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Dear School Principal,

My name is Jeana Mills and I am the Program Director for the Foster Grandparent Program sponsored by South Central Human Resource Agency. We are currently adding new schools and Head Start programs to our existing Foster Grandparent volunteer stations. We serve in more than 25 public schools, head start programs, after school programs, and faith-based schools throughout south central Tennessee. If we are not serving in your location, we would love to talk to you about adding our program to your school.

Our Foster Grandparent volunteers will serve in your school at least 5 hours or more weekly. **This service is at no cost to the school!** A foster grandparent can provide the extra attention a student needs to bring them up to level in reading, math or just be an emotional support to a student throughout the day. Our FGP's do not replace any personnel but are there to support the classroom teacher with an additional set of eyes and ears as well as a nurturing heart.

I would like the opportunity to have a few minutes of your time to talk to you about the Foster Grandparent program and see if it would be a good fit for your school.

Please email me at [jmills@schra.us](mailto:jmills@schra.us) or call me at (931)433-7182 ext.1126 or 931-580-5406 to set up a time that works for you.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

<https://youtu.be/wAWWjLDAjnc> -- Foster Grandparents video clip

### Foster Grandparents

Foster Grandparents are role models, mentors, and friends to children with exceptional needs. The program provides a way for volunteers age 55 and over to stay active by serving children and youth in their communities. Volunteers serve in hundreds of schools and other settings throughout Tennessee and the

- Help children learn to read and provide one-on-one tutoring
- Help children who have been abused or neglected

Foster Grandparents devote their volunteer service to one population: children with special or exceptional needs. Across the country, Foster Grandparents are offering emotional support to child victims of abuse and neglect, and **tutor children who lag behind in reading and math.**

Locally, Foster Grandparents serve from 5 to 40 hours per week in locations including schools, afterschool programs, daycare facilities or Head Start centers in all 13 counties served by SCHRA. Volunteers receive pre-service orientation and background check, training from the school or organization where they will serve, supplemental accident and liability insurance, mileage/travel cost assistance and meals while on duty. Volunteers who meet certain income guidelines (low-moderate income level) also receive a small stipend. Volunteers can earn an extra \$300 + a month that is untaxed and does not affect their eligibility for other assistance programs. Volunteering leads to new discoveries and new friends. In addition, studies show that volunteering helps, you live longer and helps promote a positive outlook on life.

Please reach out if you are interested in this wonderful program that provides a hand and glove partnership for the children and the senior citizens. Giving the children the extra assistance needed while keeping the senior volunteers active.

Sincerely,

*Jeana Mills*

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**Foster Grandparent Program Director**