

Foster Grandparents devote their volunteer service entirely to children with special needs. Across the country, Foster Grandparents help these children in many ways:

Who can be a Foster Grandparent?

Foster Grandparents are individuals age 55 and over (as of October 1, 2009) who thrive on direct interaction with children and believe they can make a difference in their lives.

Eligibility: To become a Foster Grandparent, volunteers must be retired from the regular work force and willing to serve between 15 and 40 hours a week.

Benefits: Foster Grandparents are able to make strong emotional connections with children and get a great deal of satisfaction from making a difference in their lives. In addition, they receive the following:

- Pre-service and monthly training sessions
- Reimbursement for transportation
- Some meals during service
- An annual physical
- Accident and liability insurance while on duty
- Income-eligible Foster Grandparents receive a modest tax-free stipend to help offset the costs of volunteering.

Each Year:

- Five programs serve 23 counties
- 386 Foster Grandparents volunteer
- 3,659 at risk children are helped
- 249,049 hours are served

Counties Served:

Beaverhead - Big Horn - Blaine - Broadwater - Carbon - Cascade - Deer Lodge - Flathead - Gallatin - Golden Valley - Jefferson - Lake - Lewis & Clark - Lincoln - Mineral - Missoula - Musselshell - Park - Ravalli - Sanders - Silver Bow - Wheatland - Yellowstone