CFI is paving the way for community cooperative initiatives & the building of community leaders

by A.T. Marshall

Community Fathers Inc. is actively paving the way for community cooperative initiatives. To achieve these goals, CFI's Annual Fatherhood conferences serves as a catalysts for the augmentation of cooperativeness between the community and its stakeholders. CFI's Annual conferences are more than an educational and inspiration summit that showcases the work and plight of our local fathers. It is an opportunity for like-minded individuals, faith based and non-faith based organizations alike, businesspersons, entrepreneurs, dignitaries, general supporters, and potential sponsors—who share a vision to see a stronger community, starting with the family unit coming together.

Community Fathers Inc. recognizes the importance of the family and the correlation between healthy families and the socioeconomic success of their communities.

CFI Conference will be held at Union College, College Park Hall 450 Nott Street, Schenectady, N.Y. 12308 on Tuesday, November 6th, 2018 from 9:00A.M-3:00P.M.
Furthermore, CFI continues to be a trailblazer advocating not only for fathers to remain in their child of children lives, but also for young males and young fathers and their educational, socioeconomic, professional, and personal developments. CFI pursue these endeavors by means of our My Brother’s Keeper, Male Achievers, and Young Fathers initiatives, promoting mentorship, leadership, healthy living, and community cooperativeness. CFI understands that the youths of today will be the teachers and leaders of tomorrow; for this purpose, they must be equipped with the necessary tools to succeed.

Consider the following statistics: According to the National Fatherhood Initiative, “Twenty-four (24) million children in America live apart from their biological fathers. In some urban communities, the father absence rates are closer to 80 percent. Sadly, 18+ million of these children have limited contact with their nonresident dads. This absence leads to a number of risks to a child’s health and well-being. There is a direct correlation between child well-being and improving the skills of fathers and helping them understand the importance of their role in their children’s lives. For example:

- Children from father-absent homes are more likely to be abused.
- Studies show that a “father hunger” appears in children within 1-3 months after a father is suddenly absent, causing the child to experience nightmares, sleeplessness, and night terrors.
- A study of 3,400 middle-school students indicated that not living with both biological parents quadruples the risk of having an affective disorder.
- The poverty rate among children in father-absent homes is four times higher than among children in two-parent homes.”1

Considering these statistics, CFI actively advocates for Fathers Paving The Way to remain in their child or children lives by utilizing our many services, especially our Fathers Group, held every Thursdays from 6:30P.M. to 8:00P.M. at 120 Emmons Street, Schenectady, N.Y. 12304.
Community Fathers Inc. University of Success

Based on "Believe and Achieve", by W. Clement Stone, Community Fathers Inc., in conjunction with and facilitated by Mr. Warren Mackey, orchestrated the University of Success. This endeavor is a weekly seminar where prominent business owners and entrepreneurs impart their gifts of knowledge and success mentality onto their students. University of Success leadership seminars are held every Mondays from 6:30P.M. - 8:00P.M. in the community room at 120 Emmons Street, Schenectady, N.Y. 12304.

Mr. Warren Mackey is an accomplished businessman who have received many accolades with distinctions during his tenure as a salesperson with Combined Insurance. His combination of hard work coupled with smart work, along with his tenacity, resulted in principles by which he abided that lead to his perpetual success in and out of his field.

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"Kicking for a Cause" Kickball Tournament

by Asia Priest

What a success!
On Saturday, September 15, 2018, Community Fathers Inc. in partnership with The Connection Social Sports League have now enjoyed our first Annual "kicking for a Cause" charity kickball tournament in Schenectady's Central Park, and the event is getting rave reviews. This event was to raise awareness to what violence does to our communities, stress the importance of family unification and community connectedness, and raise funds for three local nonprofits that have similar goals to support the inner cities. These three agencies included Community Fathers Inc, Mission Accomplished Transitional Services, and Trinity Alliance’s 518 Snug.

The event raised close to 6k in sponsorships and in-kind donations from capital region businesses. Looking forward to next year, we are motivated to reach a goal of 10k in monetary donations and sponsorships to help sustain these three nonprofits programs, which have become a crucial piece to getting our community to join together and support one another.
The Importance of Fathers in the Healthy Development of Children

by Jeffrey Rosenberg & W. Bradford Wilcox

THE IMPACT OF FATHERS ON COGNITIVE ABILITY AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Children with involved, caring fathers have better educational outcomes. A number of studies suggest that fathers who are involved, nurturing, and playful with their infants have children with higher IQs, as well as better linguistic and cognitive capacities. Toddlers with involved fathers go on to start school with higher levels of academic readiness. They are more patient and can handle the stresses and frustrations associated with schooling more readily than children with less involved fathers.2

THE IMPACT OF FATHERS ON PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING AND SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

Even from birth, children who have an involved father are more likely to be emotionally secure, be confident to explore their surroundings, and, as they grow older, have better social connections with peers. These children also are less likely to get in trouble at home, school, or in the neighborhood. Infants who receive high levels of affection from their fathers (e.g., babies whose fathers respond quickly to their cries and who play together) are more securely attached; that is, they can explore their environment comfortably when a parent is nearby and can readily accept comfort from their parent after a brief separation. A number of studies suggest they also are more sociable and popular with other children throughout early childhood.2
REFERENCES


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