

## ***CAMBRIA COUNTY***

### ***FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM***

Foster Grandparents are men and women, 60 years of age or older. Many have reached well into their 80's - and a few into their 90's. They are active and talented. They have retired or they were homemakers, raising families of their own. Since their families are all grown and gone now, they have shifted course, turning their energy toward helping children in one of the nation's oldest volunteer organizations of senior citizens.

Cambria County's Foster Grandparents address local community needs and assist teachers in schools with children who have learning disabilities, or need special help. They are found in mainstreamed and alternative learning classrooms, working in programs with youngsters who have mental and physical challenges, in community child care centers, Head Start centers, hospital settings, Juvenile Detention Centers and Emergency Shelters. They provide a calming influence for some of the County's most difficult youth, just by being there ready to listen and help.

The Foster Grandparent Program is locally administered by the Cambria County Area Agency on Aging and consists of 100 volunteers at 47 volunteer sites.

This is a program for seniors who meet specific income eligibility guidelines. They receive a small stipend which does not affect social security, pensions, or any benefit programs. There are nine paid holidays, and appropriate earned vacation and sick time.

Come join this worthwhile program and discover that a "Lifetime of Experience" can make a difference in a child's life, "One child at a time".

For more information about the Cambria County Foster Grandparent Program please call (814) 536-9009 or visit the Cambria County Area Agency on Aging, 110 Franklin Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15901.