



680 Old Phoenix Road  
Eatonton, GA 31024  
706-484-1238

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 21, 2008**

**Contact: Jean Raehn**  
[mjeanhome@gmail.com](mailto:mjeanhome@gmail.com)  
**770-633-2486**

### **GRANDPARENTS ARE GREAT AT REA**

At Redeemer Episcopal Academy, grandparents play an active role in the life of the school.

Calling themselves GREAT (Grandparents of the Redeemer Episcopal Academy Team), grandparents and honorary grandparents use their skills and talents to help the students.

“We look for opportunities where we can enrich the school with what we seasoned adults have to offer,” said Jean Raehn, chairman of GREAT. “We are a support group offering additional hands for special programs, classroom projects, guest events, REA fundraisers and community events.

We don’t replace the parent opportunities, but our presence simply frees up the parents’ time and energy to do what they do best for the school and students.”

Future activities for GREAT may include inspiration and perspiration for an outdoor classroom, as well as expanding opportunities for the fine arts and mission work.

“We are blessed at Redeemer Academy to have an extraordinary group of grandparents who generously share their time and talents with us,” said Dr. Trish Klein, headmaster. “Jean Raehn is to be especially commended for organizing the group and for personally spearheading many of the GREAT projects.”



To honor Redeemer Academy grandparents and honorary grandparents, a program was held featuring student performances and presentations by the headmaster, board of trustees and parents' organization. One of the highlights of the Garden of GREAT Love program was an original song performed by the students and co-written by music instructor Donna Brelsford and volunteer Amanda Harper.

“Our lives are only just beginning. Our hearts and knees are always mending with endless hugs and tender tugs,” the students sang. “You guide us with your gentle touch. Thank you Granny and Grandpa for all your love.”

Each grandparent left with a hand-painted flower pot from the children and with a greater understanding about the Redeemer Episcopal Academy and how much its students value the older adults in their lives.

###