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**SUBJECT: DADS AND MOMS OF MICHIGAN 2009 GOALS**

*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.

- Expand the *DADS and MOMS University* education series of programs of family support, family court basics, parenting time, divorce recovery, parenting skills, etc. Increase the staff and educators to deliver additional educational offerings throughout the State, including authors and Clergy assisting more than 4,000 families. Add 10 qualified educators to the staff.
- Service more than 150 hotline calls per month, providing real education and support that the State and Federal Government do not provide. Track and report the results.
- Double the number of constituents and members, supporters.
- Develop a Men's Resource Center and library at Michigan State University.
- Conduct an Annual Gala and Awards Banquet to recognize great advocates of family support, including Supreme Court Justices, Legislators, Attorneys and family advocates..
- Co-Sponsor the August 2009 DC Rally in Washington DC.
- Co-Sponsor the Fathers Day Picnic June 2009 to support families and Fathers.
- Sponsor the Dream Cruise media event and media tent in Birmingham, MI.
- Sponsor the 2009 Bicycle Marathon to Washington, DC, riding more than 700 miles from Lansing to Washington, DC in support of Shared Parenting.
- Recruit several esteemed members to the Board of Directors.
- Expand the coalition of organizations (Stepparents, Grandparents, faith based) in Michigan supporting family reform.
- Launch Sons and Daughters organizations at Colleges and Universities to promote responsible parenting, with University student organizations.
- Increase our profile within Michigan with the Department of Human Services, Child Protective Services, Head Start, CARE, Partnership for Dads, Michigan Family Services, etc.
- Conduct the Equal Parents Week program in Lansing in September.
- Provide radio, television, and newspaper interviews and reports.
- Provide emotional and information support to members at court hearings.
- Provide monthly educational eNewsletters to inform members of developing events and tips.
- Provide significant growth in Western Michigan, Lansing, Traverse City, and the Upper Peninsula.
- Grow 3 additional centers of excellence.
- Increase the council of experts of the *DADS and MOMS of Michigan* research teams.
- Provide financial stability with strong financial accounting, audit reports, and liability insurance.
- Apply for grant applications to DHHS, State of Michigan, and other Foundations.
- Conduct multiple monthly education programs around the State featuring Judges, State Representatives, and notable authorities of family court, family law counsel, and education.

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*DADS and MOMS of Michigan* includes *Dads of Michigan* ([www.dadsofmichigan.org](http://www.dadsofmichigan.org)), *Moms of Michigan* and *Dads of Michigan PAC*. These are responsible family education and advocacy organizations 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,

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

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