



NYS Office For People With Developmental Disabilities
SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

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Corporation for National and Community Service*



Dear OPWDD Senior Companions,

The Corporation for National and Community Services has dedicated the week of May 7- May 11, 2012 as Senior Corps Week. This dedication acknowledges Senior Companions, Foster Grandparents and RSVP Volunteers for the difference they are making in the lives of others. For more than four decades, volunteers age 55 and over have been serving their communities through Senior Corps Programs. Senior Corps was created as a dedicated nationwide celebration to shine a spotlight on the important impact that 450,000 Senior Corps volunteers have on America's communities.

As OPWDD Senior Companions, you have inspired independence in the lives of your assigned individuals. Your contribution to support those less capable in becoming independent people makes our program unlike any others. Our Senior Companions tell us that participating in this program is beneficial to them as well. Comments include: "When you volunteer, you help others, along with helping yourself." "Volunteering also leads to new discoveries and new friends." "Volunteering helps promotes a positive outlook on life."

Congratulations and thanks to all of you for your time, your dedication, and for making a difference to your community every day. We celebrate your role within Senior Corps along with all those affected by your generosity. Here's to Senior Corps Volunteers!

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