

Intergenerational Connections Program

I WRITE TO EASE MY MIND WHEN
THOUGHTS TO UNWIND
WHAT DOES IT MEAN
ARE STILL
REMEMBER
IntergenerationalConnections
INTERACTIONS TO IMPROVE LIVES

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.



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

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

2018-19

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

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
center
Continuing care facilities: White Oak Manor and Pacifica at
Skylyn



WHY do it?

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