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Grandfamilies: Rising to the Challenge of Raising Another Generation with Hope and Heart

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026
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Today, 2.5 million children live in grandfamilies, or families headed by grandparents, aunts and uncles, siblings, or close family friends. A recent report by Generations United found that grandfamilies save taxpayers more than \$10 billion each year by keeping children out of foster care.

In her new book, *Grandfamilies: Stories of Children and the Loving Relatives Who Raise Them*, Donna Butts explores the unique challenges, resilience, and successes of grandfamilies through the stories of caregivers and the children they raise. This session will use these stories to highlight how public policy and perceptions of grandfamilies and kinship care have changed over the past 30 years, and what more is needed to help these families thrive.



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER: DONNA BUTTS, AUTHOR OF *GRANDFAMILIES: STORIES OF CHILDREN AND THE LOVING RELATIVES WHO RAISE THEM*



Donna Butts is an award-winning nonprofit executive, author, and nationally recognized advocate for intergenerational solutions that benefit children, youth, older adults, and families. For more than twenty-seven years, Donna served as Executive Director of Generations United, a national nonprofit dedicated to strengthening communities and families through intergenerational policy and practice. In this role, she elevated the needs of grandfamilies and advanced policies supporting families across generations. Her leadership helped shape national conversations and paved the way for critical legislation and resources for relative caregivers.