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The FGP Monthly

An update from the Foster Grandparent Program of Southwestern Pennsylvania

December 2021

Thank you to all of our Foster Grandparent volunteers and supporters for your dedication to our program throughout 2021!

Please read on for this month's news.



Holiday Volunteer Recognition

The week after Thanksgiving, FGP Staff traveled across the region to spend time with Foster Grandparents and to recognize them for their perseverance over the past two years. We were so excited to be able to gather in person with our volunteers for some holiday-themed fun!

Allegheny County Monday, November 29

First up was the Allegheny County Winter Recognition event at Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery in Homestead. As our largest group, we'd say Allegheny kicked off our festive



After a fun Winter fashion show, Grandma **Theresa Bolden** was voted "Most Wintery," Grandma **Rose Clark** won "Most Holidayish," and Grandma **Gladys Morton** received the "Most Sparkly" award.



After playing a few games and eating lunch, each Foster Grandparent chose a mystery holiday gift for themselves off of the table of presents. In this photo, Grandma Lillian Rainey is selecting her gift from the table.



Before officially parting for the holidays, Grandma Theresa Copeland enthusiastically led the group in singing a few Christmas carols.

Fayette County Tuesday, November 30

On Tuesday, Fayette County Foster Grandparents and FGP Staff met for lunch at Titlow Tavern & Grille in Uniontown.



In their game of "Who Wore it Best," Grandma **Louise Swaney** was voted "Most Wintery," Grandma **Lucille Beaton** won "Most Holidayish," and Grandma **Kimberly Burrell** was awarded "Most Sparkly."

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One of the many activities the volunteers participated in was FGP Director/Manager Rebecca Maletto-Cornell's classic favorite -- the Left/Right game! During Rebecca's story about a man scrambling to buy Christmas decorations, players pass the snowman left and right when the words "left" and "right" are said in the story. Whoever is left (no pun intended) with the snowman at the end of the story wins the prize.

Washington & Greene Counties Wednesday, December 1

Next, Washington and Greene County Foster Grandparents gathered at the Ramada by Wyndham Washington. Their enthusiasm and holiday fashion certainly did not disappoint!



Grandma **Margaret Cox** won the "Most Wintery" title, Grandma **Linda Robinson** received the "Most Holidayish" award, and Grandma **Ann Graves** was voted "Most Sparkly."

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Attendees also participated in "guess how many candies are in the jar" and "pass the present" games.

Beaver County Thursday, December 2

Last, but certainly not least, our Beaver County Winter Recognition event was held at Wooden Angel Restaurant in Beaver!



Grandma **Pat Kilian** was voted "Most Wintery," **Alexandra Duff** (daughter of Grandma **Mary Goosev**) was named "Most Holidayish," and Grandma **Janice Smith** won the "Most Sparkly" award.



The volunteers were so excited to be together as a group for the first time in almost two years!

Butler County

We were unable to hold our Butler County recognition event this year. However, we would like to use this space to thank our Butler County Foster Grandparents for their enthusiasm and dedication to helping, guiding, and assisting children in their communities!



Jeremiah's Place

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We would like to welcome our newest community partner, Jeremiah's Place, to the FGP family! Opened in 2014, Jeremiah's Place is Pittsburgh's only crisis nursery and is open 24/7 to provide judgment-free emergency childcare services completely free to families in need. Jeremiah's Place is located in the Larimer neighborhood of Pittsburgh.



Happy birthday to our volunteers who are celebrating this month:

Theresa Bolden, Allegheny County

Wandra Brown, Allegheny County

Gwendolyn Henderson, Allegheny County

Juanita Jones, Washington County

Pat Kilian, Beaver County

Murlene Parker, Allegheny County

Marlene Robinson, Allegheny County

Shermese Zeigler, Allegheny County

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Until next time,

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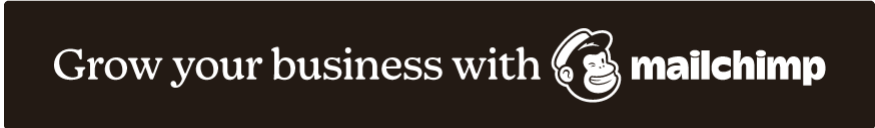
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