

UNITED WAY OF THE OHIO VALLEY
UNION COUNTY
PARTNER AGENCY: FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

Please note the following letter from a first grade teacher at Uniontown Elementary School regarding her Foster Grandparent Volunteer. Ruby is 72 years old and has been a Foster Grandparent for 12 years.

Grandma Ruby has proven to be a most valuable resource in the classroom. Daily working with individual students to reinforce and provide additional practice with math, reading, and writing skills, she makes a direct impact on students' learning in my classroom. Grandma also assists with daily reading stations in my classroom, which allows me to differentiate instruction in providing learning opportunities on different levels for all my students. This year, I have several students that have worked with grandma individually and in small groups that have made dramatic improvements in academic areas and behavior. Because of their increased motivation and extra assistance from Grandma, they have progressed and are nearly on grade level in all areas! Each day, several students greet grandma with hugs, beg to sit near her at lunch, and plead with her to stay all day. They absolutely love grandma. She takes time to listen to their deepest concerns and greatest achievements; comforting, encouraging, and celebrating with them. She promotes their progress, but nurtures all along the way.

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?

With your investment of \$100 the **Foster Grandparent Program** can:

- Pay a Foster Grandparent's stipend for 37 hours of one-on-one attention to a young child who is academically or behaviorally at risk at school, preschool, or daycare

