

## **WILLIE MAE MITCHELL GRANDPARENTS AWARDS**

**PURPOSE:** To recognize PTA/PTSA units who include grandparents and other senior citizens in programs/projects throughout the school year.

In today's society with the complexity of single parents and latchkey children, grandparents and senior citizens provide an invaluable resource to fill in the gaps. There are many grandparents who have experience, enthusiasm, and time that should be channeled into PTA. What better way to show how much we care for them than by having a special activity in their honor. Each unit is encouraged to undertake projects/activities during the school year utilizing the untapped and often overlooked resources of our senior citizens.

A separate list of grandparent members should be kept for submitting to the State Office no later than **March 24** along with a written report on your Grandparent Involvement activities. The format of this involvement is left up to the individual PTA unit. These special activities should be held as early in the school year as possible and perhaps could even be an on-going year long involvement. If the children don't have grandparents that can participate in this activity, why not have them adopt grandparents?

At Convention the "**Willie Mae Mitchell Trophy**" will be awarded to the local unit with the most outstanding Grandparents Projects. Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- Report on your Grandparent Involvement activities
- Number of Grandparents joining your PTA

### **TO QUALIFY YOU MUST:**

1. Prepare a cover sheet containing the PTA/PTSA's name, who prepared the report, how many people were involved and signature of the president of the local unit.
2. Prepare a Grandparents' report no longer than two double-spaced typed pages. (This report should be narrative of your GRANDPARENT PROJECT (what happened) and an evaluation of the results.)
3. List Grandparents who joined your local unit.
4. Send Two (2) copies of both the cover sheet and the Grandparents Report to the State Office no later than **March 24**.