



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**  
**THE DEPUTY SECRETARY**  
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-0050

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Dear Executive Director:

More than 300 public housing agencies (PHAs) helped make positive father-child engagements real in 2012. HUD's Father's Day Initiative, which launched in 2010, celebrates male mentors in the lives of the children we house and love. Through national partnerships and with local resources to help children and their families, PHAs have hosted a one-day event offering both fun and life-changing resources. Participating in Father's Day 2013 will illustrate your ongoing commitment to improving the quality of life for children and encouraging fathers to be responsible. We want our fathers to be involved and challenge them to continue providing the support their children need.

Log onto [www.hud.gov/fathersday2013](http://www.hud.gov/fathersday2013) to access the toolkit and start planning your event on or near Saturday, June 15. There are tips on how your PHA can host an event – big or small – and important resources that are available from some of our partners. I hope you will register today to begin connections with others eager to help make your event a success. Father's Day will come with or without a formal event; why let the day pass without trying to make a positive difference for a child?

Please join us by participating in Father's Day 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maurice A. Jones".

Maurice A. Jones