

COMMITTEE REPORT

2/12/76

SENATE

Mr. President:

Date 2/20/76

The Committee on FINANCE has had SB 540 special appropriation to ACTION for the Foster Grandparent program under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

- recommends it DO PASS
- recommends it DO NOT PASS
- recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)
- recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR _____ AND THAT
CS FOR _____ DO PASS
- "and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____
COMMITTEE
- reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION
- "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____
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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

<u>[Signature]</u>	recommends: <u>[Signature]</u>
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[Signature] Chairman

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is the team leader for the "Southie" VISTA project — manning phones in a mobile city hall to refer citizens to available services.

Anna says, "We know each other and we know we are helping others. But also we are helping ourselves. Just the knowledge that someone else is depending on us keeps us going and builds up our confidence. Or there is Mary Dillon, a teacher for 42 years in Salem, Oregon. Today she is a VISTA Volunteer teaching a preschool class sponsored by a local church.

PEACE CORPS

Older Americans have always served with distinction in the *Peace Corps*. Maturity gained from a lifetime of experience and the proficiency in skills possessed by older citizens are scarce in developing countries served by the Peace Corps.

Dorothy Foster of Dillon, Mont., (pictured on cover) was 60 and scheduled for retirement when she changed her classroom setting from Montana to Thailand by way of the Peace Corps. Saul Greiman, 68, from Jersey City, N.J. a retired plumber, was unhappy without the daily challenge of his career. He now teaches plumbing in Honduras.

SCORE

ACTION's *Service Corps of Retired Executives* has attracted 4,000 older Americans with a lifetime of experience in business.

Volunteers—both men and women—counsel owners of small businesses on sales, profits, productivity, merchandising, record keeping, among other things. SCORE Volunteers also provide manage-



Julie Nixon Eisenhower and ACTION RSVP Volunteers at Medical College of Philadelphia Pediatric Clinic.

ment knowhow to non-profit community organizations. SCORE works closely with the Small Business Administration in helping struggling minority entrepreneurs and other small businesses who seek SBA financial assistance. Frequently these businessmen don't need loans—they need experience and counsel—which SCORE Volunteers are eminently qualified to give.

YOU?

The opportunities for you to be an ACTION Volunteer are unlimited.

If you would like to make your life more meaningful by sharing your experience, knowledge and talents, there is a place for you in ACTION.

Won't you write for more information: ACTION, Washington, D. C. 20525 or contact your local ACTION office.

Opportunity for Older Americans in ACTION



"... the entire Nation has a high stake in a better life for its older citizens simply because we need you. We need the resources which you, alone, can offer."

President Richard Nixon
The White House Conference on Aging
December 2, 1971

ACTION

President Nixon called ACTION an "Alliance of the generations," when he launched the new agency, consolidating all federal volunteer programs. When the President announced his plans to establish ACTION and to name Peace Corps Director Joe Blatchford as director, he made the challenge: "Let us work together to seek out those ways by which the commitment and the compassion of one generation can be linked to the will and experience of another so that we can serve Americans better and Americans can better serve mankind."

This commitment to provide opportunities for older Americans, to become active in meaningful tasks . . . to improve the quality of their lives by participating in new accomplishments, has been answered in the multi-faceted ACTION programs. Nearly 70,000 opportunities for volunteer service by older Americans have been created and by July 1, 1973 this figure is expected to exceed 80,000.

RSVP

ACTION's *Retired Senior Volunteer Program*, a new dimension of community service, is the fastest growing volunteer program in the nation. Congress responded

to President Nixon's request to triple the funding for RSVP by appropriating \$15 million for this program.

These community organized and operated projects are providing meaningful volunteer jobs ranging from chauffeuring patients to clinics to serving as senior teaching aides—the activities are as numerous and diverse as the applicants.

Typical of RSVP is the Hospital of the Medical College of Pennsylvania in North Philadelphia where volunteers work with children in the Pediatric Clinic. (pictured on the back) Others do clerical jobs in the Dietary Department, or prepare surgical kits for the Operating Room.

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS

ACTION Volunteers who work in the *Foster Grandparents Program* are retired Americans with low incomes—men and women who must be at least 60. One Volunteer is 93. They come from all sections of the nation and from varied backgrounds. They work with disadvantaged children in hospitals, correctional institutions, residential facilities for mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, dependent and neglected children. The President's commitment at the White House Conference on Aging to expand funding for this program will enable tripling volunteers by December 1972. This means that 50,000 children in 450 child care institutions throughout the country will be benefiting from love, care and demonstrated concern of more than 11,000 older Americans. Invariably, Volunteers



say their lives have more meaning, that they receive more love than they could possibly give.

VISTA

Volunteers In Service to America has nearly 300 ACTION Volunteers—60 years or over—from varying backgrounds—retired businessmen, housewives, lawyers, former welfare recipients—anyone who wants to give time, energy, and a sense of caring.

VISTA is particularly attractive to older Americans because 40 percent of the VISTA Volunteers are recruited to work in their community.

In Boston, Anna Aicardi, 72, knows every house and the color of every home in her South Boston VISTA project neighborhood. A retired social worker, Anna,

MEMO

To: Sharon Macklin,
House HESS committee

Fr: Jack Chenoweth

Re: SB 640 am, appropriating for the Foster Grandparents
Program.

Federal ACTION funds -- approximately \$ 113,000 this fiscal year -- support 45 foster grandparent positions in the Anchorage area. Grandparents are assigned to work exclusively with handicapped children at

Denali Street School	API
Alaska Treatment Center	Hope Cottage
Alaska Retarded Childrens Center	Whaley Center

Grandparents receive \$ 32.00 per week (based on a 20 hour work week), a daily meal, transportation to and from the facility and an annual physical examination. Costs appear to average \$ 2200 per grandparent per year.

Captain Cook Jaycees are sponsors of the program for the facilities listed. Federal support is allocated on the basis of a contract between ACTION and the Jaycees, with direct payments remitted from ACTION's Seattle regional office to the Jaycees.

I understand that there are no additional federal dollars available for expansion of the program in Alaska during the current or forthcoming federal fiscal years, Congress having placed a lid on the total appropriation for the program nationally. Thus, at least at present, new grandparent positions would be State-supported.

I assume, then, that a \$ 25,000 appropriation would allow employment of approximately 10 - 12 senior citizens in the program assuming no redirection of any portion of the appropriation to cover incremental administrative costs.

Recent expressions of interest in the program have come from Harborview Hospital (Valdez) and Catholic Charities (Juneau), with Henri House (Juneau) also a possibility.

bcc: Terry Dale

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

NINTH Legislature SECOND Session

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spec. approp for the Foster Grandparent program

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Peggy Mulligan
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