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NEWS RELEASE:

SUBJECT: DADS AND MOMS OF MICHIGAN 2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DADS and MOMS of Michigan is proud of the accomplishments in 2008 and looks forward to an even better year in 2009. 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.
- Supported the Midwest Fathers Conference with Partnership For Dads at Farmington High School.
- Conducted the Annual Gala and Awards Banquet to recognize great advocates of family support, including Supreme Court Justices, Legislators, and family advocates..
- Co-Sponsored the Fathers Day Picnic, June 2008 to support Family preservation.
- Co-sponsored the DC Rally in Washington, DC in August 2008.
- Sponsored the 2008 Bicycle Marathon to Washington, DC featuring Robb MacKenzie, Brian Downs, Bill Koellner, and Bill Foster riding almost 700 miles from Lansing to Washington, DC in support of Shared Parenting.
- 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.
- Provide a booth at the Woodward Dream Cruise in August.
- 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.
- Helped numerous parents, men and women, become involved in their childrens lives.

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Your continued support is vital for us to raise the important issue of family, and help more children, Fathers, Moms, Grandparents.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Dads and Moms of Michigan represents volunteer, tax-exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and qualifies for tax deductible contributions.

Dads of Michigan (www.dadsformichigan.org), *Moms of Michigan* and *Dads of Michigan PAC* are responsible family education and advocacy organizations respectively that are dedicated to keeping both biological parents actively engaged in the lives of their children despite divorce and custody, in most instances. They believe men and women should be viewed equally under the law and their credo is: ***“fathers are responsible parents too...because the best parent is both parents.”*** *Dads of Michigan*, the Michigan affiliate of the American Coalition for Fathers and Children, is also the developer of the *Dads and Moms University* program promoting responsible parent education for teenage, divorced, and unmarried mothers and fathers. This educational series employs several unique features designed to either directly or indirectly benefit nearly 2 million men, women between the ages 13-44, and just under one-half million children each year in Michigan. Sincerely,

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