



## PARTICIPATE IN OUR CALL-IN DAY!

### What is the GrandRally?

The GrandRally brings grandparents and other relative caregivers from across the country to Washington, DC to engage lawmakers and focus on the importance of grandparents and other relatives raising children—the challenges they face and the contributions they make.

The GrandRally is a powerful way to gain lawmakers' attention and to focus on the importance of relative caregivers—the challenges they face and the contributions they make. In the midst of scarce resources and a tumultuous economy, relative caregivers keep children safe and in stable homes. The GrandRally will be an historic opportunity to celebrate, create momentum, expand awareness and build upon the success from previous GrandRallies.

**Focus:** This year's GrandRally will focus on the important role Social Security plays in supporting grandfamilies. The official Rally policy priorities provide additional information on other federal policies that are key to helping grandparents and other relatives caring for children. *(Please see attached document for the full list of this year's GrandRally Policy Priorities)*

**When:** The GrandRally will take place September 15, 2011 at the U.S. Capitol. **The 1-800 number for the National Call-in Day will be open from Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> through Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.**

### How to Participate:

Calling your Members of Congress to make your voice heard is easy. You don't have to be an expert on grandfamily policy issues. You just need to let them know that you care about protecting programs that are critical them. It just takes a minute. Here's how to make your call:

1. Dial **1-800-928-8084** and follow the prompts to enter your zip code. Then press "1" to connect to your first Senator's/Representative's office.
2. A staff person will answer the phone. Tell that person where you're calling from, and that you're calling to ask your Senators/Representative to...

### Message:

Protect Social Security and other critical federal programs that support vulnerable children and families, including grandfamilies (grandparents and other relatives raising children) from budget cuts.

3. Most calls will end there. However, if the staff member asks for more information tell them to visit [www.GrandRally.org](http://www.GrandRally.org) for a full list of the policy priorities.
4. Since all your Members of Congress have a stake in these issues, please call **1-800-928-8084** again to get connected to each office. Once again enter your zip code, then press "2" to be connected with your second Senator. After you have called your Senators, please reach out to your Representative.