

## Senior Round Up A Success

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(Semmes, AL) AmeriCorps Foster Grandparent held its Inaugural Senior Round-Up Outreach Event at the Semmes Regional Library on Thursday, January 26. The event aimed to share information about FGP programs and services with seniors aged 55 and older in Semmes, Alabama.

Communication efforts created a buzz about the event and yielded several responses from social media and inquiries from the public and Semmes Library staffers. Darwin Singleton, WPMI Local 15 Anchor/reporter, featured the event and interviewed prospective Foster Grandparents volunteer Debbie, who shared her interest in learning more about the program and the application process.



*NBC News Anchor Darwin Singleton talks with Toni Robinson, AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent program director, Toni Robinson at Semmes Public Library*

Toni Robinson, Foster Grandparent Director, was on hand to explain program details and program successes. "Our program thrives because of the seniors' desire to give back," Robinson says. "They genuinely enjoy what they do and love serving the children." Volunteers work in their strengths, whether tutoring kids in specific subjects, teaching them arts and crafts, or being a listening ear. "They make the children feel loved, wanted, and needed," Robinson says.

"We're thankful for the interest generated from the Inaugural Senior Round Up outreach event," she says. Plans are underway to schedule additional outreach events in surrounding cities and municipalities in the coming months.

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