



## First Tennessee Human Resource Agency

### May 2011 Newsletter

#### Ladies Who Brunch

On May 15, 2011 the Foster Grandparents Program of East Tennessee celebrated with their Spring Recognition Brunch on April 8, 2011. Mabel Cutshaw (pictured on right) was honored for her 29 years of service as a Foster Grandparent. She expressed her love of the children she works with each day as a motivator to keeping her 89 years young.



The Foster Grandparent Program is a federally funded program that allows for volunteers over the age of 60 to interact with children in schools. This program ensures that our seniors are given the opportunity to positively impact the lives of children in need of special assistance with school work. They work up to 20 hours a week with specially identified children and provide one on one attention. "Our volunteer Foster Grandparents receive just as much satisfaction as they give to their children. This program enhances their self worth and gives them smiling faces to look forward to each week" says Kathy Myers, Program Manager. All of our Foster Grandparents do go through background checks and they also receive a small stipend that does not interfere with any other benefits they may be receiving.



Representative Jeremy Faison with a few of the Foster Grandparents

If you would like to find out more about Foster Grandparent Program, please visit our website at [www.fthra.org](http://www.fthra.org). If you are interested in becoming a Foster Grandparent or would like to have a volunteer in your work area, please call 423.639.8462.

**The Grascals** will perform at **Unicoi County High School Auditorium on Friday, May 13, 2011 at 6:30 pm**. They are among the most beloved and acclaimed bands on today's bluegrass scene, having won SPB-GMA's Instrumental Group of the Year; Mandolin Performer of the Year (Danny Roberts) and Banjo Performer of the Year (Kristin Scott Benson) for 2011. Also, Bluegrass Band of the Year award in 2010. There will also be special performances by gospel artist Ricky Atkinson & Compassion and Unicoi bluegrass natives The Spivey Mt. Boys.

Tickets are \$15 at any Bank of TN location or Carter County Bank. Or call 423.928.8855 for credit card purchase.

The Grascals concert will benefit Adult Day Services, a program of personal care for adults who need special assistance.

The Grascals concert is sponsored in part by the Johnson City Press, WJHL & Mountain States Health Alliance.

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## Computer Lab Open In Sneedville Due to Generous Donation

Hancock County Community/Senior Center is now equipped with a computer lab that has 4 laptop computers with internet connections. This was made possible by a generous donation by Senior Services America, Inc. SSA is the funding source for FTHRA's Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) and Generations On Line.

Generations On Line is offered to people 55 and older who are interested in learning the very basics of the internet. "The tutorials are done on a computer and are very easy for anyone to understand. They make the computer and learning the lingo not quite so intimidating" says Roberta Bowers, Generations On Line Coordinator. There is also a "peer coach" that is available to answer any questions and to help beginners get started.

To find out more about SCSEP or Generations On Line, please call 423-461-8200 or visit [www.fthra.org](http://www.fthra.org).

## Former Johnson City Mayor joins FTHRA Staff

FTHRA is excited to announce that former Johnson City Mayor Jane Myron has joined our staff. Myron will serve as County Coordinator for Washington County. In this role, Myron will utilize her wealth of community knowledge and experience to build partnerships and help with public awareness of the many FTHRA programs.

Myron was elected to Johnson City Board of Commissioners in 2005; served as vice mayor from 2007-2008; and held the office of mayor from 2009-2011.

Myron is also the co-founder of a city-wide, award-winning health initiative, "Up & At 'Em," and the highly successful Thanksgiving morning "Turkey Trot Family 5K Race and Family Fun Walk." In addition, she developed the Employment Information Workshop to assist local citizens in employment pursuits and career opportunities.

She is a graduate of University of Tennessee with a B.S. in Home Economics and Institutional Administration, and a graduate of University of Tennessee Government Leadership Program, 2006; and the Johnson & Wales Culinary Institute, Charleston, SC.



Jane Myron, County  
Coordinator for  
Washington County

First Tennessee Human Resource Agency provides much needed social services in Carter, Johnson, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington Counties. FTHRA administers 18 vital programs to assist the people of Northeast Tennessee. We rely on support from local governments, United Ways, grants, foundations, fundraisers and private donors.

If you would like to contribute to the agency or a specific program, please visit our website at [www.fthra.org](http://www.fthra.org) to donate on line with a credit card, via PayPal or by calling our finance director, Jason Cody, at 423.461.8283. All donations are tax deductible.

To volunteer or learn more about our programs or a job position, call Stephanie Walker at 423.461.7769 or email at [swalker@fthra.org](mailto:swalker@fthra.org).

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