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Program Seeks Volunteers Age 55 and up

Annapolis, MD (Jan. 6, 2010) --The Foster Grandparent Program of the Anne Arundel County Department of Aging and Disabilities is looking for volunteers age 55 and up to mentor exceptional needs children at various sites.

Volunteers serve 15 to 40 hours per week and provide mentoring, tutoring, advice, special attention and life skills to help children in special education classes, Head Start Centers, a homeless shelter and a family support center succeed. Typical activities may include reading stories and listening to children; working with puzzles; and helping children to feed themselves, set a table, and learn colors, numbers, and alphabets.

To be accepted into the program, volunteers must be income eligible and at least 55 years old. Benefits including, a tax-free stipend, paid training, vacation, sick leave, free transportation, lunch and physical examinations are provided.

Current volunteers describe their experiences as “spreading love, giving and receiving joy, forgetting my own aches and pains, and leaving my site with a happy heart.”

The Foster Grandparent Program needs your help to make a difference in a child. For information, contact the Foster Grandparent Program at 410-222-4464.

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