



San Bernardino Fatherhood

2020 Year End: Reflection from San Bernardino Fatherhood

As a small community-based and grass-roots organization, San Bernardino Fatherhood continues to be the voice for “father inclusion”, “equitable services” and “responsible fatherhood” in communities. The 2020 year was a struggle due to the COVID-19 pandemic, causing many of our events and services to be either canceled or limited in its normal delivery.

However, in four (4) years of existence, we continue to strive to make positive impacts in our community through services and events that promote and uplift the importance of responsible fatherhood. This year did not stop our efforts. Here’s a “snapshot” of our “fatherhood” accomplishments in 2020:

- We have maintained **eighteen (18) children libraries** in barber shops and hair salons in the San Bernardino/Highland community through our Real Dads Read campaign.
- We received the **Proclamation of the Mayor and City Council**, designating the month of **June 2020** as **Fatherhood Awareness Month** in the **City of San Bernardino**.
- We offered the **24/7 Dad Fathering** program at The Salvation Army, Adult Rehabilitation Center, with **thirty (30) fathers graduating** and being inspired and to be “great Dads”.
- We offered the *(new)* **24/7 Dad Key Behaviors Workshop** at The Salvation Army, Adult Rehabilitation Center, with **nine (9) men graduating** and learning practical behaviors for success.
- We presented the virtual workshop, **“24/7 Dad: An Effective Parenting Program Developed for Dads”** at the 34th Annual Children’s Network Conference. The 24/7 Dad program was well-received with an overall rating of **“good” to “excellent” from 57 of the 61 attendees**.
- We **donated five (5) Indian Laurel trees** to Wilson Elementary School, through future growth will improve the ecosystem, air quality, public health, reduce traffic noises, and help beautify the school and community in the city of San Bernardino.
- We **donated fifteen (15) “New Daddy Toolkits” to new and expecting fathers** in the San Bernardino/Highland community. Each toolkit includes: diapers, wipes, baby cream, baby shampoo, baby bottle, importance of breast-feeding information for Dads, books for Dads to read to their infant/newborn, an infant onesie, and two (2) empowering fatherhood shirts.
- We hosted **International Men’s Day**, November 19th, event. This virtual event attracted **seventy-four (74) registered Attendees**, and **sixteen (16) Exhibitors**, and over **fourteen (14) Community Leaders and Speakers**. This informative event included; a video on “Statistical

Social Disparities for Men”, Community Speakers on the topics of “Men’s Health and Wellness”, **Recognition of eighteen (18) “Unsung Male Role Models”, and nine (9) “Quotes and Inspirations” from Boys and Young Men.**

We are thankful to all the individuals, groups, and organizations who have collaborated with us in 2020, and years past. We look forward to year 2021 with new hopes, fresh energy, and greater outcomes.

We ask that you continue to follow and support us however you can (e.g., volunteering, financial donation, in-kind goods, etc.). We look forward to building future partnerships in **2021!**

For A Thriving Community,

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