

The FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM began in Texas in 1965 under ACTION, the national volunteer agency, to match low and moderate income senior adults, age 55 plus, with children under age 21 who have exceptional needs. There are 331 FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAMS across the country, with 19 in Texas. In El Paso, the program began in 1981 and is sponsored by the City of El Paso and supported by a grant from The Corporation for National Service.

### **WHAT ARE THE FOSTER GRANDPARENTS DUTIES?**

The FOSTER GRANDPARENT is paired with children who have special or exceptional needs. The Foster Grandparents act as tutors, role models and mentors for their assigned children.

The FOSTER GRANDPARENT serves on a regular schedule: four hours per day, five days per week. For their services, the FOSTER GRANDPARENT receives a small stipend, daily meal, reimbursement for transportation and an annual physical examination.

### **WHO BENEFITS?**

The CHILD or YOUTH who receives individual contact and love from the FOSTER GRANDPARENT volunteer often progresses beyond everyone's expectations.

The FOSTER GRANDPARENT who receives the love of a child and makes significant contribution to the community.

The COMMUNITY, from the AGENCIES to the CHILD'S PARENTS, to the concerned TAXPAYER, who can measure the success of the child's growth through the FOSTER GRANDPARENTS involvement.

The FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM provides an opportunity for older adults to help build brighter futures by helping children who have exceptional needs.

In medical and child care facilities, in detention centers and halfway homes, in schools, treatment centers and therapeutic programs, the FOSTER GRANDPARENTS VOLUNTEERS can help change the lives of those children by simply sharing the intangible.....**LOVE.**

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Through your involvement and contributions, you will be influential in the growth and enhancement of America's tomorrow, the child of today.

For more information, call the Foster Grandparent Program at 541-4372



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Provides love and attention to  
children and youth with  
exceptional needs.

These are children who may be:

Learning Disabled  
Developmentally Delayed  
Physically Handicapped  
Have Speech and Language  
Disorders  
Emotionally Disturbed  
Juvenile Offenders  
Abused and Neglected



Where Love Grows