

## Benefits

- A nutritious meal each day
- Annual physical exam
- Accident/liability insurance
- Orientation prior to volunteering, monthly in-service training and conferences
- Fellowship through various activities including recognition trips and holiday parties

In addition, those who meet Federal Income Guidelines will receive an hourly, non-taxable stipend; reimbursement for travel; holiday pay; and sick, funeral and vacation leave.

## Make A Difference!

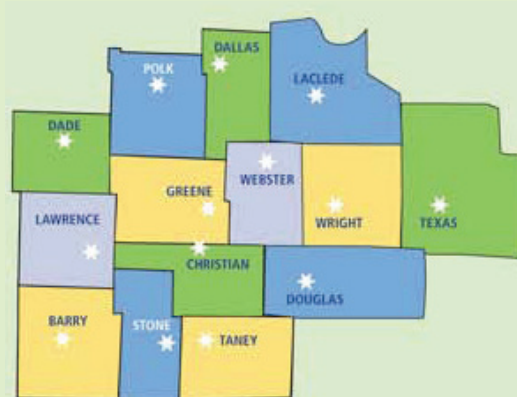
Please join us in our efforts to give persons 55 years and older the chance to share their talents, love and encouragement to at-risk children in their communities.

Your tax-deductible donation makes a difference not only in the lives of the children, but also in their communities as well as in the lives of our Foster Grandparents.

## Ways to Give:

- Cash, check or credit card
- Honorary or memorial gifts
- Bequests and planned gifts
- Workplace giving

Please visit our website at [www.oac.ac](http://www.oac.ac) for more information and a list of our sponsors.



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Empowering People, Enriching Communities



## Foster Grandparent Program

The Foster Grandparent Program is a nationwide volunteer program for seniors. Participants offer one-on-one support to children and youth.

As part of the Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC), the Foster Grandparent Program gives persons 55 years and older the chance to share their talents, love and encouragement to at-risk children in their communities.

OACAC Foster Grandparents serve at volunteer stations in a fourteen-county area of Southwest Missouri.



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## Who are Foster Grandparents?

A Volunteer in the program does many of the things a grandparent would do with their own grandchildren. Playing, loving, laughing and listening are experiences shared between Foster Grandparents and children. They also help teachers with tutoring, therapy, developing motor skills and other classroom activities. Many times they serve as a role model for children or teens who do not have the opportunity to share time with their own grandparents.

Foster Grandparents volunteer at non-profit agencies such as:

- Public Schools
- Head Start Classes
- Schools for Exceptional Children
- Youth Community Centers
- Agencies for Troubled Youth
- Day Care Centers

## How to Get Involved

Do you love children?  
Are you 55 years of age or more?

If you said YES then you are only four simple steps away from becoming a Foster Grandparent!

- Step 1) Call our main office at 417-864-3420
- Step 2) Fill out an application, income review form and background check
- Step 3) Complete a personal interview and orientation training
- Step 4) Meet our medical guidelines