

# GET INVOLVED

The Foster Grandparent Program serves a dual purpose by providing opportunities for low-income people, 55 years or older, to give supportive person-to-person services to children and teenagers. Foster Grandparents are assigned to work only with children who have exceptional or special needs.

## Foster Grandparents:

- Provide a One-on-One relationship
- Read and listen to a child
- Lend emotional support
- Assist children in learning
- Participate in activities
- Play or sing with a child
- Help a child develop
- Teach social skills
- Are unconditional friends

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## Foster Grandparents

The Foster Grandparent Program promotes the giving of oneself to those in need. The world is full of “special” children, but it’s also filled with millions of would-be grandmas and grandpas. This program is a chance for older and younger Americans to answer each others’ needs and to get to know each other. Foster Grandparents change the lives of children with the simple addition of an intangible, but completely natural asset: **LOVE.**

*“I started volunteering as a Foster Grandparent 2 years ago. Before I started I was home watching the game shows and the soaps. ... Working and playing, singing and dancing with the 3 to 5 years of age have kept me going strong.”*

*Helen Franks -*

*Slocum Head Start*



The Foster Grandparent Program helps more than just the children. *Joe Argenta says “I really did not want to get involved with working with young children. I honestly did not think I could do it. My wife talked me into trying it for a month which turned into 2 months and now it’s been 4 years. The teachers seem happy to have my help.”*

*“I found I learned a lot from the children. They asked many, many questions;” What was the world like when I was growing up?” I was surprised to find out I have a lot of stories in my head that these children have never heard before. “What was it like not to have TV or Video games (but listening to the radio, walking to school, making up our own games, discipline in schools, and having paper routes to earn spending money?” Much to my surprise I realized I have helped the teachers reach some of the children that were falling behind.”*

*When you share your love, time, and experience, you have the power to help a child who needs you.*

## Foster Grandparents Receive

- A tax free hourly stipend
- Reimbursement for transportation or mileage by car
- An annual physical if you don't have insurance for one
- Paid time off (vacation, personal and sick time),
- 13 paid holidays
- Flexible hours

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