

Sample letter #3: **(for volunteers)**

Below are some sample poems and quotes that were found on the internet. You can find more and put a special saying on each table, or print one off for each Foster Grandparent. The possibilities are endless!

Because You're Special

*We sometimes take for granted
In the rush of all we do,
And forget to say a special thanks
To volunteers like you!
So we send this note to tell you
How much all you do means,
Your gifts of time and of yourself
Are special ones indeed.*

You are Special

"SPECIAL" is a word that is used to describe something one-of-a-kind.

Like a hug or a sunset

Or a person who spreads love

With a smile or kind gesture.

"SPECIAL" describes people who act from the heart and keep in mind the hearts of others.

"SPECIAL" applies to something that is admired and precious, and which can never be replaced.

"SPECIAL" is the word that best describes YOU.

-Terri Fernandez Alhambra, CA

To Our Volunteers

by Lisa Ellinwood

V is for the Very special people that you are

O is for the Overwhelming support & compassion you offer others during their time of need

L is for the Little things you do that make such a difference in someone's life

U is for the Unspoken words that sometimes mean just as much

N is for the Need you fill when others aren't able

T is for the Time you give of yourselves on top of your own busy schedules

E is for the Emotional support you continually give

E is also for the Endless energy you all seem to possess

R is for the Responsibility you have taken on & never once complained S is for the Smiles you bring to patients & families by just being you

A VOLUNTEER is a person who is a light to others, giving witness in a mixed-up age, doing well and willingly the tasks at hand—namely, being aware of another's needs and doing something about it.

A VOLUNTEER is a person who remembers to do the thing to make other people happy, who takes the loneliness out of the alone by talking to them, who is concerned when others are unconcerned, who has the courage to be a prophet and to say the things that have to be said for the good of all.

Too often we under-estimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. -- Dr. Felice Leonardo Buscaglia