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2021 Review

As the Chair of the Arc of the Low Country (ALC), I want to thank you for supporting our work to provide services and programs to the families and caretakers of citizens with physical and intellectual disabilities like my daughter Talia.

2021 was a year of success for our organization despite the country's covid challenges as we blew past our year one strategic plan goal.

Our year one goal was as follows:

1. Recruit a volunteer committee/board volunteer
2. Develop Cradle to the Grave Program (Pilot)
3. Mobile Continuing Education Program (Pilot)
4. Fund Raiser

How did we do?

The Family Financial Planning (formally Cradle to the Grave) pilot program is functioning. We have a team consisting of a financial planner, an insurance/financial planner, an attorney (Special Need Trust Fund (SNTF), an attorney(guardianship), and a tax company). Finally, our first client is funding their child's SNTF in Q1 2022.

Our Continuing Education Program's first communication module was taught virtually by our intern Iman El Ali from Lebanon, to students at Club Horizons. Club Horizons is our partner in this program. Additionally, we have partnered with the LEND's program at MUSC, and 2 of their interns are developing additional teaching modules that will become a part of Continuing Education Program.

We also held our first virtual seminar titled “How We Support Our Special Needs, Citizens, with Intellectual and Physical Disabilities” and our first art class at Club Horizons. Congratulation to Jarod Charzewski and Greg McGill for taking the initiative on this project.

The most significant component of our 2021 achievements was your dedication to our mission, and without your commitment, we would never have been successful.

So let me lay out our 20220 Plan.

1. Continue refining our Continuing Education and Family Financial Planning Programs.
2. Target a monthly ongoing support base of \$3,500.
3. Increase our presence in the community
4. Continue developing our fundraising team
5. Hire one fully time Program Coordinator

In closing, I ask that you become the advertisement for our organization and encourage families and businesses to support our efforts by directing them to arclowcty.org and ask them to donate monthly.

Sincerely,

Bernard Johnson, CEO