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October 21, 1982
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MRS. REAGAN: TO LOVE A CHILD PUBLISHER'S PARTY
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1982

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-- Well, the friendship and love foster grandparents give are no longer confined to just a few. There are now 18,000 grandparents and 54,000 kids. And I hope the royalties and publicity from this book will increase those numbers even further. One last thing, remember to tell everyone what a nice Christmas present the book makes. How's that for a plug? Now thank you again for coming.

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