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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO FOSTER GRANDPARENTS Friday, September 12, 1975

To present 10 year service awards to the 20 Foster Grandparents from throughout the United States who have been with the ACTION Foster Grandparents Program since it began. The Foster Grandparents are in Washington to join ACTION's celebration of the program's decade of service:

A. Background:

The Foster Grandparent Program is an ACTION Agency program which offers older men and women the opportunity to provide companionship and guidance for emotionally, physically and mentally handicapped children.

Some 13,627 low income persons are serving as Foster Grandparents in 157 projects throughout the United States. Volunteers receive needed financial assistance, transportation allowance, hot meals while in service, accident insurance, and annual physical examinations.

As a key member of the child-care team of the institution where assigned, the Foster Grandparent is responsible for supplying individual attention to two children. The "grandparent" devotes two hours each day to each child. During a five-day week, tasks may vary from feeding and dressing the small child, playing games and reading stories,.

to helping with speech and physical therapy. The Foster Grandparent is active in residential facilities and hospitals for retarded, disturbed and handicapped children and in correctional institutions and homes for neglected, dependent children. Under some circumstances, non-institutionalized children may receive daily visits from Foster Grandparents in their own homes.

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