

# **Intergenerational Connections Program**

Intergenerational Connections Grant of \$12,500 provided by: AARP Foundation and Council of Independent Colleges

### **Grant Goals**

Reduce social isolation in low-income older adults. Increase civic awareness and improve communication skills in college students.



#### WHAT and WHEN is it?

8 Student Fellows completed weekly 1-hour workshops at 7 locations around Spartanburg County.

College students and older adults complete fun, interactive, creative activities together.





**ARP** Foundation

160 workshops completed with 150+ older adults and 75+ college students. 2018-19



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*Grant director*: Dr. Kara Bopp Support from Center for Community Based Learning

## **Student Fellow class 2018-2019**

Ciara Albrittain '19 Taylor Bunge '19 Laura Futrell '21 Chandler Graham '19 Lydia Mead '21 Sheridan Kate Murray '19 Vera Oberg, '20 Tyrus Peoples '21 Marshall Westbrook '20

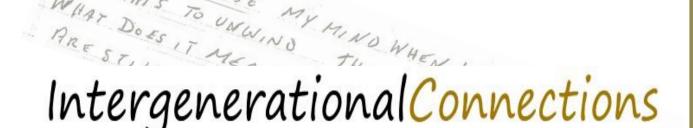


Program outcomes

2017-18

150 workshops completed with 100+ older adults and 50+ college students.





INTERACTIONS TO IMPROVE LIVES

#### WHERE is it? **Community partners**

Spartanburg Housing Authority: Archibald Rutledge apartments, JC Bull and Camp Croft apartments

Spartanburg Parks & Recreation's 50+ Wellness:

Northwest Community center and Middle Tyger Community

*Continuing care facilites*: White Oak Manor and Pacifica at





WHY do it?

Developed intergenerational relationships improving: Emotional, social, cognitive well-being in older adults Interpersonal skills and empathy for others in younger adults

