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Dear School Principal,

My name is Kathie Larsen and I am the Program Director for the Foster Grandparent Program sponsored by South Central Human Resource Agency. We are currently adding new schools and Head Start programs to our existing Foster Grandparent volunteer stations. We serve in more than 25 public schools, head start programs, after school programs, and faith-based schools throughout south central Tennessee. If we are not serving in your location, we would love to talk to you about adding our program to your school.

Our Foster Grandparent volunteers will serve in your school every school day for 4 to 6 hours a day. **This service is at no cost to the school!** A foster grandparent can provide the extra attention a student needs to bring them up to level in reading, math or just be an emotional support to a student throughout the day. Our FGP's do not replace any personnel but are there to support the classroom teacher with an additional set of eyes and ears as well as a nurturing heart.

I would love to have a few minutes of your time to talk to you about the Foster Grandparent program and see if it would be a good fit for your school

Please email me at k.larsen@schra.us or call me at (931)433-7182 ext.126 to set up a time that works for you.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

<https://youtu.be/wAWWjLDAjno> -- Foster Grandparents video clip

Foster Grandparents

Foster Grandparents are role models, mentors, and friends to children with exceptional needs. The program provides a way for volunteers age 55 and over to stay active by serving children and youth in their communities. Volunteers serve in hundreds of schools and other settings throughout Tennessee and the nation.

- Help children learn to read and provide one-on-one tutoring
- Mentor troubled teenagers and young mothers
- Care for premature infants or children with disabilities
- Help children who have been abused or neglected

Foster Grandparents devote their volunteer service to one population: children with special or exceptional needs. Across the country, Foster Grandparents are offering emotional support to child victims of abuse and neglect, **tutoring children who lag behind in reading and math**, mentoring troubled teenagers and young mothers, and caring for premature infants and children with physical disabilities and severe illnesses.

Locally, Foster Grandparents serve from 20 to 40 hours per week in locations including schools, afterschool programs, daycare facilities or Head Start centers in all 13 counties served by SCHRA. Volunteers receive pre-service orientation, training from the school or organization where they will serve, supplemental accident and liability insurance, mileage/travel cost assistance and meals while on duty. Volunteers who meet certain income guidelines (low-moderate income level) also receive a small stipend. Volunteers can earn an extra \$300 + a month that is untaxed and does not affect their eligibility for other assistance programs. Volunteering leads to new discoveries and new friends. Plus, studies show that volunteering helps you live longer and helps promote a positive outlook on life.

For more information, please call the Foster Grandparent office at SCHRA – (931)433-7182 ext. 126 or email k.larsen@schra.us

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Bertha Faulkner FGP Volunteer in Lawrence County at New Prospect School

"My name is Berths Faulkner; I am retired from Head Start. I worked as a teacher for 34 years and two years as a substitute. Then I decided to get into the Foster Grandparent Program. I truly love my work as a Foster Grandparent. I love working with children it helps me to meet different people and also helps me financially as well as helps me mentally and it keeps my mind off things. If it had not been for the Foster Grandparent program I would not be able to live by myself. Thank you for the program! "

Lavaughn McMasters "Maw Maw" FGP volunteer in Lawrence County at New Prospect School

"What being a Foster Grandparent means to me, I work with Pre-K through third grade? In the morning you walk in the room they will say "hi maw maw" and most will come and give you a big hug, and that makes me have a very good day, to see their smiling faces. When you are reading with them most of them want to be first I feel I am doing something right. You see the children at lunch or in the hallways and they will say "hi maw maw" and wave to me.

Kathie Larsen, BSW

Director

Foster Grandparent Program

RSVP-Retired Senior Volunteer Program

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