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**NEWS RELEASE:**

**SUBJECT: DADS AND MOMS OF MICHIGAN 2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

*DADS and MOMS of Michigan* is proud of the accomplishments in 2007 and looks forward to an even better year in 2008. This includes the work of *DADS of Michigan*, *MOMS of Michigan*, *DADS of Michigan PAC*, and the *DADS and MOMS of Michigan University*. It does not happen without your support.

- Conducted monthly education programs featuring Judges, State representatives, and notable authorities of family court, family law counsel, and education.
- Further expanded the *DADS and MOMS University* education series of programs to include Family Support Programs, Family Court Basics, Parenting Time, etc. Added Staff and Educators to deliver more educational offerings throughout the State, including Authors and Clergy assisting over 2,000 families.
- Serviced an average of 150 hotline calls per month, providing real education and support that the State and Federal Government do not provide.
- Co-Sponsored the Fathers Day Picnic June 2007 to support Families and Fathers.
- Co-sponsored the DC Rally in Washington, DC in August 2007.
- Sponsored the 2007 Bicycle Marathon to Washington, DC with Robb MacKenzie and Robert Pederson riding almost 700 miles from Lansing to Washington, DC in support of Shared Parenting. Supported the 2007 DC Rally at the Lincoln Memorial with many national speakers and media coverage.
- Recruited several esteemed members to the Board of Directors.
- Expanded the coalition of organizations (Stepparents, Grandparents, faith based) in Michigan supporting family reform; Children Need Both Parents, Fathers a Childs Rights, Western Michigan Dads, Man Kind Project, and Partnership for Dads. These are well respected organizations.
- Increased our profile within Michigan with the Department of Human Services, Child Protective Services, and Head Start.
- Conducted the Equal Parents Week program in Lansing in September drawing national support.
- Provided numerous radio, television, and newspaper interviews and reports.
- Provided emotional and information support to members at court hearings.
- Provided monthly educational eNewsletters to inform members of developing events and tips.
- Experienced significant growth in Western Michigan, Lansing, and Traverse City.
- Increased the council of experts of the *DADS and MOMS of Michigan* research teams.
- Improved our financial performance and accounting, converting to electronic payments and reporting. Continued compliance with State and IRS reporting requirements. Registered and was approved for the Combined Federal Campaign.

We unfortunately had some unfortunate events; the Dream Cruise, due to weather. Your continued support is vital for us to raise the issues, and help more children, Fathers, Moms, Grandparents and family.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

***“Fathers are responsible parents too...because the best parent is both parents”***