



FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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Grandparent Program Announcements

Summer is a great time to relax, travel, enjoy friends and family, and spend time in leisure activities. Many of our Grandparents are also working throughout the summer at one of our summer sites: Ypsilanti Community Schools, Parkridge & Bryant Community Centers, Bryant & Mitchell Elementary Schools, Ann Arbor Summer Learning Institute at Logan, Ann Arbor Pioneer High School, New Beginnings, Ann Arbor Preschool, North Campus Child Development Center and Safehouse. Thank you for your commitment to working with children throughout the year!

We will officially “Kick-off” the 2015/2016 School Year with our 3 Day In-Service Training, August 19th, 20th and 21st. Look for more information about our Kick-off at the end of July.

2015 FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

Our annual recognition event is a very important time when we celebrate all of our Foster Grandparents and your commitment to the children in our community. We want to show our deep appreciation for all you do and recognize each one of you. We’re not doing our job if you don’t feel special! That is why we ask for and value your feedback. Thank you to everyone who answered our survey. Your responses will help us plan for next year. Here is a recap of what you told us:



- The majority (54%) said you enjoyed “everything” about the luncheon. Several Grandparents specifically mentioned enjoying the food, entertainment, presence of staff and others, speakers, and time together.
- The things that made you feel appreciated were your staff and guests, the gift bag, the guest comments, the raindrops from the children and just knowing that you are appreciated!
- Most Grandparents felt that nothing was missing, but others mentioned it would be nice to have more choices in food, different entertainment, better directions and closer parking. We will think about these things for next year!



Elsie Elloie 8/8
 Ivory Gaines 8/13
 Shawkey Ghobrial 8/13
 Mary Ann Hinton 8/15
 Patricia Lee 8/18
 Edith Cunningham 8/24
 Judith Howard Davis 8/24
 James Horton 8/30

Rose Marie Brown 7/4
 Zoraida Reyes 7/5
 Faye Reed 7/8
 Alvin Brooks 7/14
 Ruth Kilbury 7/25
 Bernadine Rougeau 7/25
 Peggy White 7/30

LaBarbara Whitehead 9/6
 Sandra Naugle 9/9
 Hazel Watson 9/17
 LaTrall Phelps 9/18
 Pauline Hardy 9/23

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE!



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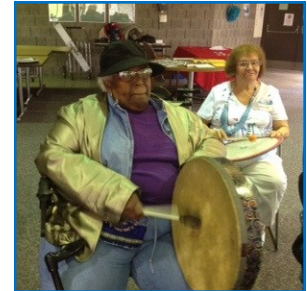
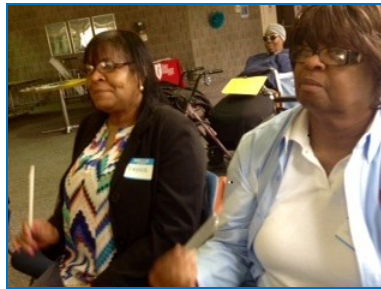
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OUR FOSTER GRANDPARENT SPOTLIGHT

Drumcommunity came to the May In-Service! Our facilitator, Lori Fithian, led the Foster Grandparents in a unique and enjoyable drumming experience.



Special Recognition Awards!

Foster Grandparent of the Year:
Henrietta Dabney

Role Model Award:
Rube Ogburn



Award for Dedication:
Hazel Bowman

Inspirational Volunteer Award:
Peggy White



DATES TO REMEMBER:
July 16—In-Service
August 19, 20, 21—In-Service/Fall Kick-off!

If you are interested in being featured in our newsletter, please contact a Foster Grandparent Committee member for more information.