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**Community Action Awarded Grant to Administer Foster Grandparent Program**

Lincoln, NE -- Community Action has been awarded a \$60,000 grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service to administer the Foster Grandparent Program in Lincoln. The grant will give 5-13 seniors the opportunity to serve 107 infants and toddlers enrolled within the agency's two early childhood education centers in Lincoln.

Established on a national level in 1965, The Foster Grandparent Program is designed to connect adults ages 55 and over to children with special or exceptional needs who would benefit from the one-on-one attention a Foster Grandparent can provide. Community Action's Early Head Start and Head Start programs, which provide high-quality early childhood education services to young children living in poverty, will directly benefit from this grant.

"Community Action has been fortunate to involve Foster Grandparents within our Early Head Start and Head Start programs for several years," said Vi See, Executive Director of Community Action. "We have directly witnessed the profound impact Foster Grandparents have made on the children we serve. This grant will allow us the opportunity to place even more Foster Grandparents within our classrooms to prepare our community's youngest and most vulnerable children for success in kindergarten."

Foster Grandparents will partner with Head Start classroom teachers in completing lesson plans, small group activities, facilitating mealtime discussions, and guiding children through their daily routines at Community Action's Head Start Center at Health 360 (2301 O Street) and K Street Head Start Center (1821 K Street). These activities will assist children in the development of social-emotional skills, which are critical for kindergarten readiness.

Foster Grandparents must be 55 or older, have an income at or below the 200% Federal Poverty Level, and be available at least 15 hours a week.

If you are interested in making a difference in the lives of children by becoming a Foster Grandparent, please contact Georgann Roth with Community Action, at 402-875-9320 or [groth@communityactionatwork.org](mailto:groth@communityactionatwork.org). To learn more about Community Action, visit [www.communityactionatwork.org](http://www.communityactionatwork.org).

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