

Spotlight on Audrey West

Audrey West, or “Granny West,” is a welcomed presence in Mr. Buckner’s first grade classroom, where she helps students who need more support. Volunteering three times a week, West has quickly earned their trust as a valued teaching aid, mentor, and friend. She’s someone the students look forward to seeing—and is another trusted adult to help them move through their young lives.

“If she’s late by just a few minutes, the kids will start to ask, ‘Where’s Granny West?’” says Mr. Buckner, the first grade teacher she works with. Granny West is an important member of his class, and earned a starring role in a student-illustrated story book.



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How to Get Started

Talk to a member of our team to decide what kind of role matches your interests. Foster Grandparents often help:

- Teach children how to read.
- Help children in classrooms and become a mentor.
- Improve educational outcomes.
- Teach parenting skills to teen parents.
- Care for mothers, infants, and children of veterans or deployed personnel.

If you would like to find more opportunities in your community, you also can search for opportunities on the AmeriCorps website at www.AmeriCorps.gov/pathfinder.

Benefits of Volunteering

In addition to the joy you receive from helping students, you'll make new friends in your community, discover new passions, and learn new skills. In addition, AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers report better health and longer lives when they give back.

You can serve without any experience in teaching or caring for children. You'll receive hands-on training from the organization where you serve. Those who are eligible may receive a small hourly payment.

We Need Your Experience

Use your experience to make a positive difference in the lives of children as an **AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent**—and join a community of people like you who are focused on doing good.

When you step up to volunteer, you will be matched to opportunities that interest you in local schools, Head Start centers, or youth centers. You will also join thousands of volunteers to help more than 280,000 children get the support and encouragement they need to succeed.

