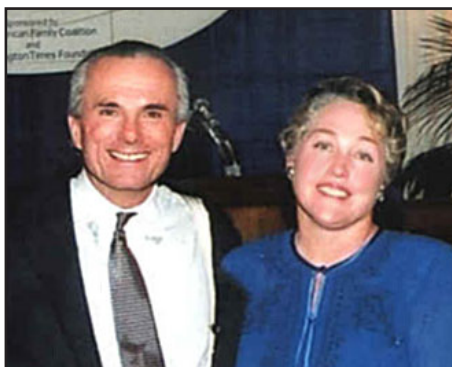




## National Observance of Parents' Day

On October 14, 1994, a resolution was unanimously adopted by the U.S. Congress that established that the fourth Sunday of every July as Parents' Day. This initiative to establish a new day of commemoration to honor and uplift the important role of parents in raising their children is the outcome of a broad-based interfaith, bipartisan and multiracial coalition of religious, political and civic leaders who recognized that America's families were in crisis and that there was an urgent need to promote positive parenting in our society.



**National Parents of the Year 2001**  
Pennsylvanians William and Nancy Devlin

*“The strength of a nation is in the strength of its families.”*



The AFC of Pennsylvania is a 501 C3 non-profit organization, and relies on the tax-deductible contributions of individuals, corporations and foundations for program support.

### Some of the past AFC of Pennsylvania Projects:☐

- Parents Day Celebration 2004
- 1<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Healthy Marriage Summit July 29, 2004
- Celebrate Marriage Week February 7-14, 2005
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service January 17, 2005



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*Come Celebrate  
Parents Day  
July 23, 2005*

*at the  
Pennsylvania  
Parents of the Year  
Awards*



*“Parents, the Keystone  
of a Family”*

*Sunoco Performance Theater*

*Whitaker Center for  
Science and the Arts*

*Harrisburg, Pennsylvania*

**You can participate this year by:**

- Nominating parents in your community
- Joining us at the July 23rd Harrisburg ceremony
- Celebrating the day in your community/ Marriage rededication
- Supporting this and ongoing projects strengthening the family



**Pennsylvania Parents of the Year 2003**

Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell (2nd from left) with Rob and Angela Vaughn (right) and their daughter Stephanie (left)

*“Parenting is undoubtedly life's most important, challenging, and rewarding job. A parent fulfills many roles in their work, including provider, nurturer, doctor, teacher, mentor, role model, cheerleader, and unconditional caregiver...”*

2004 Pennsylvania Governor's  
Parents' Day Proclamation



Marie Barlow Martin, internationally acclaimed Broadway singer, will perform at the Whitaker Center for Parents Day 2005.

**Pennsylvania Parent of the Year Awards**

The American Family Coalition will host the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Parents' of the Year celebration on Saturday, July 23, 2005. This year's program will be held at the Sunoco Performance Theater at the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts in Harrisburg, PA.

Join with prominent leaders, a citywide interfaith choir, Marie Barlow Martin, internationally acclaimed Broadway singer, and the 2005 Pennsylvania Parents of the year.

5:30pm Honorees Banquet  
7:00pm Main Event

Banquet and program \$35  
7:00pm program only \$10

To register, call  
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“The care we express and the values we instill help our children achieve their greatest potential, and ultimately will determine the future of our nation.”

President George W. Bush  
Parent's Day Proclamation

**Core Objectives of Pennsylvania AFC**

- Strengthen marriages and achieve a measurable reduction in divorce rates through the application of family education and positive family policies.
- Measurably reduce high-risk behavior such as sexual promiscuity, youth violence and intolerance through enhanced education, youth leadership programs and role model initiatives.
- Promote faith-based community building initiatives to address addictions and other social issues.

The AFC of Pennsylvania understands that the nurturing and development of our families require investment, focus, and commitment. Strong families are the keystone to thriving children, healthy neighborhoods and a prosperous business community. By taking time to develop positive and open relationships with their children, parents help fight drug usage and encourage positive choices. As we work together, citizens, schools, and civic institutions can help strengthen our families and meet the needs of our communities.