

Adopt A Grandparent Program

When someone thinks about the programs sponsored by The CARE Center, one normally does not think about the Adopt A Grandparent Program. But, this small volunteer based program can change an older person's life. Let us introduce you to Mrs. Smith (name changed for this article). She was referred to The CARE Center by a veteran's organization because she was widowed, low income, poor in health, lived alone and most importantly had not had any milk or bread in three weeks. She was also experiencing grief and depression because her daughter, and care-giver, had died suddenly months prior. Over 10 volunteers stepped in to provide some tender loving care. Through the Adopt A Grandparent Program, volunteers help Mrs. Smith save money for health insurance through the Medicare Counseling program, helped her apply for Food Stamps and Aging Programs, delivered her food, provided transportation, got her involved in a Grief Support Group, provided needed care to her yard and house, and most importantly, provided love and friendship. And just who benefits from these unseen services? The volunteers providing the services receive the reward! They receive many blessings for their acts of kindness.