

Strengthening Our Families

June 2005

Parents' of the Year Celebration

We are a nation in crises. It is not from encroachment from beyond our borders but it is a crises from within. The erosion of the fundamental keystone of our society. The crumbling base of strong families within our communities. We, as members of the faith-based community know the dreadful price that stressed marriages, households with out the nurturing care of both parents, households that are floundering spiritually, have upon the well-being of our children. Those children in turn hopelessly are floundering raising their own children without the benefit of positive role models or examples of what a happy rewarding and uplifting experience that committed relationships could have on their lives. They need our help.

But all in not lost. There are within our own communities shining examples of what is right with our country. What is right with our communities, what is right within our homes. It is to those parents, the foundation of strong families that we should both honor and support that will be our role models.



Pennsylvania's Bill and Nancy Devlin, 2001 National Parents of the Year,

We are Not Alone

On October 14, 1994, a resolution was unanimously adopted by the

"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



U.S. Congress that established that the fourth Sunday of every July as **Parents' Day**. This initiative to establish a new day to honor and uplift the important role of parents in raising their children are from the efforts of a broad-based interfaith, bipartisan and multiracial coalition of religious, political and civic leaders who recognized the crisis and urgent need to promote positive parenting in our society.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

There are several things going on your communities that we need both your commitment to the strength of the family.

- Parents' Day, Sunday July 24, 2005. Support the day by hosting Marriage sermons or rededication ceremonies in your places of worship.
- Nominate parents to Honor.
- Join us July 23rd in Harrisburg for an award celebration honoring parents.
- **Please Support Us** while we are helping you. Your donations will help with this and other marriage strengthening programs.

Parent's Day Proclamation

Parents' Day Details

The American Family Coalition (AFC) in Pennsylvania is hosting the Pennsylvania Parent's Day Celebration program. AFC or Pa. belief is that a strong marriage is the keystone of a strong community.

Our program this year features great leaders, speakers, community interfaith choirs, Internationally acclaimed - Broadway singer Marie Barlow Martin, a marriage rededication ceremony, and the 2005 Pennsylvania Parents of the of the Year.



When:

July 23, 2005

Where:

The Sunoco Performance Theater at the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Time:

5:30pm Honoree Banquet

7:00pm Main Celebration Event

Cost:

Banquet tickets \$35 each and in tables of 10. (includes 7pm ticket) 7:00pm program only \$10.



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