



19<sup>th</sup> annual  
**Minnesota Festival for Fathers & Families**

April 27, 2009

Dear Friend:

The Minnesota Festival for Fathers & Families is a community-sponsored event that drew 1,200 attendees in 2008. As a collaborative effort, volunteers and donations are provided by a wide variety of social service organizations, county agencies, legal firms, health care providers, and other donors. The Festival has been operated annually on a budget of approximately \$8,000; with in-kind contributions adding another \$10,000-\$12,000 annually (total operating budget of over \$16,000).

This year, the Festival Planning Committee is seeking financial support to pay for two exhibit tents (\$1200); a petting zoo and pony rides (\$1000); a moon bounce, inflatable obstacle course and other interactive games (\$1200); a construction project with supplies for 250 birdhouses for children to take home (\$1000); printing costs for promotional flyers (\$700); and a variety of other expenses including food, performers, raffle items, and more. Your financial support or in-kind for any of these items would be greatly appreciated and publicized at the Festival.

The 19th annual Festival for Fathers and Families will continue the tradition of food, families and fun. In an effort to expand the reach of family-oriented community resources, exhibit tables are set-up by many of Minnesota's agencies and social services organizations that provide services to fathers and families. All activities and lunch are provided free of charge.

**Saturday, August 9, 2009, 12:00 – 4:00 pm**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Minnesota Festival for Fathers and Families**  
**North Commons Park, 1801 James Ave. North, Minneapolis**  
**Details online: [www.mnfathers.org/festival.html](http://www.mnfathers.org/festival.html)**

The annual festival, initiated in the early-1990s, seeks to strengthen the positive role and perception of men, specifically fathers, in their families and communities. The event celebrates the essential impact of fathers and father figures in the lives of children and families. Over 20 non-profit, faith-based and government agencies collaborate each year to sponsor the event.

If you have any questions about the event, please feel free to contact this year's Planning Committee Co-chairs: Diana Hawkins (952) 607-4221, or Chuck Aycock, (763) 544-4936.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chuck Aycock  
Director  
Dads First  
Fathering Ministry

Andrew Freeberg  
Director  
Education and Youth Services  
Goodwill / Easter Seals

Diana Hawkins  
Sr. Govt Affairs Prof.  
Comcast

John Outlaw  
Recreation Supervisor  
North Commons Park

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**CONTRIBUTION FORM**

Contribution amount:    \_\_\_ GOLD \$1,000 or more    \_\_\_ SILVER \$500    \_\_\_ BRONZE \$300    \_\_\_ Other

Contributor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to:** “Festival for Fathers c/o MAD DADS”

Questions: Please contact Diana Hawkins with payment questions at (952) 607-4221.

Send this form with payment to:                      North Commons Park – Festival for Fathers  
 Attention: John Outlaw  
 1801 James Ave. N. / Minneapolis, MN 55411

	<b>GOLD SPONSOR BENEFITS</b> \$1000 or more	<b>SILVER SPONSOR BENEFITS</b> \$500 or more	<b>BRONZE SPONSOR BENEFITS</b> \$300 or more
Name listed on festival's promotional flyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Verbally recognized from the stage during the festival	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Name listed on banner on stage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Name listed on festival's webpage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Name listed on festival's schedule-of-events	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
One-minute greeting from stage by the donor's representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Name and/or logo listed on festival promotional item <small>(deadline July 10, 2009)</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

*Thank you for your financial support!*

**In 2008, the festival was sponsored and supported by:** 100 Men Take a Stand, Adventures in Fathering, African American Men Project, AFSCME Local 34, Borman and Schulkers Attorneys at Law, Clausen and Hassan Attorneys at Law, Comcast, DadsFirst, FathersFIRST, Goodwill / Easter Seals FATHER Project, Hennepin County Child & Teen Check-Ups, Hennepin County Children Youth & Families, Hennepin County District Court, Hennepin County Human Services, KMOJ, MAD DADS, Metropolitan Health Plan, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Minneapolis Public Schools Community Education, Minneapolis Public Schools ECFE, Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Fathers & Families Network, Minnesota Fathers' Adoption Registry, North Point Health and Wellness Center, Parents as Teachers National Center/Meld, PICA Head Start, Pillsbury United Communities, Project for Pride in Living, Resource Center for Fathers and Families, Southside Community Health Services, Turning Point Inc., Twin Cities RISE!, UCare Minnesota, Urban Youth Conservation, Valley Screen Printing.

*[The festival planning committee has the right to decline potential support for any reason.]*