

# DHS/DDS Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)



## **Foster Grandparents**

**Share Today. Shape Tomorrow.** If you are 55, or older, and wish to share your experience and compassion with the students attending **Marguerite Vann Elementary School**, and you have what it takes to be a Foster Grandparent! As a Foster Grandparent, you are a role model, a mentor, and a friend. You will receive orientation, and training from the organization where you serve, and supplemental accident and liability insurance while on duty. Foster Grandparents serve up to 20 hours per week. Some volunteers may qualify to earn a tax-free, hourly stipend. So get involved, and join today!

## **Goals**

- To enable the Foster Grandparent volunteers to remain physically and mentally active and to enhance self-esteem through participation in needed community service.
- To enable children, less than 21 years of age, with either exceptional or special needs to achieve improved educational, physical, mental, emotional, and social development.

## **Eligibility**

- Applicants must be 55 years of age or older
- May serve as a stipend volunteer or as a non-stipend volunteer
- Must be physically able to serve 15 to 40 hours a week.

## **Benefits**

- A non-taxable, hourly stipend
- Meet new people and make new friends
- Paid holidays, vacation
- A travel allowance
- Monthly in-service training
- An annual physical
- Attend an annual recognition event and receive awards based on hours of service
- The love of some very special children
- supplemental volunteer insurance

**Where They Serve:** Public & Private Schools -Day Care Centers Youth - Family Service Centers, and Head Start Programs

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