

## TRIANGLE OLDER WOMEN'S LEAGUE

- HB 142/SB 185, "Home and Community Care Block Grant Funds" provides \$2.5 million for each year of the biennium for increasing home-delivered services for low-income persons 60 and over to enable them to stay in their homes.
- The bill is a recommendation from the Legislative Study Commission on Aging.
- Funding provides Meals on Wheels, personal care services, adult day care, transportation, respite care, home alterations, and other vital services.
- The waiting list of more than 11,000 persons was eliminated and a new one created which has already grown to 7,000 persons with some counties not yet represented (including Mecklenburg).
- Although services are provided primarily to low-income elderly, there is no eligibility standard to cut off those who are one dollar over the designated income.
- Families provide many hours of care that supplement these services. Without access to block grant services,, **SOME ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL BE FORCED INTO INSTITUTIONAL CARE AT MUCH GREATER COST TO THE STATE AND COUNTIES, WHICH PAY FOR ADULT CARE HOME COSTS.**