News and Events

**Center Introduces New Logo as part of Ten Year Anniversary**

On August 2, 2012 the Center will celebrate a decade of serving dads across South Carolina in partnership with six local fatherhood programs. The Center is introducing its new logo which embodies the universal Christian symbol of the cross and serves as a reminder that the Center and local fatherhood programs are a beacon of hope for fathers and their families. The logo is shared with all of the members of the Sisters of Charity Health System, the parent organization supporting hospitals, foundations and outreach ministries in Ohio and South Carolina. Along with the new logo, the Center is launching its new website along with new websites for each of the local fatherhood programs. Sign up for the Center’s e-newsletter to keep you up-to-date on local fatherhood program impact, issues related to low-income fathers and families and lessons learned and shared after a ten year journey of working with fathers.

**Center and Local Fatherhood Program Directors Slated to Present at Statewide Conferences**

The Center for Fathers and Families and local fatherhood program staff will be presenting at the following upcoming conferences:

**Teen Father Seminar for Benedict College**

February 11, 2012

Featured Presenter: Mr. Richard Barr, SC Center for Fathers and Families

**The Southeast Regional Black Male Summit**

Black Achievers Determined to be Different (BADD) and the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs, present: Closing the Achievement Gap: “Cutting the Pipeline to Prison”

Sunday, February 19th 2pm-8pm

Monday February 20th 9am-5pm

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Columbia, SC

Featured Presenter: Mr. Richard Barr, SC Center for Fathers and Families

**34th Annual Cross Cultural Conference**

“Irreplaceable Role of Fathers”

March 3, 2012 at 2 pm

Landmark Resort, 1501 S. Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Featured Presenters: Mr. Richard Barr and Mr. Wallace Evans, Executive Director, A Father’s Place

**9th Annual Parents Leading the Way Conference.**

Friday, February 24 and Saturday, February 25, 2012

Embassy Suites Greystone in Columbia, SC.

Featured Presenter: Mr. William Jenkins, Executive Director, Father to Father

**To book one of our speakers for your next conference, community gathering or event, contact the SC Center for Fathers and Families.**

**Earned Income Tax Credit Benefits Low-wage Earners \_ working on this.**

**February Events**

* **Valentine’s Day- February 14**
* **National Have a Heart Day-** **February 14.** The goal of this celebration of life is to create a new consciousness concerning the impact of our food choices on the environment, world hunger, animal welfare and human health—especially heart health. Vegetarian diets increase longevity and help prevent—and even reverse—heart disease. Total vegetarians live about 15 years longer than non vegetarians and suffer less than one-tenth the heart disease death rate of non vegetarians.
* **Plant the Seeds of Greatness Month** - **February 1–28**. Think globally—build for the future—Plant the Seeds of Greatness. If you’re unhappy with your present situation, discover how you can remove the barriers and make a change in your life for the better. Use this month to put to use your own unique prosperity consciousness and plant the seeds for your new career, life objectives or goals. Make a difference for yourself, your family, your business or your community. Get outside of your comfort zone and take action on your ideas and dreams.
* **Random Acts of Kindness Week**- Thousands of people celebrated **Random Acts of Kindness Week®** around the world by committing to the **Extreme Kindness Challenge – Our Ticket To a Kinder World** from **February 14-20, 2011**. The Extreme Kindness Challenge asked participants to commit to a daily act of kindness for seven days during RAK Week®. RAK ignited the effort by suggesting a new kind action every day via social networks and the RAK website. Members could use the prompt or choose to do their own kind action, and they responded vigorously.

The next Random Acts of Kindness Week® will take place **February 13-19, 2012**.

* **National Parent Leadership Month** - In order to recognize, honor and celebrate parents for their vital leadership roles in their homes and communities and in state, national and international arenas, Parents Anonymous® Inc has designated the month of February as National Parent Leadership Month. This annual event acknowledges the strengths of parents as leaders and generates awareness about the important roles parents can play in shaping the lives of their families and communities. Founded in 1969, Parents Anonymous® Inc is dedicated to strengthening families by preventing child abuse and neglect all around the world.

**March Events**

* **Good Samaritan Involvement Day – March 13** - A day to be unselfish and a day to help others that need it.
* **Optimism Month** - **March1–31.** To encourage people to boost their optimism. Research proves optimists achieve better health, greater prosperity and more happiness than pessimists. Use this month-long celebration to practice optimism and turn optimism into a delightful, permanent habit.
* **National Nutrition Month** - The theme for March 2012 is "Get Your Plate in Shape."

National Nutrition Month® is a nutrition education and information campaign created annually in March by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The campaign focuses attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits.

* **Act Happy Week** - Method acting techniques are prescribed by physicians to release chemicals in the body that aid health, [wealth](http://www.answers.com/topic/act-happy-week) and friendship. During this week, select your own Act Happy Day and celebrate! Annually, the week beginning with the **third Monday in March.**
* **American Diabetes Association Alert Day** American Diabetes Association Alert Day® is a one-day "wake-up call” asking the American public to take the Diabetes Risk Test to find out if they are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes. Held on the fourth Tuesday of every March, the next Alert Day will be held on March 27, 2012.