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Dear Kinship Caregiver:

The William Penn Foundation has tasked *Generations United* to conduct the *Grandfamilies of Philadelphia Project*, which will survey **kinship caregivers (those who have primary formal or informal custody of children due to the absence of the biological parent)**. **These caregivers include grandparents, other relatives, friends, and persons providing primary care during the week.** *Generations United* is a nonprofit agency, based in Washington, DC, that seeks to improve the lives of children, youth, and older adults through intergenerational programs, policies, and strategies across the country.

This project will identify the reasons leading to a persons' decision to raise these children, the challenges they face as well as their strengths, the availability of services and supports for them, and the degree to which families are aware of and able to access helpful services. The results of this project will inform the William Penn Foundation and community/government agencies (like the School District of Philadelphia) on how they can use their resources to improve their services to these often forgotten families.

We are looking at these kinship families as a whole, so your individual survey responses will be merged with those of other caregivers to maintain your confidentiality. Once you have completed the online survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/75GPYPS>) or have returned a requested printed mail survey in a postage-paid envelope to Generations United, you will receive a \$35 gift card. Your survey is due to by October 30, 2020.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at grandsurvey@gu.org or call (202)289-3979. Thank you again for agreeing to help in this very important project that will assist and support these kinship caregivers in the Philadelphia area.

Sincerely,

Donna Butts
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