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CELEBRATE NATIONAL SENIOR CORPS WEEK

CARO, MICHIGAN: The Human Development Commission (HDC) is proud to observe this year's National Senior Corps Week beginning May 18-24th. As part of HDC's mission in, "Restoring Hope by Helping People and Changing Lives," Senior Corps volunteers aged 55 and over, from Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola Counties, work to improve the lives of vulnerable citizens by helping to empower and promote independence among frail seniors as well as mentoring at-risk youth.

HDC would like to celebrate their dedication and hard work by recognizing the impact Senior Corps volunteers have made as part of the Foster Grandparent Program and the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Working together with area schools and early childhood centers, 48 Foster Grandparents help children with reading and math skills as well as behavioral/social goals. Similarly, activities of the 130 RSVP volunteers include tutoring elementary school-age children, delivering meals to the homebound elderly, transporting non-mobile seniors to health care appointments, making reassurance telephone calls to the frail (often homebound) elderly, visiting with isolated seniors, and much more. Not only are they effective, but necessary in enriching the lives of youth and seniors alike.

Furthermore, Senior Corps volunteers work to exemplify volunteerism by demonstrating their wisdom, experience, and skills in order to cultivate and nurture the kind of change that creates impact for generations to come. Thank you Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola County senior volunteers!

Incorporated in 1965, the Human Development Commission is one of 29 Community Action Agencies in the state of Michigan that care about the entire community and are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other. Between October 1, 2012 and September 30, 2013, HDC provided more than 11,000 people with nourishing food, utility assistance, affordable housing, and other needed services.

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