and design research-based programs to address those needs.

Which of your programs have you designated as your critical need program?

Our Family Financial Planning program because less than 30% of all caregivers have created life plans for their loved ones once they can no longer care for them due to a lack of knowledge and resource planning skills.

What resource will help ALC the best

On-going donation base.

Which of the Arc National programs would ALC like to implement?

We want to implement the Individual Education Plan Advocate Training and Advocate program. This would be a full-time position. Salary 55k

What is the estimated of ALC people that need assistance? How many are being served by ALC services?

Every person in the tricounty with disabilities has unmet needs. We estimate we serve only about 5% of the population as a 2-year-old organization.

What is the most significant need to help reach more people in the area? I.E., time, money, exposure.

The biggest obstacle to increasing our ability to meet the needs of our target population are monetary issues and experienced personnel.

How much does it cost the ALC to help one person?

Currently, the cost is zero because volunteers performed all work, limiting our ability to increase our service base. A function staff of 3 persons would require an operating budget of \$212,592.00 annually.

How would a 1,000-dollar donation help ALC, and how would it be spent?

If it is a one-time donation, it will pay one year of expenses for the webpage, Microsoft 365, with any remaining funds allocated to the cell phone.

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If it were monthly, it would go toward a part-time employee.

How would a 10,000-dollar donation help ALC, and how would it be spent?

ALC would hire a part-time employee to help grow our Continuing Education and Family Financial Planning programs

How would a 25,000-dollar donation help the ALC and the funds be spent?

ALC would hire a full-time employee to help grow our Continuing Education and Family Financial Planning programs and research grants.

Do you donate to a specific program(s) or ARC as a whole? I.E., will these donations be a directed donation or an annual fund?

I donate 215 percent of my time and finances when necessary to provide expertise in areas where I have no knowledge or am unable to locate experienced persons to perform the task(s).