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Kansas Advocates for Better Care

Impact Report 2025



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A Year of Meaningful Impact

In 2025, KABC celebrated 50 years of advocating for the safety and well-being of older Kansans. Founded by a group of determined women from Lawrence and Topeka, KABC began as Kansans for Improvement of Nursing Homes, a community movement demanding dignity, accountability, and better standards of nursing home care. Five decades later, that same spirit guides our work as the only non-profit in Kansas solely dedicated to advocating for long-term care residents.

Key Achievements:

- 125 Consumer Information Reports emailed and mailed
- Over 350 individuals assisted through phone calls, in-person visits, and over email
- \$5,000 received in grant funding
- \$32,056 donated in general contributions
- \$5,737 in donations made in memory of loved ones
- Secured a state contract with the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services for a statewide senior resource directory
- As part of its 50th anniversary, KABC introduced two new community events
- Participated in the Bert Nash Community Resource Fair for the first time in several years

A Record Year for Media:

KABC and staff were featured in 21 long-term care news articles and reports. A few key articles include:

- June 25, 2025 (KMUW): “Half of Kansas nursing home investigator positions are vacant. Residents die waiting for help.” Dan Goodman, Executive Director of KABC, noted the lack of urgency from state officials regarding nursing home oversight as a key concern.
- August 21, 2025 (Lawrence Journal-World): “Your Turn: For 50 years, a nonprofit founded by Lawrence advocates has been improving nursing homes.”
- December 14, 2025 (Kansas City Star): “Letter to the Editor: Nursing Needs” Libby Hastings, KABC’s PR and Communication Coordinator, comments on the need for safe staffing standards in nursing homes.

Thank You!

We are deeply grateful to our donors, event sponsors, board members, and volunteers whose support makes our work possible.

We also thank the Douglas County Community Foundation for its continued partnership and investment in our mission.

If you would like to support this work, please scan the QR code or visit www.kabc.org to make a donation and help us continue advocating for older Kansans.



Statewide Senior Resource Directory



KABC is proud to announce our partnership with KDADS to create the Statewide Senior Resource Guide. What began as a small grant to create a local guide for Douglas County has grown into a statewide project, now covering 11 regions (based on the Kansas Area Agencies on Aging) across Kansas. We're so proud to see this resource expand and help even more older adults, caregivers, and families find the support they need to age well in their communities. The estimated completion date is July 2026.

Legislative Activity

In 2025, KABC's advocacy made meaningful progress to strengthen long-term care for older Kansans.

- Supported and helped advance SB 88, which strengthened ombudsman training requirements for memory care, ensuring better oversight and advocacy for residents living with dementia.
- Actively opposed efforts to roll back fire safety standards in nursing homes, working to preserve critical safeguards that protect resident health and safety.
- Provided testimony before the Robert G. Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight, elevating concerns about nursing home oversight, staffing challenges, and the lived experiences of residents and families.
- Engaged lawmakers on the need for stronger nursing home oversight, highlighting gaps in enforcement and the importance of sustained funding for regulatory agencies.
- Published regular legislative updates and action alerts to keep advocates, families, and community partners informed and engaged throughout the session.



Dan Goodman testifies before the Robert G. Bethell Joint Committee on Home & Community Based Services & KanCare Oversight

50th Anniversary Events



Revving Up Joy attendees braved the rain as the car show got underway



Revving Up Joy car show attendees visiting with a classic car owner



Liberty Hall, host of No Country for Old People documentary screening



Barb Conant, KABC's Legislative Coordinator, holds a KABC's 50th anniversary cookie



Revving Up Joy volunteers smile with Best in Show car winner and his trophy

Revving Up Joy: A Classic Car Show

Revving Up Joy was a lively community event at Rev City Church, bringing together classic cars, the community, and long-term care residents for a day of connection and fun. Held as part of KABC's 50th anniversary, the inaugural event welcomed more than 200 attendees and offered a meaningful opportunity to engage directly with residents and new community members. The event reflected our commitment to joy, inclusion, and community-centered advocacy for older Kansans.

No Country for Old People Documentary

KABC hosted a screening of “No Country for Old People” at Liberty Hall in Lawrence, Kansas, on October 28. We're grateful to our sponsors, the Liberty Hall team, our board, and everyone who joined us to reflect, learn, and take action. Filmmaker Susie Singer Carter's powerful documentary chronicles her mother's final six months in a 5-star nursing facility, exposing a profit-driven system where abuse and neglect are patterns. The film is a call to challenge the status quo and demand meaningful reform.