## Action Tops 100,000 Mark In Volunteer Enrollment Says Director Balzano

WASHINGTON, in volunteer enrollment, D.C.-ACTION, the federal ACTION Director Mike parent agency of the Peace Balzano has announced. Corps, VISTA, RSVP and The nation is honoring other volunteer programs, has ACTION volunteers, and the soared past the 100,000 mark thousands more serving in

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other local and national, public volunteers in six programs brought together from other and private volunteer efforts, federal agencies. In less than during National Volunteer three years, ACTION has Week April 21-27. The fast-growing agency increased both the size of its ranks and the number of its began in 1971 with 22,830

programs. Since its start, ACTION has added three new domestic programs: University Year for ACTION (UYA), ACTION Cooperative Volunteers (ACV) and the Senior Companion Program.

ACTION volunteers are now serving throughout the United States, four territories and 69 developing nations. They are members of the Peace Corps, Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Foster Grandparent Program, Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), Active Corps of Executives (ACE), UYA and ACV.

By far the fastest growing of the programs, RSVP has increased its numbers from zero in 1971 to nearly 65,000 today. RSVP enables retired men and women over age 60 to give significant service in a variety of local volunteer programs.

In Fort Worth, Tex., RSVP volunteer I.C. "Mr. Mac". McAllister typifies the older

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volunteer who, even when handicapped, can give help to others.

Blind and missing several fingers of one hand, "Mr. Mac" "mashes mud" everyday at Fellow ship Corner, a center for older men and women. "Mashing mud," he explains, is the process of starting or finishing a ceramic mold. McAllister teaches ceramics at the center. One of his students. a women with arthritis in her hands, has found that "mashing" helps keep her

fingers mobile. The Foster Grandparent Program, which has grown from 4,200 volunteers in 1971 to 11,000 today, also provides part-time volunteer opportunities for older people. The program allows low-income men and women over 60 to care for mentally, physically and emotionally handicapped children.

Mrs. Eva Cox, 75, a Foster Grandparent in Arlington, Tex., helped to work a "miracle" for a 13 year-old retarded child with cerebral palsy. "Grandchild" Obie, doctors said, would always be hopelessly crippled. But, after 14 months, Mrs. Cox had him taking one faltering step after another. "I could hardly

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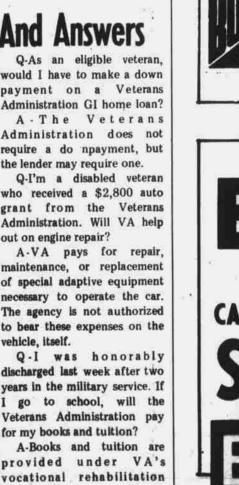
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