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AMERICORPS SENIORS AT LUTHERAN HOSTED IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR FOSTER GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEERS

JAMESTOWN, N.Y. (November 10, 2021) – On November 3, the AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent staff at Lutheran held an in-service training for foster grandparent volunteers. Using laptops, volunteers learned how to use Google to research information on positive behavior support, how to build lasting relationships with students, as well as information on reading, language, and the arts. During the training, volunteers also learned about the new “Pen Pal Program” for foster grandparent volunteers that aren’t able to provide in-person support within the classroom. They were taught how to use video chat software and recorded themselves reading stories for students in the classroom. AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparents are meant to be role models, mentors, and friends to children with exceptional needs in Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany Counties. The program provides a way for volunteers age 55 and over to stay active by working with children and youth in their communities. To learn more about becoming an AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent, visit: www.seniorsvolunteer.org

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