

NEK Area Aging on Aging Awarded \$5K Grant

(KNZA)--The Northeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging has been awarded a \$5,000 grant.

The grant comes from the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, a non-profit organization that unites more than 2,600 member organizations nationwide with the goal of providing optimal care and services to individuals living with dementia and their families..

According to a press release from the AFA, the grant will enable the Area Aging on Aging to provide respite for 41 caregivers by an in-home aide through a contracted provider.

The contract providers would train their individual staffs. That will allow caregivers time to do errands and recharge, enabling them to provide the necessary care their loved ones need in their home, avoiding nursing facility institutionalization.

NEK Area Agency on Aging Executive Director Karen Wilson said the non-profit organization is very pleased to be able to provide additional respite services to caregivers to allow them the opportunity to take time for themselves. Wilson added caregiving is a challenge and any support they can provide is invaluable.

NEK Area Agency on Aging aims to help individuals maintain independence, quality of life, and dignity as they age. They serve seven counties in Northeast Kansas.