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Foster Grandparents Take New Senior Corps Pledge

CARO, MICHIGAN - The Human Development Commission's Foster Grandparents united with Senior Corps volunteers across the nation to recite the new Senior Corps pledge on July 14. Introduced this month by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the pledge brings all Senior Corps programs (Foster Grandparent Program, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, and Senior Companion Program) together for a common purpose and dedication to volunteerism. The pledge encourages Foster Grandparents and other Senior Corps volunteers to share common values, show the value and benefit of volunteerism, and state their volunteer intentions to the community.

The Foster Grandparent Program keeps seniors active while serving children in their local community. Foster Grandparents work one-on-one with students in local classrooms to develop skills for success in school. During the 2014-2015 school year, 42 Foster Grandparents worked with 112 students who showed moderate or high improvement in literacy, math, academics, or social/emotional development.

The Human Development Commission is looking for caring seniors in Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola Counties to join the Foster Grandparent Program. Volunteers must be at least 55 years old and willing to share experiences and compassion with students. For adults with limited incomes, the program offers a small stipend and mileage reimbursement. Enrollment is simple; call Teresa at 1-800-843-6394 to get started!

Corporation for National and Community Service – Senior Corps Pledge

I will get things done for America – to make our people safer, smarter, and healthier.

When faced with a pressing challenge, I will bring Americans of all generations together to strengthen our communities.

When faced with children at risk, I will help them stay in school and on track for a brighter future.

When faced with older adults in need, I will provide support and compassion so they may age with grace and dignity.

Working for the greatest good, I will use my lifetime of experiences to improve my country, my community, and myself through service.

I am a Senior Corps Foster Grandparent volunteer and I will get things done.

Incorporated in 1965, the Human Development Commission is one of 29 Community Action Agencies in the state of Michigan that cares about the entire community and is dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other. Between October 1, 2013 and September 30, 2014, HDC provided more than 10,000 people with nourishing food, utility assistance, affordable housing, and other needed services.

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