

ANNUAL FOSTER GRANDPARENT RECOGNITION CEREMONIES

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This is a real thrill and a real treat for me.

I am really delighted I could be part of this ceremony today. I have great admiration for your birthday celebrant - Pearl Williams. At 106, she has the honor of being the Nation's oldest Foster Grandparent. And at age 106, her energy, vitality, concern and dedication to helping others truly distinguishes her. Pearl Williams is a great example of how truly successful the National Foster Grandparent Program is. I have long admired this particular government program as one which combines meeting many urgent needs in a very unique way and a very human manner. This is a program I feel very strongly about and one which I support 100 per cent.

I want to congratulate all of you here today, as well as the thousands of Foster Grandparents throughout the country. You are doing an invaluable service and I'm very proud to be with you,

To you, Pearl, a very Happy Birthday. I also have two certificates of appreciation from the local as well as the National Organization. May I read them to you?