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Human Development Commission Recognizes Local Senior Volunteers

Cass City, MI – On a breezy evening in May, a calmness can be felt in the school hallways around Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties; as a brave band of superheroes hang up their capes for an evening of celebration at the Cass City High School Cafeteria. These superheroes are the 39 Foster Grandparents who have put on their capes every morning and dedicated their time to our local children. The theme of the evening was “I am a Volunteer...What’s your Superpower?” and these superheroes definitely showed off their superpowers during the 2018-2019 school year. Across Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola Counties 39 volunteers worked one-on-one with over 150 different students in 16 different schools. The Foster Grandparents shared their superpower knowledge with their students in reading, math, and general academics.

Each Foster Grandparent was presented with a certificate, pin and a special gift made by students in the classrooms they have been a part of this school year. Foster Grandparents reaching milestone years were presented with special awards signed by State Senator Kevin Daley, State Representative Phil Green, and Congressman Paul Mitchell. The Foster Grandparents reaching milestone years were Doris Timlin (Snover) with 15 years of service, Lenora Arroyo (Applegate) and Nettie Whear (Bad Axe) with 10 years of service.

Nationally, the Foster Grandparent Program was established by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. Locally, the Human Development Commission has sponsored the program in Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola Counties since 1978. The program places seniors in local schools to work one-on-one with students with exceptional needs. The Foster Grandparents stay active in their community and use their experience and wisdom to assist children in local classrooms. The program is made possible with funding from the Adult and Aging Services Agency, Corporation for National and Community Service, United Way of Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola Counties, and various local fundraising

For the next school year, the Foster Grandparent Program is looking for and encourages, caring individuals who would like to share experience and love in a classroom. Please contact the Human Development Commission at 1-800-843-6394.

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