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**LOWLINC Showcased at Virginia Governor’s Conference on Aging**  
Mary-Jane Atwater, LOWLINC Board Chair

LOWLINC had a major presence at Virginia Governor’s Conference on Aging in Richmond on May 2. In partnership with nearby “village” At Home in Alexandria, we were one of five organizations selected to make a poster presentation.

LOWLINC board members Carolyn Graham and Mary-Jane Atwater spoke with attendees about the “aging-in-community village” model and our nonprofit organization’s launch this year. In addition to networking with government and private-sector representatives, we had the opportunity to attend plenary and breakout sessions focused on creating livable communities in an aging commonwealth.

A few takeaways from the conference proceedings:

- Government funding isn’t able to meet the needs of the growing population of seniors now, nor will it in the future
- Across the Commonwealth, transportation and technology for older adults are challenges (two areas that LOWLINC is addressing for our members)
- We should no longer think in terms of “we” and “they” in considering seniors; we are one family, and in advocating for older adults, we impact entire communities.

For information about LOWLINC volunteering or membership, please visit our new website [www.lowlinc.org](http://www.lowlinc.org) or call 1-855-LOWLINC (569-5462).



Photo caption: LOWLINC board members explain the “aging-in-community village” model to an attendee at the Virginia Governor’s Conference on Aging.