**DONATE**

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Let’s face it. Fathers impact children’s lives -- for good and sadly sometimes for bad. The Center strives to ensure that fathers make a long lasting, positive impact in the lives of their children. However, we can not do it alone; your financial support enables continuation of services. Every dollar helps to support more than 1200 fathers served annually through strategic initiatives at the Center and six local fatherhood programs in eleven sites. We provide numerous services under one roof so that fathers don’t waste time traveling from agency to agency. All services are focused on guiding fathers toward resources and information which will enable them to provide for their children financially, emotionally and spiritually increasing the potential for them to grow into responsible adults. Your gift at any level will make a difference in the lives of fathers, and, equally important, in the lives of children.

Philanthropy directly influences program services, awareness and advocacy. Provision of much-needed services is fueled by philanthropic gifts and bridges the gap between delivery costs and discernable positive impacts for sincere, yet, struggling fathers. Please consider making a gift to one of the Center’s Strategic Initiatives or a Local Fatherhood Program.

Click **here** to donate through our secure website or please call the Center at 803-227-8800 or mail your donation to: SC Center for Fathers and Families, 2711 Middleburg Drive, Suite 111, Columbia, SC 29204.

**Support a local fatherhood program**

**A Father’s Place** – Serving Horry, Georgetown, Berkeley, and Williamsburg Counties

**Father to Father Project** – Serving Charleston and Dorchester Counties

**Lancaster Fatherhood Project** – Serving Lancaster, York, Chester, and Chesterfield Counties

**Man 2 Man Fatherhood Initiative** – Serving Marlboro, Dillon, Darlington, and Florence Counties

**Midlands Fatherhood Coalition** – Serving Fairfield, Newberry, Lexington, Saluda, Richland, Calhoun, Aiken, and Orangeburg Counties

**Upstate Fatherhood Coalition** – Serving Greenville, Spartanburg, Pickens, Oconee, Anderson, Cherokee, Union, and Laurens Counties

All programs include comprehensive services as well as the Center’s strategic initiatives.

**Center Strategic Initiatives**

**Responsible Fatherhood**

Responsible Fatherhood is a comprehensive approach to parenting. The program teaches fathers how to be involved financially and emotionally and reduces barriers to providing for their children.

**Jobs Not Jail**

Incarceration has a high cost. However, the Jobs-Not-Jail program costs less and nets significantly better results. Rather than being incarcerated for non-payment of child support, low-income fathers are court-ordered to enroll in a six month local fatherhood program. The cost to tax payers to incarcerate a father in a local detention center for six months is about $8000; whereas, $2000 is the cost to serve a father through a local fatherhood program which results in a tax payer savings of $6000 per father.

**Access to Healthcare**

Low-income, non-custodial fathers are a major portion of the working poor population. Often working hourly paid, low wage jobs, they seldom receive healthcare benefits; nor, do they receive government assistance for medical treatment unless they have been certified as disabled. Yet, many fathers face chronic health conditions and untreated problems because they can not afford treatment and mistrust many healthcare providers. The Center provides a nurse practitioner who travels to local fatherhood program sites to provide health education, screenings, treatment and referrals for specialized treatment and care from willing, local healthcare providers.

**Advocacy and Awareness**

Too often fathers, no matter how successful they are in a fatherhood program, encounter governmental policies and practices and negative societal attitudes that prevent them from re-engaging in their children’s lives. The Center actively promotes father-friendly policies and practices which raise awareness about barriers faced by fathers .

**Capacity Building and Technical Assistance**

The Center and local fatherhood programs have extensive experience in establishing, operating and growing fatherhood programs built upon best practices. The Center offers technical assistance to other organizations desiring to establish services for fathers. Many of these organizations are in start-up mode; and, unfortunately, unable to pay for consulting services. Therefore, your financial gifts will not only contribute toward sustaining the Center, but, will also aid in bringing much-needed services to other local communities launching fatherhood programs.

**Other Options for Donating**

We welcome donations of stock and the opportunity to work with you on a planned gift. Please contact Jessica Wilson, Director of Finance and Operations, at 803-227-8800 ext 202 to arrange a meeting with you, a financial advisor and Center leadership to determine your wisest investment netting the greatest benefit to fathers and families.

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Thank you for your gift.