



## Midlands Fatherhood Coalition 2021 GIVDEND report prepared for you

### **YOUR 2021 INVESTMENT:**

- 294 Parents Served.
- 698 Children positively impacted.

### **THE NATIONAL CONTEXT:**

- When dads are involved children are:
  - 2x more likely to go to college.
  - 80% less likely to spend time in jail.
  - 75% less likely to experience teen pregnancy.
- When dads are not involved children are
  - 71% of all high school dropouts.
  - 90% of all homeless and runaway children.
  - 63% of youth suicides.
- Becoming an engaged dad has benefits for fathers too
  - Healthy habits become more important.
  - Self-esteem increases as dad see their value.
  - Engaged dads set goals and achieve greater success.

### **OUR RESPONSE:**

- Developed Strategic Planning Year One Board and Staff Teams.
- Implemented regular “A Time for Fatherhood” program.
- Engaged with new partners for father-child activities and at-risk youth programs.
- Worked with at-risk youth “behind the fence.”
- Focused campaign on participant recruitment and growth .
- Exceeded Development Goals.
- Received Funding and Started Construction on a Dad’s Den for the Sumter Office.
- Hosted Fatherhood 365 Videos and Testimonial Sessions.
- Weekly support groups — economic mobility, health and wellness, employability, parenting, healthy relationships.
- Father child activities.
- Employment services.
- One-man plan support.

### **THE GIVIDEND:**

#### **Academic Success**

- 19 Fathers who indicated they wanted to further their education through job skills training achieved this goal.
- 6 Fathers who had not received their high school diploma enrolled in GED courses.
- 16 Fathers completed our Employability Boot Camp.
- 76 Fathers completed all our education components.
- 214 Fathers completed the Kuder Career Assessment to further explore career paths they may be suited for.

## **Good Character**

- 50% of the Fathers who are dissatisfied with the amount of time they spend with their children reported having increased the time they spend and their relationship with their children.
- 58% of the Fathers with children 9 and under reported increasing the amount of reading they do with their children.
- 39% of the Fathers who reported having a neutral or worse relationship with the mother of the children reported having an improved relationship with the mother.
- 76% of the parents that were referred by DSS CPS either were able to keep their children in their home or had their children returned to their home as part of completing our program.

## **Healthy Lifestyle**

- We pivoted quickly with COVID to move to virtual group sessions and started small group sessions in July 2021.

## **Outcome:**

- We identified resources to help fathers who became unemployed during the pandemic and expanded funding for housing and human service needs.
- MFC was the beneficiary of the class project for Leadership Columbia 2021. The “Dads Den” legacy project provides a beautiful space for father-child activities, recreation and training and a computer lab.
- We launched the “Reality Check” program for at-risk teens to help them make positive choices and delay parenthood for a brighter future. Held camps at Ben Lippen School.

## **THE OUTLOOK:**

- We hope to fully launch volunteer programs.
- We will complete and implement strategic plan.
- Our goal is to implement new curriculum elements.
- We hope to expand the Reality Check Program to foster homes and schools.
- Our goal is to raise \$250K from individual donors, corporations, individuals, local foundations, local governments and civic groups.
- Our goal is to raise \$20,00 in the Daddy and Me 5K.

## **STEWARDSHIP:**

THANK YOU!

What can we do better to express our gratitude, illustrate your impact or other area?

## **THE REINVESTMENT:**

- 40% of participants that entered unemployed gained employment while in the program.
- 30% of the participants that said the amount of money they made did not suit their needs reported having at least a 10% increase in wages while in the program.
- 33% of the participants that have a child support order were paying at least 55% of their child support orders.

On Average, the participants that entered unemployed and gained employment earned over \$32,000.