

We'd like to recognize Grandpa Bob of Foster Grandparent Mentoring program. Patti Meyer, Foster Grandparent Program coordinator, will present this award.

Grandpa Bob uses a motorized wheel chair to get around. As he says, this provides him with a unique perspective on life that he loves to share with the children. He never passes up an opportunity to answer kids' questions about him or his wheelchair. He takes great pride in helping children understand that a person in a wheel chair can contribute in a very important way and that they can have fun doing it! He is a strong, confident role model for the children. Grandpa Bob has made a difference in the lives of countless children. Teachers he has served with say he is patient, kind and loving, that he creates real and meaningful relationships with the students, and that he is a true gem! The children say:

- He is a very unique person
- He knows a lot about history
- He taught us how to add numbers
- He is very helpful and sweet
- ◆ - He helps us learn to read better and he is kind.
- He is a good person
- I like it when he smiles

Patti Meyer writes: I am honored to nominate Grandpa Bob for this award because Grandpa Bob exemplifies what a true and loving Grandpa is. He takes the time to listen to the children, to show them that they are important in this world. He teaches them through his actions and his words. And, as one of his previous teachers said, "Grandpa Bob is as dependable as the sun." (254 words)

Thank you Grandpa Bob for your light on all of us.