



2019 Annual Report



Mission

Neighbor to Neighbor of South Carolina, Inc. promotes independence, relieves isolation, and connects homebound adults to their community through transportation and technology.

Neighbor to Neighbor of South Carolina organizes the volunteer activism and compassion of community members who drive, to meet the transportation needs of homebound adults in Horry and Georgetown counties in South Carolina and most recently added Brunswick, North Carolina to the service area. This very practical, highly individualized service is critical to promoting access to health care, legal, and self-care appointments in our catchment area, which has limited public transportation options, high rates of poverty, high rates of chronic illness, and fragmented systems of care for those of our neighbors who are economically poor, socially isolated, and/or elderly. Over the past 10 years, we have worked with a wide array of community stakeholders including homebound adults, our volunteers, representatives of public transportation systems, local and state government officials, health care providers, religious and civic organizations to develop an award-winning model for volunteer driver recruitment and support, client intake and matching, program safety, and outcome evaluation.

To meet the transportation needs of this “greatest generation,” and become a significant part of helping these elders age gracefully in place, while contributing to reduced population health costs related to untreated chronic illness, inappropriate use of the ER, and early nursing home placement, we need YOU! Whether you can partner with us by volunteering your time, sharing the talents you’ve developed in your professional or volunteer roles, or a bit of the treasure you’ve been blessed with, or all three, YOU are invited to join Neighbor to Neighbor and “be the change” that makes a measurable difference in the lives of homebound adults.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Kunkel".

Joe Kunkel, Executive Director



2019 Stats & Highlights



Rebranded Neighbor
to Neighbor



Received "Angel Award" from the
South Carolina Secretary of State's office

Selected as one of only 10 SC nonprofits for
demonstrating financial transparency

191
volunteers

364
clients served

8,285
rides provided

Created and began implementing a three-year
strategic plan with exponential evaluation

Grew the board by
four new members



Launched new website
at riden2n.org



Set up expansion into
Brunswick, North Carolina



40,344
calls fielded

117,434
miles driven

8,468
hours donated

Volunteer drivers donated
\$156,416*
of in-kind donations
through service to Horry and
Georgetown counties

* \$16.53/hr (AARP volunteers in SC
equation) and \$0.14/mile

Invested, trained, and gained competence in financial literacy,
grants management training, cost allowability, reporting,
internal controls, and compliance

Since 2008...

529
volunteers

1,851
riders

58,941
rides provided

Drivers donated

803,114

miles – enough to
circle the Earth more than

32 times



Volunteers provided

59,058

hours of service,
which is equal to nearly

6³/₄ years

Our Board



Jim Owens • President

Jim is a native of Myrtle Beach and attended Davidson College and UNC-Chapel Hill. He served in the US Army and spent more than 37 years with IBM in six US states, England, and the Netherlands.



John Eroszonak • Vice President

John grew up in the mountains of New Hampshire, but has been a very happy South Carolina resident for the last 18 years. He is a graduate of St. Anselm College and had at least two careers; working with deaf and learning disabled adults and then for over 20 years in the computer business. He lives in Murrells Inlet with his wife of 42 years, Cathy.



Beverly Jones • Treasurer

Beverly was born in PA, moved to NY, worked for a major insurance company for 25 years. She moved to Massachusetts, New Jersey, Florida, and back to Pennsylvania during that time. Raising two daughters and now grandmother to three, Beverly retired to Myrtle Beach five years ago. She loves to travel!



Jeanette Samra-Arteaga • Secretary

Jeanette M. Samra-Arteaga, Esq., a NJ native, has resided in Murrells Inlet since 2005. She has practiced law for 30 years in New Jersey and South Carolina, is a notary public and president of the Law Office of Jeanette M. Samra-Arteaga, P.A. where she provides general legal services to multi-lingual clients. She is an alumni of St. Dominic Academy in Jersey City, New Jersey, and also of Fordham University in New York City, where she earned both her BA and JD degrees.



Nancy Tansey • Board Member

Nancy Tansey is an Ohio native. She has a BSN from Ohio State University and masters from University of Maryland. She moved to this area in 2002 with her husband and three girls.



Jennifer Sherman • Board Member

Jennifer is a native of Brunswick County, North Carolina, and was raised in the small fishing town of Calabash. She is the Vice President of Human Services at Brunswick Senior Resources, Inc. (BSRI), adjunct professor at Miller-Motte College in Wilmington, North Carolina, and has a 25+ year career in human services and pharmaceuticals.



Maria Wolbert • Board Member

Growing up in a family of teachers, doctors and hospital workers, Maria was taught to care about people and grew to be passionate about helping those in need. Following her graduation from Coastal Carolina University, Maria decided to make the beautiful Myrtle Beach area her permanent home, residing here since 2011.



Christel Bell • Board Member

Christel is a native of Houston, Texas and attended University of Houston and Xavier University, New Orleans. She has more than 12 years experience in broadcast journalism working as a television anchor, reporter and producer at stations in Texas, South Carolina and Missouri.



Chris Bryant • Board Member

After retiring to Myrtle Beach after a forty year career in real estate title examination, Chris fell in love with the mission of Neighbor to Neighbor.

Organization Information

Operation History: 2005 founded; 2006 incorporated; providing rides since 2008.

Guidestar: <http://www.guidestar.org/organizations/20-3314190/> • **EIN:** 20-3314190

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