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Green Mountain Foster Grandparents are people age 55 or over who provide one to one and group assistance with children. Grandparents serve as mentors, tutors and role models to youth. Foster Grandparents provide 10–40 hours of volunteer service each week. They receive a modest stipend and other benefits. Foster Grandparents provide services in a variety of settings. These include daycare, elementary schools, high schools, Head Start Programs, libraries, after school programs and recreation centers. This program serves Rutland, Addison and Bennington Counties. It is the goal of the program to enable limited income persons 55 and over to remain physically and mentally active and to enhance their self-esteem through continued participation in needed community service. In addition, this will enable children to achieve improved physical, mental and social development, as well as assistance with their educational needs. The Foster Grandparent program is funded through the Corporation for National & Community Service.

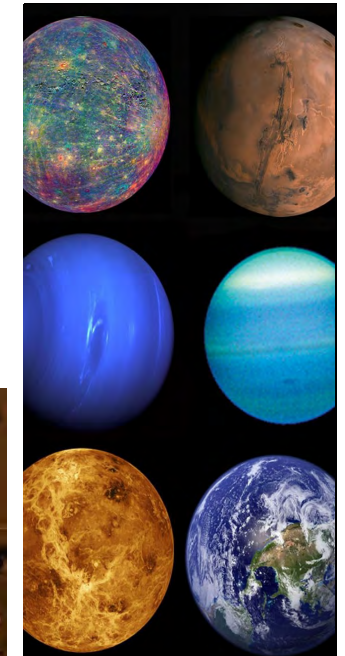


**FGP News!**  
 Happy Independence Day!



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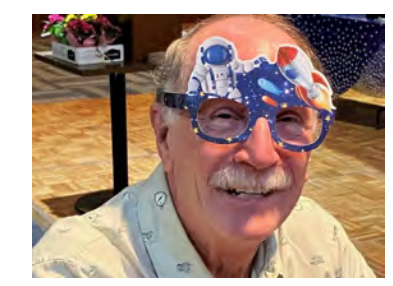
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## Recognition Event Photos

On May 22 we had our first formal Recognition Event honoring our grandparents since COVID at the Elks Club on Pleasant St. in Rutland. Dick Courcelle, CEO of Community Care Network praised volunteer grandparents for continuing to serve the children of Rutland, Addison and Bennington Counties during the past 5 years and congratulated those being honored for years of service at the event. They were:

- Tom Anoe—5 years
- Maureen Dunham—5 years
- Julie Austin—10 years

The theme was "Our Grandparents are Out of This World!" with aliens, spaceships and planets decorating the tables. Grandparents also sported "Alien" glasses for fun! Catering was done by Trio Community Meals who served eggplant parmesan, tortellini alfredo, and chicken marsala with Kahlua Chocolate Mousse for dessert.



Tom Estill



Deb Suttle



Maureen Dunham



Teacher Jody Perry & Julie Austin



Marion Jones with daughter Heather



Helen Lebo





# Recognition Event Piics



Sherman Mason with teacher Bethany Manfredi



Chris Gray with her teacher Leah Abatiell



Pat Tyree & teacher, Geri Brusco



Teacher & Marion Jones



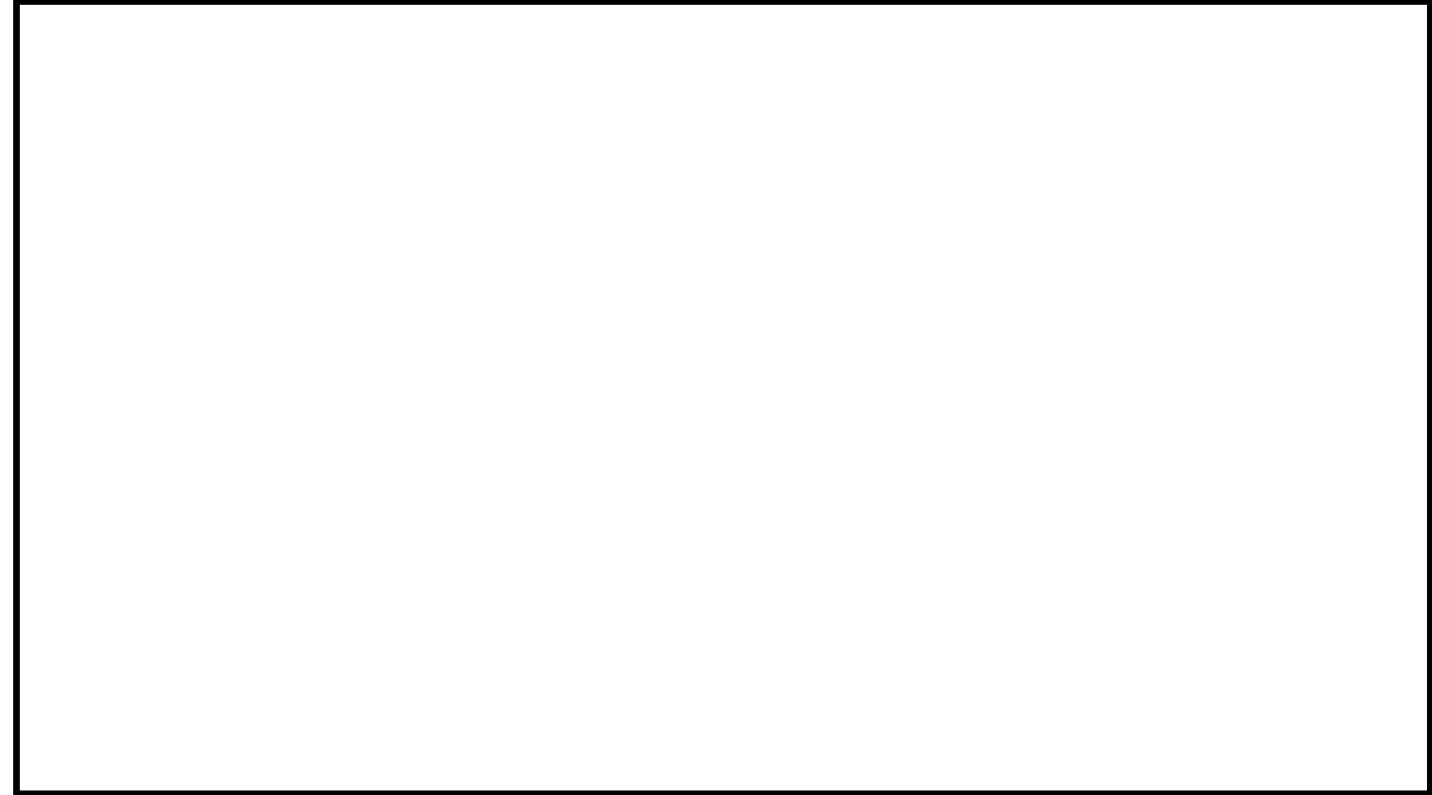
Maryesa White, Director & Deb Roy, FGP Coordinator

# Volunteer Possibilities

There are a variety of schools that have indicated they might be willing to have Volunteer Foster Grandparents at their sites. These needs change as the school year progresses. Typically, we try to place grandparents at the school they are interested in, if there are available placements.

Sites must be non-profit organizations to qualify for our Federal Program. That means that if a site doesn't have a 501-3C Non-Profit Fed ID number, we cannot place grandparents there.

If you, or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Volunteer Foster Grandparent, please contact our office in Rutland County at 802-774-8711 or in Addison County at 802-388-7044. If you want more information you can check out our website at: [volunteersinvt.org](http://volunteersinvt.org) and click on the FGP tab at the top.



## Notes from Maryesa



Greetings from Maryesa:

Happy Summer everyone and congratulations on making it through another school year. I loved hearing all the stories of the joys each and every one of you experienced this year. With the close of the school year there are always some individuals that decide to retire from our program. I want to take a moment and wish each of you luck on your next adventure. It has been a joy working with you and you will be missed.

I want to let everyone know that our recruitment lawn signs have come in. If you would like to put one up at your house or have friends/family that would like one for their house, please let our office know. We can have them ready for you to pick up. Since, we are talking about recruitment please spread the word that we are looking

for individuals to join our program. If you know of anyone, please send them our way.

I am very excited to let everyone know that I will be attending the AmeriCorps Federal Conference at the end of July. I am excited to learn new things that can help our program and will share the information with you this Fall.

As always, I need to remind everyone that will be working this Summer to remember not to engage in Prohibited Activities and to stay within your work plan. This is only a reminder and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our office.

I want to wish everyone a safe and healthy Summer. I hope everyone gets to enjoy the warm weather and time with their families. I look forward to hearing about your many adventures when I see all of you this Fall. I know that I will have stories from this Summer with all of my adventures. Virginia and Maryland are two places my family and I will be exploring. I am also excited to hear about the books everyone has read this Summer. Please enjoy yourself and I will see you all in the Fall.

Thank you for all you do and Happy Summer! — Maryesa

## We Need Volunteer Grandparents!

Maybe you have been a grandparent in the past, maybe you are looking for something to keep you active in your community, or maybe you just love being around kids and want to give them some much needed love and attention. **WE NEED YOU!**

Becoming a grandparent means you need to be 55 years old or older, can volunteer a minimum of 10 hours per week, and meet low income requirements. If you are interested, [call our office at 802-774-8711](tel:802-774-8711) and we will be happy to send you an application and answer any questions that you may have. Background checks and fingerprinting are required which we will assist you with.



Teachers and non-profit day care providers are always looking for individuals who are fun, interested in helping children and who can take direction or initiative on their own. You can develop strong relationships with needy children at our sites and other grandparents during our monthly in-service trainings.

What are you waiting for? Give us a call today and get the process started. You will be glad that you did!

