The impact of caregiving is significant for the majority of family caregivers who are working full or part time. Many are overwhelmed with decisions, trying to navigate costs & manage the day-to-day tasks to keep their loved ones safe & healthy. To support employers and caregivers, COA is creating Eldercare Coach as a new social enterprise. Eldercare Coach includes an online portal, on-site learning in the workplace & care coach phone consultations that allow caregivers to discuss options and solutions with a qualified geriatric care professional. COA is currently beta testing this initiative with Vanderbilt University and State Volunteer Mutual Insurance Company. Eldercare Coach will launch in late summer of 2020.

“When I took my elderly father into my home, I had no plan. I turned to COA for answers. They gave me a copy of the Directory of Services and connected me with daytime care, Meals on Wheels, and encouraged me to seek help from the VA. Being a caregiver can be very isolating. I am thankful there are agencies like COA that assist with compassion and caring.”

-local family caregiver
Convened 12 organizational partners and raised funds to launch an *Intergenerational Home Sharing* pilot in 2020 as an affordable housing solution.

Created *Eldercare Coach* - a new social enterprise - that provides education and support to working caregivers, and encourages employers to become more caregiver-friendly. Partnering with Vanderbilt University, State Volunteer Mutual Insurance and Pinnacle Financial, we delivered eldercare Lunch & Learns and focus groups for 79 employees and managers.

Supported Senior Ride Nashville’s continued expansion, along with replication in Sumner and Wilson Counties.

Honored five older adults and Mental Health America of the MidSouth and Nashville Public Television at the Sage Awards, for a total of 103 older adults honored over the past 28 years.

Garnered more than 95 news articles that address the needs and issues important to older adults and family caregivers.

Educated staff in the Governor’s office on key concerns with the proposed changes to TennCare in an effort to safeguard health & long-term care for low-income older adults.

Advocated in partnership with local and statewide coalitions for elder abuse prevention & programs that promote positive aging and support family caregivers.

We’re working on an exciting new pilot project with partner universities, nonprofits, government agencies and faith communities called *Intergenerational Home Sharing*. The project matches older homeowners who have a spare bedroom with graduate students (or other adults) who need affordable rent. Rent can be an important source of supplemental income for older homeowners, and shared living fosters intergenerational and often intercultural connections! The goal of our project is to create a more age-friendly community that brings generations together to reduce isolation and improve economic security. *Home Sharing* will launch in the Fall of 2020.