

SAMPLE LETTER #1:
(For sites)

August 26, 2006

Site Supervisor
St. Patrick School
1302 5th Street
Perry, IA 50220

Dear Ms. Gean,

As the school year begins, I would like to welcome back the sites with new and previous Foster Grandparents. They are all very excited to get back to the children.

I would like to let you know of a very important date that is coming up quickly. It is **National Foster Grandparent Appreciation Day**, which is **Friday September 8, 2006**. Traditionally, there is a national toast to the Foster Grandparents at 10:00 AM. Our Foster Grandparents will be celebrating as a group at our in-service on Wednesday, September 6, but we encourage you to acknowledge this day (or near this day) with your Foster Grandparents at your site.

We traditionally use a red rose tea bag (this day is referred to as Red Rose Tea Day also) for our toasting. The red rose is a symbol of the love and nurturing our Foster Grandparents give so willingly to our children who have special and/or exceptional needs.

This love and nurturing is demonstrated annually by the dedicated service of over 33,000 Foster Grandparents throughout the United States. Locally, Foster Grandparents provided over 43,000 hours of service to more than 2,000 children in Boone, Dallas, Story, and Marshall Counties in Iowa during the past year.

Thank you for seeing the benefits in having Foster Grandparents at your site.

Sincerely,

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