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WHAT'S NEW ON OUR WEBSITE

Our website continues to grow, thanks to you! We've added recommended books for a Grand Book Club, a Stories page featuring rotating testimonies from grandparents, and an expanding collection of trusted resources and media coverage highlighting the work of Grandparents for Vaccines (GFV). We're especially excited about the Stories page, where grandparents bring to life memories from an era when childhood diseases could steal health, futures, and even lives. These stories remind us why our mission matters—and why our voices are so powerful. We invite you to explore, share, and celebrate these pages as we continue to amplify the wisdom and experience of grandparents everywhere.

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State Leaders Stepping Forward

We're thrilled to share that grandparents across the country are stepping up to become state leaders for Grandparents for Vaccines (GFV)! These members are the heart of our growing movement. They attend twice-monthly Zoom meetings, participate in media training, share their personal stories, and serve as local voices for GFV in conversations with news outlets and community organizations. We now have State Leaders representing California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, and Washington, and we're still expanding!

If you're passionate about protecting children and strengthening public trust in vaccines, we'd love to hear from you. Please email us at hello@grandparentsforvaccines.com and include State Leader in the subject line.

Building for the Future

Many of you have asked how to support Grandparents for Vaccines (GFV) financially. We're excited to share that our leadership council is working with a pro bono attorney to establish GFV as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. This will allow us to accept donations and ensure the sustainability of our growing movement. With the surge in emails, story submissions, and media outreach, it's clear that our small team of six dedicated volunteers can no longer manage the demand alone. To keep pace, GFV now needs administrative and technical support to strengthen our infrastructure and extend our reach. Rest assured, our leadership council will continue to serve on a volunteer basis. Your generosity will help us expand our capacity while keeping our mission—and our message—rooted in community, care, and the protection of future generations.

A heartfelt thank you to Jim Nathan and Floridians for a Healthy Democracy for featuring Dr. Arthur Lavin and eight remarkable speakers at a recent event celebrating the power of personal storytelling. Each speaker shared vivid memories of how their lives—and their families' lives—were shaped by polio, measles, and meningitis. Their reflections captured not only their own experiences but also the fears, hopes, and resilience of generations before them. Be sure to watch! This event is a moving reminder of how our stories connect the past to the present—and protect the future.



more story — one that reminds us what it means to be a grandparent.

A grandmother texted her grandson with Thanksgiving details — time, place, menu, open arms. Only later did she realize his phone number had changed, and she'd invited a stranger instead.

The 17-year-old replied:

“You’re not my grandma. Can I still get a plate tho?”

Her answer was simple — and profound:

“Of course you can. That’s what grandmas do — we feed everyone.”

A wrong number became a shared meal. Two families meeting at a table built from kindness, not DNA.

This is why grandparents matter.

We make room. We nurture. We remember.

Happy Thanksgiving, from our table to yours.



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