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## **Unite for children's sake**

We applaud The Oregonian for highlighting the value of supporting relatives who step forward and raise children ("Going to Grandma's instead of foster care," Sept. 6). Generations United's report, which you highlighted in your editorial, demonstrates examples of innovative policies aimed at assisting grandparents and other relatives who are raising children.

This is not just a child welfare issue. This report was released with the support of a broad coalition of organizations. National leaders such as AARP and the National Association of Counties are getting behind programs such as subsidized guardianships so that children who would otherwise end up in the foster care system can grow up in a safe and stable home with relatives.

When we stand together for children, everyone benefits.

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