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### FRIESLAND APPOINTED TO BOARD

The National Association of Foster Grandparent Program Directors (NAFGPD) announced the appointment of Stacy Friesland as one of two southern cluster board members. The southern cluster covers Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. She will travel to Washington, D.C. twice each year in this new role.



“Stacy is an accomplished volunteer program manager and an experienced professional in both the public and nonprofit sectors,” said Danna Stansbury, Deputy Director at Land of Sky Regional Council. “We are confident that she will add great value to the board and NAFGPD will benefit from her insights, judgment, and counsel.”

In addition to serving as the Foster Grandparent Program Manager at Land of Sky Regional Council since 2003, Ms. Friesland is a member of the National Senior Corps Association and the North Carolina Association of Senior Corps Directors. She participated in the Corporation for National and Community Service National Peer Mentoring Program for several years. She holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia.

In this new role, Ms. Friesland noted, “I will bring national recognition to our Foster Grandparent Program at Land of Sky Regional Council while in Washington, D.C. and help our Foster Grandparent Program be a stronger program that serves as a model program across the nation and to help others in North Carolina succeed locally.”

Since 1971, NAFGPD has advocated for and with directors of FGP across the country to ensure that local programs succeed in the dual purpose of providing engaging, rewarding opportunities for senior adult volunteers to address compelling needs serving children with special and exceptional needs. NAFGPD’s mission is to “Advocate Nationally – Succeed Locally.”

Land of Sky Regional Council is a multi-county, local government, planning and development organization providing technical assistance to local governments and administers projects and programs that benefit our region’s citizens.