

## MISTER ROGERS' WEEK OF KINDNESS

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Hedda began working with Fred Rogers 56 years ago on the very first taping day of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* in October 1966. Over the years since then, building on her master's degree in Child Development, she has served as Assistant Director, Assistant Producer, Associate Producer and Director of Early Childhood Initiatives for his small non-profit production company. These days as a Child Development consultant for Fred Rogers Productions, she is a script consultant for its award-winning PBS children's series *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood* and other projects.

Hedda is a Senior Fellow at The Fred Rogers Institute at St. Vincent College, where she received an honorary doctorate degree and writes a monthly e-newsletter **What We can Continue to Learn from Fred Rogers** that reaches 10,000 subscribers. Also as a Senior Fellow, Hedda speaks all over the country, presenting professional development for teachers and discussing Fred Rogers' work with audiences of all ages, helping them reflect on the timeless messages in Fred Rogers' beloved **Neighborhood** series – messages for adults as well as children.

You may also have seen Hedda's interviews on the highly-acclaimed, prize-winning documentary **Won't You Be My Neighbor**.