



2008 Accomplishments

MemoryCare served over 2500 individuals with clinical & care management services.

- Patients range from 51 to 97 years of age; average age late 70's.
- 60% come from Buncombe County; the remainder from 17 other counties in WNC.
- 53% of our caregivers are adult children; 38% are spouses.
- Currently 59% of our patients are considered low income by HHS poverty guidelines.
- Waived caregiver fees for 27% of families served.
- For every 1 patient served there are 2-3 caregivers.
- Hospice patients served: 75
- Minority Low Income Screening Program: 119 persons screened.

MemoryCare provided Community education, reaching over 2000 individuals, to audiences of caregivers, health care professionals, and the general public.

- Total of 42 presentations and 6 special events. Presentations to medical professionals were 15%, civic groups 15%, radio 6.25%, churches 10.5%, support groups 8%, caregiver education 32.25%, and United Way 13%.
- Nationally Recognized – “MemoryCare: A Model Program for Dementia Care” presented at the American Geriatrics Society and the Alzheimer’s Association’s National meeting in 2008.

MemoryCare has developed a formal Caregiver Education Program, “Caregiver College”.

- The MemoryCare Caregiver Education, taught by Terry Mulligan, PA-C, is a series of interactive sessions designed to provide opportunities for education and support to individuals and families caring for persons diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease or other memory disorders.

MemoryCare received over 1600 hours of volunteer help in 2008.