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ELDER JUSTICE CENTER OF ALABAMA

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The Elder Justice Center of Alabama officially opened its doors on June 15, 2022, in Montevallo. The center is under the direction of the Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging's (M4A) nonprofit organization, 4 ALL. The Elder Justice Center will provide direct support to senior Alabamians who are victims of abuse, neglect, and exploitation and those who are at the greatest risk of adult mistreatment. Family caregivers also can receive support. The mission of the center is to mobilize communities to prevent and properly respond to mistreatment of senior adults so they can live with dignity, security, and independence as they age. The center serves seniors from all areas of the state. Several local and state partners have joined forces to make this new center a reality for Alabama.

During the ribbon cutting ceremony, Alzheimer's of Central Alabama, a non-profit organization, and resource center serving Alzheimer's patients, caregivers, and professionals across much of Alabama, presented a \$25,000 check to support the new Adult Day Health Center, which is one of the many services offered at the center. "Alzheimer's of Central Alabama has been, for several years, a strong partner of Alabama's aging network and has worked alongside several other partners to create and open the new center", said Miller Piggott, Executive Director. "We know when family caregivers can take a short-term break from their caregiving duties and engage their loved one in social activities offered at the center, they decrease their stress, renew their energy, and find balance to continue to provide care", Miller Piggott said.

The center will serve as Alabama's Elder Justice Resource Center and official Elder Justice Training Center for professionals and the public, and it will provide supportive services for victims and family caregivers. It also will serve as an Adult Day Health Center, and eventually will also open a Temporary Emergency Elder Shelter.

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