



NYF holds its first Father's Day Ice Cream Social at Hawk Island Park



Children playing and enjoying the ice cream social with their fathers on the pavilion patio



NYF's Rahman Shareef and Brian Jackson, Former Ingham County Prosecutor Candidate Runner



Melting Moments of Lansing, MI was the official sponsor of the ice cream social

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Hawk Island Park, Lansing, MI - Summertime, ice cream, beaches, playgrounds, row boating, and horse shoe games, describes some of the family fun that participants at NYF's first summer Ice Cream Social had on Father's Day. Sponsored by Lansing's Melting Moments Ice Cream, this was a very delicious and successful event.

Activities started at 2 pm at the Peregrine Shelter at Hawk Island County Park in Lansing, Michigan. "Everyone who came out to the event had a great time, said Rahman Shareef, NYF Director of Operations & Public Relations, including our own NYF staff and their family members. My children had a great time not only eating the delicious ice cream cones and sundaes, but they also enjoyed playing in the park with the other children who came out to the event."

The event brought a diverse group of individuals and families to Hawk Island. Children of various ages groups often walked into the shelter leading in ahead of their parents. Aside from the wonderful dessert and activities, NYF also set up a table of its free literature and some of its responsible fatherhood handbooks and DVD series. "What a wonderful event and turnout we were fortunate to have on that day, Rahman said. I really enjoyed the fact that I got to meet a great deal of young fathers and I've continued to run into some of them since



Brian Jackson and his wife, Arielle Jackson holding their new baby girl, Brielle

then in different places throughout our local community and they've expressed that it was one of their highlights of the summer. We are also very grateful to our sponsor, Melting Moments Ice Cream of Lansing, because without them this event could not have been a great success."

NYF organized this event with the purpose in mind of putting on a special Father's Day event where young fathers could bring their family out for a free enjoyable event to spend quality time with their children. The event also helped NYF to bring awareness to and get support from the community for the cause of helping young fathers and young men to become the responsible men that they are supposed to be for their families. For more information about how you can support the cause of NYF, please visit our webpage at:

<http://newyoungfathers.com/donate>.

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NYF Introduces Future Fathers Program at Lett's Community Center

By Rahman Shareef

On the evening of May 31, 2016, New Young Fathers.com had the privilege of holding a youth workshop of mostly males at the Letts Community Center in Lansing, MI. NYF had originally scheduled to focus this workshop on the age bracket that we deal with most, which is generally ages 16 through 25 and sometimes even older than that bracket. When our team of workshop coordinators arrived, the center was filled with youth varying in age, with the older crowds playing basketball in the gymnasium and the younger ones either in the game room or lobby of the community center.

Advertising for this event was handled and organized by NYF Special Events and Promotions Coordinator, Essid Couvillion who made sure flyers were disbursed throughout the city and especially within the west side neighborhood where the Letts Center is located. Essid did a thorough job of making sure the word got out about the event, but nothing seemed to advertise better than the smell of hot pizza and other refreshments that NYF provided for the youth that attended the workshop. I, Essid, and our Director of Re-entry & Workshop Coordinator, Ishmael Muhammad were surprised to see the room fill up with the younger crowd of 7 – 14 years of age including also a few young ladies. The theme of this workshop was, "Choppin it Up – Conflict Resolution", and we immediately recognized that we would have to change our curriculum from the older youth to the younger youth which falls under our curriculum called the Future Fathers Program.

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Topics discussed and addressed at this workshop ranged from conflict resolution in preventing violence, trouble in school, incarceration, and all the way to teen pregnancy prevention. One of the most productive although sad aspects of the workshop, was on the topic of family members that these youth have who are currently incarcerated. It was sad to hear their stories of fathers, brothers, and cousins who they look up to that are behind bars, however the positive thing that came about from this segment of the workshop was the discussion of what they could all personally do to ensure that they don't follow that same path. Another highlight of the workshop was toward the end of it when some of the young males had left to join the older guys in the gym, and we got the opportunity to talk about wonderful plans for the future of the young ladies who stayed behind for the very end of our workshop. We discussed with them what careers they have in mind for their future, as well as some of the qualities that

are best to look for in a husband that could be supportive in whatever they decide to do in life, versus the qualities in young men that they should absolutely avoid. This was a very interesting change up from our norm since we normally don't do workshops with female youth because our focus is on young men and fathers.

Overall, we were very pleased in how the workshop went and how we were received by these youth. We could absolutely recognize in hearing from them the great extent of positive impact we were having by teaching them the importance of making the best decisions for their life and making the most of it through strategic planning for the future. Based off of the success we had in reaching the young people at this community center that we hadn't held any workshops at in a number of years, we determined that we will continue holding our Future Fathers Program there especially moving into 2017.

If you would like to support our Future Fathers Program of coaching our youth for success in life and avoiding the pitfalls that many youth in society fall into, then please make a donation today at <http://newyoungfathers.com/donate/>.



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New Young Fathers.com is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that is committed to helping young fathers under the age of 25 to become responsible parents to their children through community outreach and education. Our dedicated team is comprised of education, business, community service, technology, and media professionals that are passionate about helping young fathers overcome their challenges. In fact, many members of our team have shared the same experience of becoming a father at a young age and overcoming the challenges of fatherhood.

In addition to providing our interactive website and educational literature/DVDs on an international level, we also provide practical educational workshops that educate young fathers in the subjects of parenting skills, responsible behavior, relationships, child support, financial planning, job preparation, employment acquisition, fatherhood after incarceration, and many more subjects. NYF conducts workshops throughout the states of Michigan and Florida.

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