

Father's Day Brief

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This is the eighth of a series of e-mails to keep you informed about everything Father's Day 2013



Can you believe it—Father's Day 2013 is just **ONE WEEK** away!

Several of you have already begun your events, such as the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles—read about it on page 3 of this Brief!

We have received several requests asking us what is expected of you once your event is over. As many of you who have participated in past events know, we asked you to return to our registration site to participate in our post-event survey. The data we collected from you was used in our final report, which enabled us to help you plan future successful events.

Unfortunately, the system we used to collect surveys last year is no longer functioning. Does that mean we don't want to hear about your event? **NO WAY!** We want to hear about each and every one of our PHAs' events! Just send us a summary in a paragraph to PIH_Fathers_Day_2013@HUD.gov We also hope to be able to post these success stories on our web page, since many of you have expressed an interest in what the other PHAs are doing—so—send

us your STORIES OF SUCCESS!!! Below are examples from previous events—we want to hear how successful yours was!

MDHA Father's Day Fun Fest at Cayce Place Homes was hosted at the nearby Martha O'Bryan Center. A total of 34 adults and 73 kids came out and participated in the event. Of the 34 adults 20 were fathers. Four local area agencies were in attendance providing education on HIV/AIDS, parenting skills, employment, and healthcare services. The event was made possible with the donations of local business for food, paper products, drinks, and a banner specifically for the event (Coca Cola, Kroger, Second Harvest Food Bank, and American Paper & Twine Co.,). A total of \$300.00 was given out in giveaways for the fathers (i.e. father's day pens, daily prayer booklet, gift baskets, free haircut gift cards, family pack of soul circus tickets donated from local radio stations 92.1& 102.1 The Light). Most of the fathers stated, "this was a great initiative and we would love to see it grow each year with services that will continue to connect fathers with the proper resources and help them to build stronger families in their communities". –

Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency

We were excited to participate in the national Fatherhood Initiative encouraged by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). On Saturday, June 18, 2011, in partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta and their Harland Boys and Girls Club, AHA hosted its first annual Fathers' Day Celebration. The event themed, "Celebrating Fathers 2011" was attended by more than 130 fathers and children. Many of the fathers in attendance have already written letters and expressed their thanks to AHA for providing an opportunity for their families to enjoy meaningful quality time together while getting connected to needed services. – **The Atlanta Housing Authority**

We had a blast at the DMHA Father's Day Summer Celebration! About 225 fathers came out to enjoy the event at one of our public housing sites – Desoto Bass Courts. The weather was beautiful and we had 7 area agencies that participated in the event, handing out flyers, information and resources. Our CEO Mr. Greg Johnson emceed the event and we raffled off nearly 40 prizes consisting of household goods from a "George Forman grill" to Laundry detergent and "swiffer" mops to the families in attendance. We provided live entertainment from our resident singer Yolanda Drake (HCV FSS coordinator), Ranger Vic – balloon animal expert, and a DJ. We also had a local BBQ restaurant cater the event and we had fresh popped popcorn from a circus style popcorn machine for the kids! - **Dayton Metropolitan Housing Authority**

We collaborated with the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition on June 18, 2011 to Host the second Annual "Walk for Fathers and their Families". The event featured a walk from the Midlands Fatherhood local office to Martin Luther King Park, which was about a half mile walk. There were information booths that featured Education & Financial Aid Assistance, Housing Assistance, and Health Awareness Information. There were free children books donated by SC Children's Books and Literacy Link, Free Pedometers, and Tote Bags. The Guest Speakers featured former USC NBA Player Terry Dozier; Chief of Police Randy Scott; and a Representative

from Richland County Solicitor's Office. The event featured free snacks for everyone. The event was an overall Success. We look forward to expanding the event next year and continuing to host events throughout the year that "Strengthens the Bond between Father's and their Families." – Columbia Housing Authority



The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles celebrated Father's Day 2013 by taking a group of fathers and their children to the Dodgers vs. Padres game at Dodgers Stadium. This group came from William Mead Homes near Chinatown and San Fernando Gardens in the Valley. Families from other developments will be attending three more games. Special thanks to Anthony Maddela, Grant Manager of HACLA for pulling this event together and sending in this AWESOME photo!

Share your success stories and event photos by going to
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