

2025 Annual Report



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A photograph of a woman with curly hair, wearing a purple shirt, sitting in a wheelchair. She is smiling broadly and is being embraced from behind by two young people. One person, with long dark hair and wearing a teal shirt, is leaning over her shoulder. The other person, a young man with short dark hair wearing a light green shirt, is leaning over her other shoulder. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is an outdoor setting with trees and a building.

Mission Statement

Assisting individuals with disabilities, including those over age 65, achieve their highest level of well-being.

Vision

Providing peace of mind, professional support, and exceptional service.

Values

- We believe individuals with disabilities have the right to live the highest quality of life and achieve their highest possible level of well-being and independence.
- We believe in putting people first and in a person-centered philosophy.
- We believe an individual is more than their disabilities. We are committed to respecting and recognizing each other's strengths: this includes our clients, families, staff, and community partners.
- We value financial transparency, accountability, innovation, and compassionate service.



Board of Directors

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Your support makes a real difference. As a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, we rely on the generosity of donors like you to continue providing vital services to those we serve. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us further our mission and create lasting impact. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation today.

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Arcare | PO Box 12890 | Overland Park, KS 66282

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends, Supporters, Partners, and Community Members,

As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude and pride for all that we have accomplished together. Thanks to the dedication of our staff, board members, donors, and community partners, our organization has continued to strengthen its impact while remaining focused on what matters most—serving our clients with excellence, compassion, and respect.

This year was marked by meaningful progress across several key priorities outlined in our strategic plan. First and foremost, we continued to improve client services by investing in program enhancements, streamlining processes, and expanding access to resources that help individuals and families achieve their goals. By listening carefully to client feedback and responding to evolving needs, we have been able to provide more effective and personalized support. These improvements have strengthened our ability to serve our community and ensure that every client receives the highest level of care and attention.

Another important focus of our strategic plan has been strengthening organizational excellence. Throughout the year, we invested in our people, enhanced operational processes, and developed systems that position us for long-term success. By building organizational capacity and fostering a culture of innovation and accountability, we are better equipped to meet current needs while preparing for future opportunities and challenges.

These efforts contributed to significant organizational growth. We expanded our reach, served more individuals than ever before, strengthened strategic partnerships, and increased our ability to respond to growing community needs. We have been able to take an active role in advocacy efforts on the national and state levels to advance legislation that will improve the lives of clients and families that we serve. This growth reflects both the trust our community places in us and our commitment to building a strong, resilient organization capable of making a lasting difference.



Laura Pederzani, Executive Director in Washington, D.C. after meeting with elected officials.

While we celebrate these accomplishments, we remain focused on the opportunities ahead. The needs within our community continue to evolve, and we are committed to adapting, innovating, and improving so that we can make an even greater impact in the years to come. In 2025, we provided over \$88,000 in pro bono services to individuals in our community who could not afford them. Our success is made possible by the collective efforts of everyone who supports our mission, and we are deeply grateful for your partnership.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, thank you for your continued confidence, generosity, and commitment. Together, we are creating positive change, improving lives, and building a stronger community for all.

With sincere appreciation,

Laura Pedryni

Executive Director,
Arcare, Inc.



Key Services

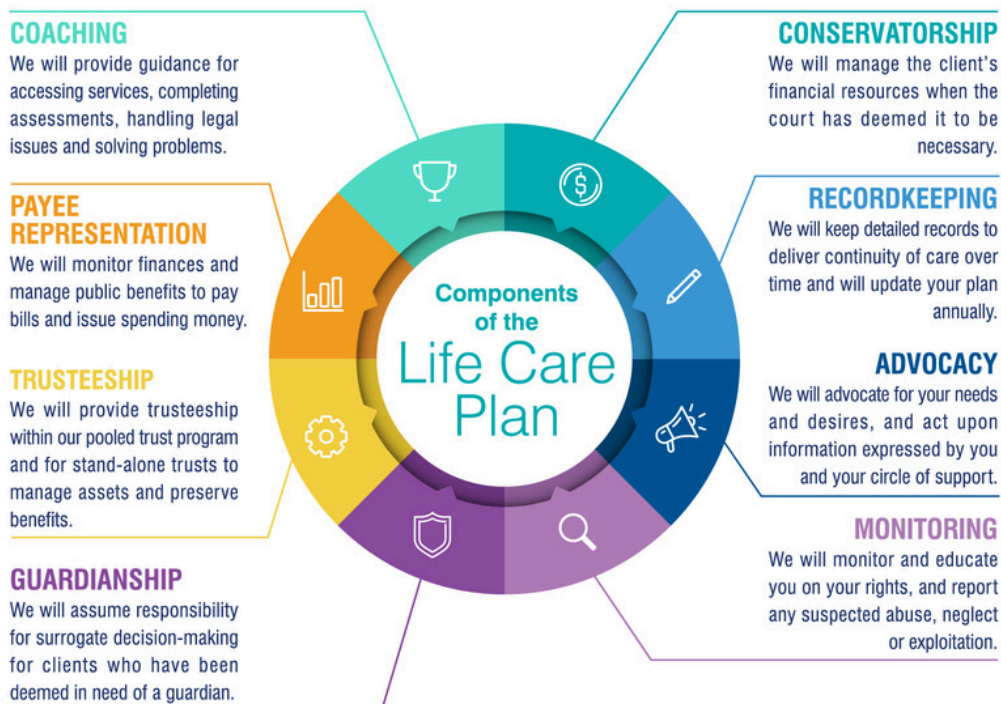
Since its inception, Arcare has prided itself on establishing services to meet the evolving needs of families and individuals with disabilities. We understand that no two families, individuals with disability, or situations are alike. We have created services that can be custom-tailored to each individual's needs and each family's desires.

Life Care Plan

One of the toughest questions families will face is, "Who will care for my loved one when I am gone?" With the Life Care Plan, families can feel confident knowing their loved one will be looked after and advocated for. The Life Care Plan utilizes a comprehensive questionnaire and extensive assessment process to learn about the family and the individual's needs and preferences. After learning everything from your loved one's food preferences and recreational hobbies to complex medical needs and financial management, our team develops a plan custom tailored to each family's needs and desires. This living document is updated at least annually to accurately reflect life changes as they happen and serves as a stable presence and circle of support as the individual ages.

The Components

The Life Care Plan consists of eight pillars that, when combined, can ensure your loved one will be cared for and protected while eliminating potential hard feelings and family conflict that could arise from the overwhelming responsibilities of ongoing care.





2025 Life Care Plan Highlights

	Year 2017	Year 2025	Percent Growth
Future Plan Enrollment	23	50	117.4%
Active Life Care Plans	35	54	54.3%

Life Care Plan Fun Fact:

Arcare staff provided over **3,643 hours** of supportive services to Life Care Plan clients and families in 2025.

Representative Payee Services

As an organizational representative payee, we assist clients in managing funds received from Social Security or other benefits programs. We work with clients to develop a monthly budget, and keep records of expenses. As a representative payee, our primary responsibilities are to use these funds to pay for the current and foreseeable needs of the beneficiary and properly save any benefits not necessary for meeting current needs. We file all required annual reports and receive regular audits.

2025 Representative Payee Services Highlights

	Year 2017	Year 2025	Percent Growth
Payee Service Enrollment	394	564	43.1%

Representative Payee Services Fun Facts:

The representative payee coordinators printed and mailed **13,870** checks in 2025.

Staff completed and processed **11,501** deposits in 2025, totaling \$8,752,048.69.

24,375 transfers to True Link Cards were processed in 2025.



Trust Services

Ensuring a family's loved one has the financial resources required to meet his or her needs without jeopardizing their eligibility for government-provided supplemental benefits can be a challenge. An even greater consideration will be what happens to your loved one's financial situation when you're gone or unable to help manage it. That's why Arcare has developed its special needs trust services. With over 25 years of experience as a fiduciary, money is protected and administered for the individual with a disability in a professional, caring, and cost-effective manner. As a result of dealing with federal regulations on a daily basis and remaining current with respect to the requirements related to Special Needs Trust, our expertise in Trust Administration has allowed us to help thousands of families and individuals enrolled in our Trust Services.

2025 Trust Services Highlights

	Year 2017	Year 2025	Percent Growth
Trust I	129	203	58.6%
Trust II	1031	1385	34.3%
Private Trusts	16	88	450.0%
Total	1176	1676	42.5%

Fun Facts:

The Total number of Trust Deposits processed in 2025 was **2,540**.

The Total number of Trust Disbursements processed increased by **37% in 2025**, totaling **7,469** disbursements.

The average size of a new pooled trust account in 2025 was **\$55,176.54**.

The average size of a new private trust account in 2025 was **\$90,944.74**.

As Trustee, Arcare provided financial oversight of over **\$77 million** in 2025 on behalf of enrolled beneficiaries.

Community Outreach and Engagement

Participated in:

- National Conference on Guardianship- *Oklahoma City, OK*
- 2025 National PLAN Alliance Conference- *Kansas City, MO*
- Interhab Conference- *Manhattan, KS*
- 2025 National Conference on Special Needs Planning and Special Needs Trusts- *St. Petersburg, FL*
- 2025 Special Needs Alliance Spring Meeting- *Washington, D.C.*
- Shawnee County Community Developmental Disabilities Organization Resource Fair- *Topeka, KS*
- Prime Time Expo- *Topeka, KS*



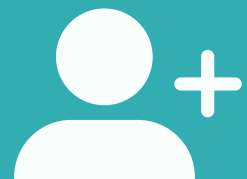
Presented at:

- Kansas Women Attorney Association Conference- *Lindsborg, KS*
- Kansas City Paralegal Association- *Kansas City, MO*
- Kansas Governor's Conference on Aging- *Manhattan, KS*
- MoNAELA SNT Bootcamp- *Lake Ozark, MO*



9.9K website views in 2025

*Increased social media followers
by 7% in 2025*



*Increased social media interaction
by 46.9% in 2025*



Arcare Charitable Fund

At Arcare, part of our continuous outreach to the community includes using our charitable fund to provide grants to individuals with disabilities. Federal law allows Arcare to retain a percentage of funds from its first-party pooled trust (Trust II) upon death of beneficiaries to be used specifically for such charitable purposes.

These grants are then available to individuals and families in the community that are affected by disability, or not-for-profit organizations that serve or support volunteer programs for persons with disabilities. Grant applications are reviewed and rated on the basis of demonstrated need. The funding committee considers whether the goods and/or services requested are clearly defined and meet Arcare's Charitable funding guidelines.

Grant funding can be used for:

- Medical and dental care or equipment not covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance
- Rehabilitation training, services, or devices not covered by Medicare, Medicaid, KQRS or private insurance
- Supplemental educational expenses
- Personal goods and services or equipment needed to enhance comfort and quality of life
- Transportation expenses for the individual applicant or for friends and relatives to visit the applicant
- Medical treatment including physician services, treatment, and prescriptions
- Dental care and treatment
- Durable medical goods and equipment
- Auto and home repairs
- Goods, services, and programs that promote wellness
- Goods or services that promote community integration

Arcare is proud to have granted over **\$405,000 in 2025** for benefit of individuals with disabilities and nonprofit organizations in the community who serve individuals with disabilities in our community. For more information, visit our website www.arcare.org.



2025 Charitable Fund Overview

Grants for Individuals

Accessible Equipment	\$24,374.34
Appliance Purchase	\$4,292.78
Auto Repairs/Maintenance	\$11,759.19
Camp Enrollment Costs	\$15,760.00
Clothing	\$689.02
Computer Equipment	\$1,724.02
Dental Expenses	\$17,624.42
Education Expenses	\$3,391.88
Exercise Equipment	\$6,724.11
Funeral Expenses	\$30,027.57
Furniture	\$37,408.40
Home Accessibility Modifications	\$14,392.73
Household Items	\$41,562.89
Medical Expenses	\$10,542.65
Moving Expenses	\$704.14
Personal Needs	\$3,800.80
Recreational Activity Expenses	\$1,100.58
Rent	\$6,069.92
Transportation	\$8,241.86
Utilities	\$4,168.20
Four Course Living Nutrition Program	\$2,200.62
Pro Bono Services Provided	\$88,856.98

Total Grants for Individuals: \$335,417.10

Grants to Other Nonprofit Organizations

SLI- Topeka, KS	\$200.00
TARC, Inc.- Topeka, KS	\$1,000.00
Kansas Children's Discovery Center- Topeka, KS	\$10,000.00
DSI- Mission, KS	\$50,000.00
JCDS- Lenexa, KS	\$8,400.00

Total Grants to Other Nonprofits: \$69,600.00



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