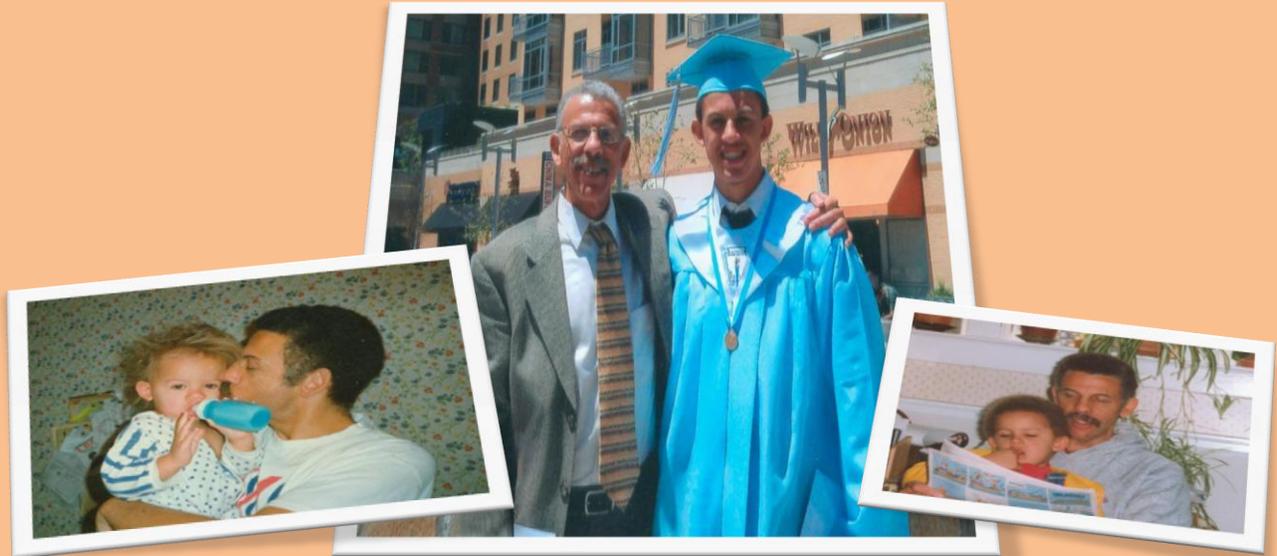


Father's Day Brief

This is the **FINAL** in a series of weekly e-mails to keep you informed about everything Father's Day 2012



Ron Ashford and son, Tyler

It's hard to believe that after months of planning, meeting and collaborating, Father's Day 2012 is here. Amongst all the hot dogs and hamburgers, moonbounces, face painting and essays on fatherhood, families of all ethnicities are celebrating each other. Children are experiencing a day that will last forever in their memories. Dads are re-energizing their commitments to their families. To the casual observer, it all appears effortless; yet we all know the hard work it took to get here. And there is so much more work to be done.

For those PHAs who participated last year, we welcome your return, enthusiasm and dedication toward this initiative. For those of you joining for the first time, we appreciate your desire to create a better future for the families in your community. And for those of you who just weren't able to participate this year, we hope you will join us for Father's Day 2013.

Fatherhood is sometimes bestowed upon us whether we ask for it or not. Responsible Fatherhood is what we do with the gift we've been given. I have been blessed to experience fatherhood, and I must say the road, while not always traveled perfectly, has instilled in me a sense of purpose I could not have learned in any other way. As fathers we need to be aware that we are helping to shape the future, and we have to be mindful that we are the examples our children will use as they have children of their own.

Thank you for being an important part of this initiative. We look forward to continuing to work together – it's been wonderful!

Don't forget to take our Survey--Just return to the registration site after June 16th and be sure to include your PHA name!

For more information on this year-round initiative, please continue to visit us at www.hud.gov/fathersday2012.

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