

“Everyone Has Something To Give”

One of the most touching stories of the year was that of Ms. Ella K. of Chauvin LA. While going through orientation Ms. Ella expressed that with her lack of a high school education she did not think she would be a good Foster Grandparent. She was encouraged to give the process a chance because “everyone has something to give”. After her orientation she was placed at Point-Aux-Chenes Elementary School in Terrebonne Parish Louisiana. During one of our site visits Ms. LeFont (the school principal) stated that she needed to share something with me. She stated that Ms. Ella was assigned to (we will call him Johnny) in a kindergarten class. Little Johnny is very withdrawn and does not speak. Ms. Ella mentored him for at least six months and Johnny still refused to speak. On an early rainy spring morning Ms. Ella was talking to Johnny but his eyes were fixed on the window. After quite some time Johnny looked at Ms. Ella and said “Momo, look!! It’s raining outside”!!! Well that brought tears to Ms. Ella and the teacher’s eyes and the teacher ran to the office to tell the principal. When I spoke to Ms. Ella during the same visit she related the story to me also. She went on to say she had been praying for God to give her a sign that what she was doing was making a difference and when He answered her prayer she almost fainted. Ms. Ella and I shared a lengthy embrace and she began to cry again. When she was able to speak again she said, **“Now I know I have something to give”**.