Dear Friends,

2019 has been a year of tremendous growth and opportunity for Green Box Solutions. I am so excited about the work we have completed this year and the opportunity to compile our first annual report to showcase our activities. The annual report allows us to reflect on our accomplishments in the communities we serve aided by your support and generosity.

Since 2016, our mission has been to be the leader in comprehensive eldercare preparation. We have worked to gain the trust of the community by providing valuable resources on all elderly and eldercare preparation issues. This year we developed many new relationships with community and senior Industry leaders. These relationships have allowed us to support our mission in some new ways. Please see a few notable highlights below:

- Donated 106 Gift Bags to seniors, an increase of 136% from 2018.
- We have received over $17,000 in revenue.
- Increased financial assistance provided to seniors from 2 to 80 seniors assisted.
- The overall impact on our senior community increased by 402% from 2018; 437 seniors impacted.

In addition to our direct impact on the community, Green Box focused on raising awareness about our organization through networking and hosting community events. As a result, we received the following honors:

- September 2019 Heartlink Nonprofit of the Month
- October 2019 eWomen Network Nonprofit of the Month
- Mark a Mark CLT Class of 2019

I am incredibly proud of the above accomplishments and even more excited about future opportunities and endeavors. We could not have accomplished any of this without your support. The Board of Directors for Green Box Solutions thanks you for your continued support.

We look forward to more growth in 2020.

Erin Welborn
President
Our Mission

We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to aging, retirement planning and eldercare issues – and the education, preparation and resource management needed to ensure that those among us passing into the later stages of life have everything that they need to live exceptional, long, independent lives.

Our mission is simple – to provide both the elderly and their caretakers with all of the education, preparation and resources that they will need, to ensure a smooth transition to this next, natural stage of life. Aging is a natural part of life – so why do so many of us ignore aging until it’s too late?

The Story of The Green Box

The Green Box is more than just a name – it’s a concept that embodies safety, preparation, and peace of mind. When the founder of our nonprofit was younger, her mother kept all of the important documents in the house in the “Green Box”. If anything ever happened to her mother, she would always say “everything you need is in the green box.”

The Green Box is about preparation – it’s about knowing that you’ll have everything you need in one place, should you encounter a problem or an unexpected situation. And that passion for preparation, understanding, and peace of mind is what has driven our startup since its inception.
Why Age Preparation Is Important

The reason is simple. Aging affects everyone. That’s a fact. So why pretend that it isn’t? Ignoring the issues that aging presents both aging adults and their children isn’t helpful to anyone – and can put them at risk for sub-par care, poor financial positioning, and a myriad of other issues.

Preparation for aging-in-place, retirement, eldercare, and other important issues ensures that your loved ones don’t just stumble into old age unprepared. They can enter this next stage of their lives with their heads held high and looking towards the future, prepared with comprehensive information about their needs and retirement.

Green Box Solutions provides a valuable community resource. No matter the phase of life you’re in, Green Box Solutions can provide you with the education and resources about aging that you’ll need to take care of yourself, or take care of your loved ones. By doing so, we can increase the standard-of-living of the valued seniors in our community, and help younger caretakers understand the changing needs of their loved ones.
Our Community Impact

Total Community Impact: 437 seniors!
*Not Included in total is Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Shred Week Event
Activities
Increase in activities from the previous year.

Partnerships
developed that helped expand our community outreach.

Number of Events and Programs Green Box Hosted
Green Box Highlights

GRANTS AND RECOGNITION

We received 2 Micro Jump Start Grants from the City of Charlotte. Grants are used to subsidize our Senior Safety Symposium.

We were 1 of 15 nonprofits selected for the 2019 Make a Mark Class.

We received a 2019 McKesson Community Heros grant.
Community Response

"Thanks to Green Box Solutions for helping me organize my important documents and have everything at my fingertips. Your system is just what we baby boomers need!"

- Lynda Thomas

"Green Box is a God Send. My grandmother was at her lowest during her chemo treatment. Erin sent a donation and words of encouragement. It meant everything to my family and me. Erin continues to remember grandmother and continues to send words of encouragement and donations. My family and I appreciate Green Box. Thank you, Erin."

- Queenstar Quartey – granddaughter of a Holiday Grant Recipient

"Thank you, Green Box Solutions, for your generous support of homeless seniors in Charlotte. I am part of a grassroots homeless ministry that goes to the streets in downtown Charlotte on Sunday mornings and we are in constant contact with senior citizens that are currently living in tent camps, on the streets, and in their cars. Several of our elderly residents that live in their cars are recipients of gas cards that helped them keep their cars running to escape the heat/cold, get back and forth to the soup kitchen, and other support organizations, medical appointments, and more. Others more that live in camps/streets have received grocery gift cards that help provide nutritious snacks and meals for them. The caring attitude of your organization for senior citizens, followed by ACTION for our most fragile, is appreciated and applauded. Thank you on behalf of Block Love CLT and the neighbors we minister to."

- Terri Karam
Hi, this is Mr. Willie Barnes. I want to let you how the gift card was a blessing to me. I got to go shopping and it felt so good to be able pickup somethings that i couldn't buy on my own because I am on a fixed income. It made me feel very special! Thank you Green Box!"

-Willie Barnes – Father’s Day Grant Recipient

"I would like to say thank you to Green Box. Green Box provides a lot of helpful information. I follow you on Facebook and learn a lot of things that seniors need to know. I appreciate the gift cards. It all has been truly a blessing to me. Thanks, again!"

-Barbara Ivey
Finances at a Glance

Thanks to the generosity of private donations, and grants we were able to raise $17,844.46 for our seniors!
We are so grateful to our donors, mentors, volunteers and seniors.

As this year comes to a close, we reflect on all of our progress and look to a more secure future for our seniors.

Without your support, contributions, and donations, we would not be able to pursue our mission. We continue to look to you for our ongoing success. There are no words to describe our appreciation adequately, but we promise to show it by our impact within the senior community.

We want to commend the families for their commitment to their relatives. Aging is a natural process in life, but it can be overwhelming to accept. You inspire us with your grace, acceptance, and determination to secure the future for your loved ones.

It goes without saying that the seniors in our community are at the heart of what we do. Their contribution to our society, and most importantly, their families are a legacy we should all aspire to.

As we begin a new year at Green Box Solutions, we are more determined than ever to reach as many seniors and their families, as possible. We strive for the day when all seniors have the tools, resources, and support to ensure their independence with peace of mind.