Facing a Pandemic: Grandfamilies Living Together During COVID-19 and Thriving Beyond

**Grandparents Responsible for Grandchildren**
- 19% About 19 percent live in poverty
- 46% 46 percent have raised grandchildren for at least five years
- 56% 56 percent are in the labor force
- 25% 25 percent have a disability
- 48% Over 48 percent are age 60 and older

**Number of children who live with a relative who is the head of the household**
- 8 million

**Number of children who are being raised by a relative or close family friend and do not have a parent living in the household**
- 2.7 million

**Number of children in foster care being raised by relatives**
- 133,405

**Percentage of Children in Foster Care Being Raised by Relatives**
- 2009: 24%
- 2019: 32%

**Racial Overrepresentation in Grandfamilies**
- Children in the U.S. who are African American: 14%
- Children in grandfamilies who are African American: 25%
- Children in foster care who are African American: 23%
- Children in the U.S. who are American Indian and Alaska Native: 2%
- Children in grandfamilies who are American Indian and Alaska Native: 8%
- Children in foster care who are American Indian and Alaska Native: 2%

**COVID-19 Disparate Impact on Communities of Color**
- Black people are dying from COVID-19 at 2.5 times the rate of white people, and Native and Latinx people are dying at about 1.5 times the rate

**COVID-19 Challenges Facing Grandfamilies**
- A survey of 600 caregivers showed:
  - 38% unable to pay or worried about paying mortgage or rent
  - 43% fear leaving house for food
  - 32% food pickup sites run out of food when arrive
  - 30% have no caregiving plan for children if caregivers die

All of the data points in these infographics are cited in the full 2020 State of Grandfamilies report, Facing a Pandemic: Grandfamilies Living Together During COVID-19 and Thriving Beyond, available at www.gu.org.