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**Statewide advocacy event gives one voice to senior centers**

Senior centers across the state recently joined together to mail valentines to legislators, sharing gratitude for funding senior centers and asking for continued support.

This advocacy event was coordinated by the North Carolina Senior Center Alliance (NCSCA). The goal of NCSCA is to provide a statewide organization for senior center professionals to advocate for senior centers, network and collaborate on common issues, share information, co-market initiatives and provide for additional staff training and development.

Federal, state and local funding is vital to senior center programming and allows older adults to participate in free or low cost affordable activities and access needed services. This special valentine advocacy event provides seniors the opportunity to show their appreciation as well as place continued senior center funding at the forefront for future legislative action.

A total of 99 senior centers across the state participated in the event. Calvin Vaughn of the Roy B. Culler, Jr. Senior Center in High Point steered the valentine advocacy event for NSCSA. “The valentines mailed to state legislators gave one voice to thousands of seniors across North Carolina to share what local senior centers mean to them. The local senior center is a link to all services for seniors. It’s a place to maintain good health, volunteer, be involved and remain active. Continued funding for senior centers is vital to our seniors,” states Vaughn.

For more information on the North Carolina Senior Center Alliance visit [www.ncaoa.org](http://www.ncaoa.org) or contact Alliance Chair, Thessia Everhart-Roberts at 336.242.2290 or [Thessia.Everhart@DavidsonCountyNC.Gov](mailto:Thessia.Everhart@DavidsonCountyNC.Gov)

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