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MADD DADS

Conversation w/ Peggy

North Omaha

Maggie

almost 1 yr old

originally 18 men

stand in street w/ radios - they are chaperones

opening new information center

former crack house next to shopping center
Crip House - sat on front porch w/ shotguns

cop on the beat is happy to have them

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in front of audience

MADD DADS, MAD KIDS, MAD MOMS

will do walk-thru of info center but spaced

Want to use base as control center
into center
& hangout for kids

emphasis on family & community
getting back to parenthood

concern fostering in community -- drugs
must start w/ family to cure

Ellis Edwards - daytime

Rev. Muberson

John Foster

Eddie Stotan

Cop. Hedyette Nelson - night time chief

defiant gang member who was just a kid

like →
Moses
w/ radio
instead of
staff

"We go out there onto the streets w/ only
a radio, a conversation, & a prayer."

"Want to put dealers on I-80 plan
-- on the interstate right set of here."

Some of MPD DADS are ex-convicts
They visit kids in jail.

\$15,000 scholarship for next school

Houston Alexandra

John Foster & Rev. have radio show on Sun.

May 2 Grand Island, NE all white neighborhood

Denver

Houston

Charlotte

?

Charles Hess - 8 yr old

across street
Coca Cola plant I might describe as
MAD DAD hat to be presented

family values story

Conversation w/ Eddie Stoker
John Foster ward and his son

Robert Tyler

Wilder Barroughs - he & his wife
live in the middle of troubled area
Creek horse next to them

looking for decent life, found himself in
the middle of a nightmare

Began reporting activity to police

tried to organize community to make
up for what police couldn't do

Went to shopping

Found wild bush by a cross bar
Wife was crying on porch

Wilder loaded shotgun. Went to creek
house. Made a citizens arrest
Tipped while walking off porch
Shotgun went off

Police drove up.
Wilbur was given a ticket
while giving the ticket dealer
smack and the boot.

Colling must come to forefront

402/455-3226

MAD DADS

(Eddie Staten) 3500
Minister Lyles 451-7169
Prof. Geo. Harrison
Rev. Ed. Rollerson

Oprah? maybe this summer

(John Foster = orig MAD DAD 402/457-5322 (h)

Men Contro Beats -
Children

caner peetering - attack source = family unit

getting back to parenthood
morals/educ

5/29/89 - son attacked by gang
wanted to take jeep

CBS This Morning (when?)
CSM, CNN

l.cd. = all parents

formed Aug 1989

18 men started

painting over graffiti

patrol streets

speaking engagements

Comm Info Ctr / Crime Prevention Fund?
movie?

80 - weekend patrol
"part of a party" sheet

May 2 - Grand Island, NE (all white)

Bennett
(Hawston, Charlotte, Columbus, OH)

Empo Str - / getting stone /
need to get on /
want patch w/ photographs

parking lot used to be drug supermarket
John Tait + Eddie Strain w/ gang members

niche, conversation + a party

[your notes]

→ it's all about therapy

put dates on - anticipate night on
out of here

choking some to provide programs,
make some map
!-e. with can provide

officers on street glad to see them

Info Ctr

base of ops for street patrols

info ctr for parents

small rec ctr for kids - pool table
juke box
pac-man

surrogate fathers - restructure family unit

Houston Alvarado - scholarship \$15,000
unt school

Mad Dad Info Ctr - street HQ

Mad Dad's America - Sun weekly talk show

? Moses - staff / "cap" - radio

Ellis Edwards - daytimer, elem.

"chaperoning"

Chas Hues, 8 yrs old

up front - Mad Moms + Mad Kids

Coca Cola plant - convinced by Mad Dads not
to move
(still up in air)

① Ellis Edwards - 8th grade down
402/455 - 1299 (h) reduce away from drug
451 - 2921 (mother) Kids have a lot of fear
681 - 5741 (port) pre-school - well-aware of
drug activity
since Aug 1989

② Lafayette Nelson - Cap
402/451 - 3366 - info ctr.
✓ 451 - 3232 - main office
451 - 5985 - home
681 - 5739 - port.

8-10 min. MAD DAD hat

(Hinchliffe/Blessey) DRUGS
May 31, 5:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS RECOGNITION CEREMONY
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 1990

Thank you, Secretary Cavazos. It's wonderful for all of us to hear you speak -- in your heart burns the flame of dedication to the youth of this fine country.

To all of you out there: students, parents, teachers, friends -- I'm delighted to welcome you to my house -- to your house, the White House. You're all luck to have such a beautiful day to skip school!//

And a special greeting to all you principals. It's nice to know that you're coming to see me -- rather than the other way around.//

We're here today to celebrate a cause that's very dear to my heart. The battle to free our schools and our children from the poisonous plague of drugs.

Nothing should be more important to us than the young people of America. Because they're our future. They trust us to leave our land healthy, our lives at peace, and our values just, so that the world they inherit will be better than the one left to us.

And they trust us to prepare them for it through education.

For education means more than just teaching our children the skills that are needed for a job. It's also about passing on to each new generation the values that serve as the foundation and cornerstone of our free society -- patriotism; loyalty; faithfulness; courage; the ability to make the crucial distinctions between right and wrong; and the maturity to understand that all that we have and achieve in this world comes first from a beneficent and loving God.

But we can't get learning back into our schools until we get the drugs out. //

In my eight years as your vice-president, and the year and a half I have had the privilege to be your president, I have seen much and heard even more. But few stories have wrenched me as hard as those I have heard about schoolchildren trapped in the evil claw of drugs.

I have seen the tragic devastation that drugs wreak -- seen how they are draining the lifeblood of our best and greatest hope. I have listened to the stories and felt a cold fury surge within me. And I thought about those innocent lives being wasted away on our schoolyards and I decided: This is war. And let it begin here.//

We must win our war on drugs by persuading our young people that drugs are not cool, that drugs will chew them up and spit them out. They must see that the choice of drugs over self-reliance is the choice of death over life.

But, you know, ultimately the most important weapons in the war on drugs are the least tangible ones: self-discipline, ^{the} courage, character, support from family, faith in God and in one's self. The answer, in a word, is values. If we want to stop our kids from putting drugs in their veins, we must first ensure that they have good ideas in their heads and moral character in their hearts. //

And that is exactly what the 51 schools we are honoring today are doing.

Few events as president have given me as much pride as does this one. For you are all working together, embodying brilliantly the ideal that a successful life must include serving others. You are our hopeful points of light in the battle against the lords of darkness.

I want to share with you a few of the stories of the schools represented here today.



Men Against Destruction • Defending Against Drugs and Social-disorder

- M. MAD DADS are a forming of black men and fathers coming together as a unit; organizing our neighborhoods and becoming more visable and active; being good examples and role models for our children.
- A. We are against rampant gang violence and the easy accessability of illegal guns. We are against the easy availability of deadly drugs in our city. We are against unmolested gambling dens and after-hour joints. We are against the high unemployment among our youth and adults.
- D. Destruction is the inevitable if gangs are not stopped in their tracks now!! This means keeping illegal guns and other weapons out of their hands and off the streets. If the City, County, State and Federal Government do not develop and execute a workable plan to get to the hierarchy of drug dealers, who are the sources that are funneling this poison into our cities, then there will be no hope to get rid of the dope.

DADS are standing up and saying we want to work with any agency or group as a team, to stop the killing of our kids. To stop the flow of drugs, the high unemployment, and at the same time promote Black-unity, City, and State unity and positive thinking. Thats why we are MAD DADS.

POSITION STATEMENT

We, the concerned Black fathers of the metropolitan Omaha community, wish to announce today that the conditions in some parts of Omaha have so deteriorated that it is no longer safe for the general citizenry to live, transit through or visit there. Law, order and community, as civilized nations are accustomed to, have broken down and been replaced by the unrestrained, ruthless, degenerate and wantonly-brutal behavior and conduct of individuals who continuously terrorize, assault and intimidate decent, law-abiding citizens. Of all the blights in these areas, these individuals are the worst. They live outside the controlling mechanisms of law, morality or social etiquette. No national will, sense of community or individual liberty can continue to exist under sustained fear and threat to one's life property and well-being.

When such thorough and massive break down of law, order and justice continue to exist over an indefinite period of time, it leads to dissatisfaction within the population, disrespect for both the law and those charged with the responsibility of enforcing the law. Moreover, the presence of such intolerable conditions mean that individuals and communities, so affected, are not secure in themselves.

Civilized nations exist, among other reasons, primarily for the protection of its citizens, to ensure their welfare and to establish the conditions necessary for optimal development of the individual's and group's potential. In these troubled areas, few, if any, of these benefits accrue to the inhabitants there.

The troubled areas, referred to in this statement, have suffered, historically, from economic, social and political injustice. The fact that these areas are locked out of the mainstream of life in this city, and thereby have had to exist without the protection, privileges and prosperity enjoyed by other areas in this city, has left the aforementioned communities extremely vulnerable to a variety of dangerous and exploitive elements. The very value of life itself has significantly declined among the predatory elements in these areas, resulting in conditions that leave residents both disadvantaged and living their lives in constant fear.

Black leaders in these communities warned city officials, the police department and the city in general several years before the problem of gang violence and drug distribution reached its present, intolerable level. The leadership of this city and the local law enforcement agencies disregarded these warnings. Now the problem is extreme, city-wide, and cuts across racial lines, and it is too late to deny that there are both Black and White gangs that are terrorizing people, across the racial spectrum throughout this city.

We will no longer endure the ineptitude of individuals, who for whatever reason either is unwilling or unable to bring this problem under control. The failure of the citizens of these communities, have left us no choice but to declare a (CALL TO ACTION) in the following communities:

NORTH OMAHA - some times referred to as Near North.

SOUTH OMAHA - the immediate areas surrounding the South Terrerace housing developments.

Because we do not take this matter lightly and are fully aware of the gravity of such statements, we wish to establish clearly, for all to assess, the reasons for this action:

1. The existence of uncurtailed, rampant gang violece and the easy accessability and visiability of illegal guns and other weapons in these areas.

2 The availability of illegal and deadly drugs in these areas; inclusive of so-called "CRACK HOUSES".

3 Unmolested gambling dens and after-hour joints.

4 Ineffective policing of these areas and the failure of law enforcement agencies to identify, arrest and keep permanantly off the streets, the persons who are truly in control of the drug trafficking in this city.

CALL TO ACTION

MAD DADS COMMING TOGETHER, shall become an umbrella organization of community residents who wish to take an active part in solving the deplorable conditions currently plaguing the citizens of the above mentioned troubled areas.

MAD DADS COMMING TOGETHER; We are calling upon every concerned African-American Parent, specifically Black Fathers, to join us as we organize our neighborhoods and become more visiable and active. We must accept the responsiblility for all Black youth in our city.

COMMITTEES:

Mobilization:	Headed by Rev. Everett Reynolds
Communication	Headed by Elder Robert Tyler
Security:	Headed by John Foster
Administration:	Headed by Dr. George Garrison
Spokespersons :	Rev. Simpson, Eddie Staton, Elder Tyler, John Foster

"PLAN OF ACTION"

- 1 Visible presence of the Black Fathers throughout the Black Community for the purpose of:
 - a) being surrogate fathers and big brothers to our youth;
 - b) counseling and showing a genuine interest in our youth;
 - c) protecting our youth;
 - d) tutoring and assisting our youth in attaining job training and employment;
 - e) identifying and reporting to law enforcement agencies criminal elements and location of criminal activities; and to provide security, when and where possible, for the community generally, and for activities within the community, in particular.
- 2 Media blitz to educate and inform residents of the existence and effort of the Mad Dads (MD's) and the need for all to get involved.
- 3 Mobilization of the community behind this cause (the elimination of violence, drugs and gang activity), beginning at the grassroots level and extending through all levels, using, particularly, block groups and other local community groups as the foundation.
- 4 Establishing a petition drive to deliver our message to City Hall and the police department.
- 5 Staging a rally in a local park in one of the troubled areas where the petition drive will commence, speakers will deliver messages, and the purpose of the MD's will be explained.
- 6 Establishment of safe homes (zones) for youth threatened with violence, and to escort them to and from school when necessary.
- 7 Survey, study and analyze other efforts and organizations working on this problem, both locally and nationally, in order to learn from the work that has already been done.
- 8 Raise the level of public awareness on this issue; develop broad base support; and to get everyone involved in the solution to this problem.
- 9 Contact Public Safety Director P. Foxhall and get him to agree to series of meetings with representatives from the MD's.
- 10 Gather data on this problem and make it available to the public as part of an educational trust.

- 11 Develop a Think Tank and a Security Group, for as we protect the community we have to be able to analyze, anticipate and respond in both a proactive as well as a reactive manner to halt the problem of violence, drugs and gang activity within these troubled areas.
- 12 Repress any personal and internal factors that might get in the way of unity and constructive association.
- 13 Demand that city, county and state governments develop and execute a comprehensive plan that will eliminate this problem.
- 14 Establish the following committees:
 - a) Communication Committee
 - b) Mobilization Committee
 - c) Security Group
 - d) Administrative Group
- 15 At all times promote Black Unity and Postive Thinking.

SECURITY

"THE MAD DADS" COMING TOGETHER

The purpose and responsibility of all the DADS on the committee is to be positive role models as Black Fathers and to protect and maintain a safe environment for our children and our community, We do not proclaim to be law enforcers, or a vigilante group, but Black Dads who are both mad and concerned about the rapid growth of youth violence and drug escalation in our community, and are willing to stand up and face the problems head-on. For too long, Black men and Black Fathers in Omaha and this country, have not been a visible force to be reckoned with from a positive standpoint. We have become an endangered species in our own community, but with the help of "The Mad Dads" coming together, we are going to change a lot of negative thinking into positive thinking. Following are the criteria we will adhere to:

1. Our goal is not to intimidate or provoke anyone, but we will be firm.
2. Upon request we will be visible at large gatherings in terms of picnics, music concerts, school functions, swimming pools, rallies, or any other activities planned for our young people that could become a breeding ground for trouble.
3. We will assist or escort any child to school, home, or work who may have been victimized, coerced, or threatened by gang members.
4. We will show sensitivity toward anyone who may feel the need to confront us, but in no way will we retreat.
5. We will expose any known drug dealer or crack house to the proper authorities, but under no circumstances will we undertake the responsibility of the police department.
6. We will be identified by wearing our Mad Dads' T-Shirt, green on black, or black on green
7. A list of names and telephone numbers will be made available to all the other committees of the Mad Dads on the Security Committee, and will be updated regularly.
8. We will be well-organized and well-trained before entering into any area that's heavily infested with gangs and drug sales.

Security Committee: John Foster, Chair
Earl Johnson, Co-Chair

MAD DADS

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Mobilization Committee

This committee is established for the purpose of being able to organize the community for mass action, when necessary , e.g., rallies and other public events, protests and demonstrations, etc. Furthermore, it will help establish neighborhood groups and promote unity throughout the Black Community.

Communication Committee

The purpose of this committee is to function as the publicity arm of organization, and to be responsible for the general dissemination of information from the organization to the community and city at large. Moreover, it is responsible for maintaining a positive image for the organization, raising the level of awareness of activities, objectives and goals throughout the community and city. It will maintain contact with key agencies, institutions and other relevant organizations, such as churches, schools, colleges, universities, social services entities, fraternities, sororities, lodges, etc. This committee will utilize the public media, advertising, promotions, telecommunications, etc., in the achievement of its objectives.

Activities Committee

The purpose of this committee is to develop constructive, wholesome, safe, entertaining, educational, and meaningful activities for the youth of our community--at levels. These activities will be conducted locally, nationally and internationally. This committee will identify locations and resources for these activities.

Security Group

The purpose of this group is to aid and assist citizens in troubled areas of the Black community in maintaining an optimum level of security against gang violence and other criminal elements that operate with immunity. This is not a vigilante group and it respects the law and law enforcement agencies. Moreover, it is not a law enforcement entity.

Administrative Group

The purpose of this group is to set the policy of the organization and to establish and maintain the philosophy and purpose. It will engage in discussions and negotiations, when necessary, with representatives of the city, state and federal governments, concerning measures directed at the reduction and elimination of youth violence, gang and other criminal activities within the Black community. It will monitor other efforts throughout this nation that are similar in nature, and develop proposals for projects that will benefit the youth in the Black community. Furthermore, it will make recommendations to agencies and institutions at all levels concerning ways of solving the problems of youth violence, gang activities and other criminal threats, and it will seek to have input in the development of plans for the resolution of these problems. It will seek resources for the organization, and will coordinate the operation of the organization. This group will consist of the chairpersons of all the other committees and groups, the designated spokespersons and other persons appointed by the aforementioned individuals.



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M.A.D. D.A.D.S. INC.

THE ENCLOSED REPORT IS INTENDED TO GIVE INFORMATION AS TO THE MISSION AND FACTS ON THE MAD DADS MOVEMENT SINCE ITS BEGINNING. THE FOLLOWING IS A CHRONOLOGICAL REPORT; A MISSION STATEMENT; MEDIA/OFFICIALS CONTACT REPORT; AND CURRENT CHAPTER INFORMATION.

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Robert D. Tyler

M.A.D. D.A.D.S. INC.
MISSION STATEMENT

MAD DADS IS A THRUST WHOSE TIME HAS COME, BECAUSE IT SEEKS EQUITY AND BALANCE IN THE DEPLOYMENT OF MEN TOWARDS THE STRUGGLE TO SAVE THEMSELVES, THEIR CHILDREN AND THEIR COMMUNITIES.

MAD DADS REGARD AS A HIGH PRIORITY, THE URGENCY, TO RECTIFY THE EXTENT TO WHICH MEN ARE UNDER-REPRESENTED IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FAMILY UNIT. EMPHASIS MUST BE PLACED ON THE RECRUITMENT, CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISING AND PROMOTION OF MEN IN THE WAR AGAINST DRUGS AND CRIME, AND ANY OTHER DESTRUCTIVE FORCES WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES.

MAD DADS ARE STRESSING THE ADVANCEMENT OF MEN TO THE RANKS OF LEADERSHIP IN THE STRUGGLE TO REGAIN CONTROL OF OUR YOUTH WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES. IT MUST BE PERCEIVED AS A NECESSARY STEP IN THE EFFORT TO UNITE FAMILIES; TO REKINDLE FLAMES OF PRIDE AMONG OUR YOUTH; AND PARTICULARLY, TO RAISE LEVELS OF ASPIRATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS AMONG YOUNG MEN, THROUGH POSITIVE ROLE MODELING THAT FOCUSES ON THE IMAGES OF THE STRONG, DRUG FREE, CARING AND LOVING FATHER FIGURE.

TO THIS END, WE ARE DEVELOPING STRATEGIES AND SPECIAL INCENTIVES, DESIGNED TO ATTRACT, RECRUIT, CHALLENGE AND PREPARE MEN TO BE VOCAL, VISIBLE AND VIGILANT IN THE STRUGGLE TO REGAIN CONTROL OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY OUR YOUTH.

CONTRIBUTIONS THAT WOMEN HAVE MADE, TO THE SURVIVAL OF OUR FAMILIES, WILL BE REAFFIRMED AND REINFORCED. THE SKILLS AND ENERGIES OF WOMEN ARE WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED. HOWEVER, THE EMPHASIS MAD DADS PLACES ON THE ROLE OF MEN IS INTENDED TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR MEN TO BECOME POSITIVE ROLE MODELS, ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE STRUGGLE TO SAVE OUR YOUTH. MOTHERS ARE TO BE APPLAUDED AND RESCUED, AS WE MEN TAKE ON OUR SHARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR RAISING AND TAKING CARE OF OUR FAMILIES. UNITED... MOTHERS AND FATHERS, CAN BETTER FORTIFY THE STRUCTURES OF THE HOME, THE SCHOOL, THE CHURCH, AND THE COMMUNITY.

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INFORMATION AND FACT SHEET

(PERIOD 5/89 THRU 3/90)

- 5/89 -JOHN FOSTERS SON ATTACKED BY GANG MEMBERS
-BECAME LITERALLY A "MAD DAD"
- 6/89 -JOHN MET WITH NORTH OMAHA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE
AND EDDIE STATON, DR. GEORGE GARRISON, ELDER ROBERT
TYLER, MR. WILBUR BURROWS.
- 7/89 -MAD DADS ORGANIZATION FOUNDED
- 8/89 -PRESS CONF. TO ANNOUNCE MAD DADS ORGANIZATION
-STARTED PAINTING OVER GRAFFITI IN NORTH OMAHA-STARTED
WEEKEND PATROLS, TO TALK TO YOUTH ON THE
STREETS
- 9/89 -WORKED WITH SEPTEMBERFEST OFFICIALS TO PATROL AND
CHAPERONE FESTIVAL AREAS
-STARTED PERIODIC VISITS TO DOUGLAS COUNTY/STATE
CORRECTIONAL CENTERS
-APPEARED ON CBS EARLY MORNING NEWS WITH KATHLEEN
SULLIVIAN. STARTED RECEIVING CALLS AND LETTERS
FROM ALL OVER AMERICA
-PURCHASED FAXCOM COMPUTER/TELEPHONE ANSWERING MACHINE
TO HELP FIGHT DRUGS AND GANGS AND TO KEEP IN TOUCH
WITH MEMBERSHIP
-MEMBERSHIP NOW OVER 200
-DISPLAYED NEW LOGO, DESIGNED BY NORTH OMAHA PASTOR
ELDER ROBERT TYLER
-FIRST SOUTH OMAHA RECRUITMENT MEETING AT LAFERN
WILLIAMS CENTER
-BEGINNING OF HELICOPTER CONTROVERSY
- 10-89 -STARTED DRUG TREATMENT DISCUSSIONS WITH AREA TREATMENT
CENTER/HOSPITALS
-FIRST VISIT TO DENVER RE: STARTING MAD DADS CHAPTER
-MAD DADS START MADMOMS UNIT FOR WOMEN TO GET INVOLVED
WOMENS DIVISION MEMBERSHIP NOW OVER 75
-MAD DADS MEMBERSHIP NOW OVER 300

- USA TODAY/TV VISITS OMAHA TO PREPARE A NATIONAL STORY ON THE MAD DADS
 - SECOND SOUTH OMAHA RECRUITMENT MEETING AT LAFERN WILLIAMS CENTER
 - MAD DADS TRAVEL TO L.A. TO APPEAR ON ABC 'HOME' SHOW
 - FIRST MADKIDS UNIT STARTED AT BELVEDERE ELEM SCHOOL
 - MAD DADS MOVIE PURSUED IN L.A. BY OMAHAN ROBERT CROUNSE
 - MAD DADS CONTINUE TO REACH OUT TO YOUTH THROUGH VISITS TO SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, JAILS AND ON THE STREETS
 - MADD THREATENS MAD DADS WITH SUIT OVER NAME
 - ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS COMPLETES ARTICLES ON DENVER MAD DADS CHAPTER STATING POSITIVE EFFECT ON DENVER
 - MAD DADS HOLD SOUTH OMAHA WENNIE ROAST FOR HALLOWEEN
- 11-89-MAD DADS HOLD FIRST WEST OMAHA RECRUITMENT MEETING MEMBERSHIP APPROCHES 400.
- MADD SUES MAD DADS OVER NAME IN FEDERAL COURT
- 12-89-MAD DADS CONTINUE TO SEEK AFFORDABLE, ASSESSABLE DRUG TREATMENT FOR ALL CITIZENS WHO WANT TREATMENT
- MAD DADS HOUSE SHOT AT - NO ONE WAS AT HOME OR HURT
 - DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD AWARDS MAD DADS \$5000, TO PREPARE 'STREET COUNSELING' PROPOSAL
 - MAD DADS RECEIVE 501 (C)(3) TAX EXEMPT STATUS RETROACTIVE TO 8/89
 - SEVEN(7) MAD DADS GRADUATE FROM OMAHA POLICE DEPT. CITIZEN ACADEMY
 - MAD DADS/MAD MOMS SPONSOR 'ADOPT A CHILD FOR CHRISTMAS' (OVER 200 FAMILIES PARTICIPATED IN PROGRAM)
 - MAD MOMS MEMBERSHIP OVER 130
 - MAD DADS PATROL/CHAPERONE METRO HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

- 1/90 -FORMATION OF MAD DADS CHOSEN AS THE OMAHA WORLD HERALD NEWSPAPERS'-NUMBER ONE STORY FOR 1989
- WORLD HERALD NEWSPAPER POLL- MAD DADS RECEIVE AN 86% APPROVAL RATING
 - CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR NEWSPAPER, BOSTON - COMPLETES ARTICLE ON MAD DADS. CALLS AND LETTERS FROM ALL OVER THE USA COME TO MAD DADS HEADQUARTERS
 - USA TODAY NEWSPAPER DOES ARTICLE ON MAD DADS
 - MAD DADS COMPLETE SEVERAL DOZEN RADIO AND TELEVISION INTERVIEWS BOTH LOCAL AND NATIONAL
 - SEVERAL AREA HIGH SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY APPEARANCES SPARK SCHOOL NEWSPAPER ARTICLES IE: ELKHORN H.S., CENTRAL H.S., BURKE H.S., NORTH H.S. UNO AND CREIGHTON UNIV.RE: MAD DADS
 - MAD DADS VISIT LEXINGTON NEBR. ARTICLES COMPLETED BY NORTH PLATTE TELEGRAPH, GRAND ISLAND, FREMONT NEWS & BELLEVUE LEADER
 - MAD DADS SECOND VISIT TO WEST OMAHA / MEETING HELD AT BURKE H.S. MEMBERSHIP OVER 450
- 2/90 -MAD DADS PLEAD WITH SHOOTERS TO STOP DRIVE-BY SHOOTING ASKS PUBLIC TO COOPERATE WITH POLICE
- MAD DADS TRAVEL TO DENVER TO SPEAK AT OFFICIAL START OF MAD DADS CHAPTER IN DENVER / MEMBERSHIP 250 MEN
 - MAD MOMS BEGIN MONTHLY COMMUNITY-DINNERS IN LOW INCOME AREAS MEMBERSHIP NOW OVER 150
 - MAD DADS BEGIN WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAM 'MAD DADS AMERICA' KBWH-FM 106.3 SAT. 5:00 PM
- 3-90 -MAD DADS MEET WITH NATIONAL COMMISSION ON DRUG FREE SCHOOLS AT BOYSTOWN
- MAD DADS MEET WITH NATIONAL DRUG CZAR DR. BENNETT AT BOYSTOWN
 - MAD DADS HAVE SEVERAL LOCAL OFFICIALS/CANDIDATES PARTICIPATE IN WEEKEND PATROLS IE: CONG. PETER HOAGLAND; BEN NELSON AND BILL HOPPNER CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR

-MAD DADS BEGIN PERIODIC VISITS TO THE DOUGLAS COUNTY YOUTH CENTER TO TALK WITH YOUTH IN TROUBLE

-MAD DADS BEGIN WORK ON NEW COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTER LOCATED AT 30TH AND BEDFORD STREETS

M.A.D. D.A.D.S. INC
YOUTH SUPPORT

-FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED YOUNG MEN ON THE RUN FROM DRUG DEALERS

-PROVIDED HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR FAMILY FOLLOWING A DRIVE-BY SHOOTING AT THEIR HOME

-PROVIDE AIDE AND SUPPORT TO YOUTH HAVING PROBLEMS WITH POLICE WHILE AT COMMUNITY EVENTS, IN SOME CASES PREVENTED YOUTH FROM BEING ARRESTED, IN OTHER CASES PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION HOME FROM EVENTS WHEN PARENTS FAILED TO PICK UP YOUTH

-PROVIDED LOCAL AND NATIONAL EXPOSURE TO YOUTH BANDS, GRAFFITI ART GROUPS AND YOUTH WHO HAVE SPECIAL TALENTS

-PROVIDED SUPPORT COUNSELING TO FAMILIES OF YOUTH IN NEED OF A POSITIVE MALE ROLE MODEL TO INTERVENE WITH YOUTH PROBLEMS BOTH AT HOME AND SCHOOL.

-PROVIDED AIDE AND SUPPORT TO YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN INJURED AS A RESULT OF YOUTH OR GANG VIOLENCE IE: WHEELCHAIRS AND RAMPS; TRANSPORTATION TO COMMUNITY EVENTS

-PROVIDED BAIL FOR YOUTH ARRESTED FOR MINOR OFFENSES

-REFER YOUTH AND ADULTS TO JOB OPPORTUNITIES AS RELAYED TO THE MAD DADS

-SERVICE TO A NUMBER OF PANELS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS DEALING WITH YOUTH VIOLENCE, GANGS, DRUGS AND OTHER MINORITY COMMUNITY CONCERNS - SHARING OUR STREET EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE WITH LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL LEADERS

-COUNSELING SESSIONS WITH YOUTH IN JAILS OR YOUTH CENTERS BOTH COUNTY AND STATE FACILITIES

-MONITORING THE COURT SYSTEM IN BEHALF OF YOUTH WHO ARE CAUGHT IN THE SYSTEM WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION AND OR APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION

M.A.D. D.A.D.S. INC.
LOGO

THE MAD DADS LOGO WAS DESIGNED BY ELDER ROBERT TYLER, PASTOR OF THE OMAHA CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD IN SEPTEMBER OF 1989.

-THE OUTSTRETCHED HAND OF REASONING...SYMBOLIC OF THE MAD DADS LOVE AND CONCERN FOR ALL YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES. WE REACH OUT TO ALL WHO WOULD EMBRACE POSITIVE CHANGE.

-THE FIST OF DETERMINATION...SYMBOLIC OF OUR DETERMINATION AND RESOLVE TO BE THE FORCE BEHIND THE CHANGE. A POSITIVE CHANGE FOR OUR YOUTH AND FAMILIES. SYMBOLIC OF STRONG PARENTS WHO LOVE AND CARE FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

OUR COLORS

-BLACK...SYMBOLIC OF UNITY, TOGETHERNESS, AND SUPPORT! BRINGING ALL OF US TOGETHER AS ONE.

-GREEN...SYMBOLIC OF LIFE, GROWTH, LIVING, HOPE! OUR FAITH IN GOD AND OUR FUTURE.

ADDITIONAL STATS ON MAD DADS:

VISITS TO METRO AREA SCHOOLS - 43
VISITS TO SCHOOLS OUTSIDE OF OMAHA - 6
CITIES VISITED BY MAD DADS - DENVER, COUNCIL BLUFFS, ELKHORN,
FREMONT, RALSTON, PAPIILLION,
SOUIX CITY, LAVISTA, BELLEVUE,
LEXINGTON, VALLEY, LINCOLN,
SCHYLER, MILLARD, BOYSTOWN AND
CAMP FONTENELLE, COLUMBUS AND
OMAHA TOTAL: 18

SPEAKING TO AREA SERVICE CLUBS - 86
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SPECIAL SPEAKING INVITATIONS - 52

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May 30, 1990 4:15 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MAD DADS POINT OF LIGHT SALUTE
FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 1990

Eddie Staten

Thank you John Foster, and all of you wonderful, inspiring MAD DADS, MAD MOMS, and MAD KIDS. Thank you for inviting me here to meet you -- I'll carry with me back to Washington the incredibly impressive story of the war for goodness you are waging in this parking lot, on this street, and across the streets of your beleaguered world.

Rev. Tyler said that drugs and emptiness used to be a cancer festering in the heart of North Omaha. Well, you people have done radical surgery on that cancer. You've ripped it out and replaced it with the healing balm of caring.

You know, when I was thinking about MAD DADS, I remembered a scene from the movie "Network." In it, Peter Finch started a revolution when he threw open his window and shouted down to the streets below: "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it any more!"

Well, another revolution -- your revolution -- began in the same way. Your own 20-year-old Sean Foster was a college student with no ties to gangs or drugs. But one night last June, he ended up in the wrong place at the wrong time, and was beaten viciously by members ~~of a gang~~ called the Crips. When he managed to drag himself home that night, his father John took one look at his bloodied son and something inside him exploded.

He took to the streets to try to find his son's attackers. He never did. But what he did find serves his community -- and all of us -- much better.

He found that the streets belonged not to families, but to the youth. Not to hope, but to drug dealers. To gangs with names like

Bloods, Skinheads, and East Omaha Rats. To a cycle of brutal violence and crime. And John Foster found the voice within him to shout: "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it any more!"

This mad dad and his friends formed MAD DADS. In the last year, along with more than 450 others who have joined them, they have become the dominant presence on their previously devastated streets. They are father figures who talk tough against drugs but soft toward the kids. They're out to save the gang members, not destroy them.

That's a lesson for all of us. We admire the fact that, even in your anger, you see that drugs, crime and despair are the predators. The teens who use them are the victims.

I just came from a visit to the MAD DADS' new headquarters. I listened to these good, strong men talk with pain in their hearts about pain on their streets. They talk of one young boy who is a ring leader, a gang shooter. They don't come any harder, these fathers told me. Yet this boy -- who had no father around to confide in -- told one of the MAD DADS: "I'd go back to school today if I could get a job earning six dollars an hour."

For the lack of six dollars an hour, this life could be lost. For the lack of honesty and love and father figures, many lives could be lost.

That's what makes these dads mad. So they paint over gang graffiti to proclaim that they're reclaiming the city. Nightly, they patrol the killing grounds of their streets: going out, as one told me, with "a radio, a conversation and a prayer." They are fathers to neighborhood in desperate need of family. In the shifting shadows of midnight street corners, they talk to lost sons of other men.

family story

But, most importantly, -- they're simply there. And they care. They are voices crying in the wildness (N.B.: "wildness," not "wilderness") -- "see us and fear, see us and believe, see us and hope."

And -- during those grim, lonely nights on the streets -- they give a gift too rarely seen: the gift of love. Love for their children, for all children. [Desperate love is what called them out of their own safe houses into the dangerous din of the streets.] You know, negative anger never prevents tomorrow's sorrow. It only drains the strength from today. But channeling their righteous anger in a positive way -- for love -- is the richest legacy these men can leave for the children who follow.

I want to tell you one of my favorite stories. More than 1600 years ago, a monk named Telemachus heard a call, rose from his prayer, and went to Rome. Once there, he followed a crowd into what he thought was a festival. It was the Colosseum. In horror he saw that the gladiators -- the young men of their time -- were fighting to the death for entertainment.

He raced onto the field, this solitary little figure, and hurled himself in front of those whose life work it was to kill or be killed. "In the name of all that is good, stop!" he begged them as the crowd booed. In answer, one of the gladiators ran him through with his sword.

But then, suddenly, when they saw his crumpled form lying there in the dust, those in the crowd fell silent. And one by one they walked away. That was the last battle to the death in the Colosseum. And this inhuman insanity ended only because of one small voice that dared to call out above the roar of the crowd.

In our century, in our age, John Foster's voice is that voice. He cried out against the meaningless violence he saw leading today's young warriors into self-destruction. One by one, others joined him in his howl of protest. Now their world is filled with a lion's roar -- supremely strong, fiercely proud, challenging and redeeming.

Humanity and hope were restored to the ancient world by a single man's cry into the wind of uncaring hopelessness. Humanity and hope are now being restored to our world through the vision, courage and wisdom of the chorus of voices of MAD DADS. We are today witnessing the wonder of a rebirth. It is more than a rebirth of community. It is a rebirth of hope, of respect for life, and of the future.

And so, for the inspiration and the example you set for our nation, I am proud to honor you as our nation's 126th Daily Point of Light. You truly show that the definition of a successful life must include giving of yourself in service to others.

If every community could band together as you have done, we could see MAD DADS' spirit of caring spread -- street by street, neighborhood by neighborhood, city by city. Crime, drugs, and hopelessness can be -- and will be -- banished from the shadows of our great land when each individual cares enough to add his voice to the growing chorus of concern.

Your MAD DADS' logo tells your story. The outstretched, caring hand of the loving father who embraces positive change. And the fist of determination of the strong father who resolves to be the force behind that change.

God bless you, God bless your children, God bless our future, and God bless our country.

**MAD DADS POINT OF LIGHT SALUTE / OMAHA, NEBRASKA
FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 1990 / 1:55 P.M.**

**THANK YOU JOHN FOSTER, GOVERNOR ORR, MAYOR MORGAN,
EDDIE STATON (STATE-UN), ROBERT TYLER, GEORGE GARRISON,
LAFAYETTE "CAP" NELSON, AND ALL OF YOU WONDERFUL,
INSPIRING MAD DADS, MAD MOMS, AND MAD KIDS. I'M GLAD
I'M HERE TODAY TO MEET YOU AND TO VISIT YOUR NEW
HEADQUARTERS.**

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**I'LL CARRY WITH ME BACK TO WASHINGTON THE STORY OF
THIS EXTRAORDINARY WAR FOR DECENCY WAGED IN THIS
PARKING LOT, //ON THIS STREET, // AND ACROSS THE
STREETS OF YOUR COMMUNITY. YOU TRULY ARE A POINT OF
LIGHT -- A BEACON FOR OTHERS TO TURN TO IN THE GRIM,
LONELY DARKNESS OF THEIR DESPAIR.**

**YOUR REV. TYLER SAID THAT DRUGS AND GANGS AND
EMPTINESS USED TO BE A "CANCER FESTERING IN THE HEART
OF NORTH OMAHA".**

WELL, YOU HAVE DONE RADICAL SURGERY ON THAT CANCER. YOU'VE RIPPED IT OUT AND REPLACED IT WITH THE HEALING BALM OF LOVE. //

AND I WILL ALSO TAKE BACK TO WASHINGTON WITH ME THE LESSON OF HOW YOUR REVOLUTION BEGAN -- HOW YOU TRANSFORMED TRAGEDY INTO HOPE. I WILL TELL OTHERS OF LAST MAY, WHEN YOUR OWN SEAN FOSTER -- A COLLEGE STUDENT WITH NO TIES TO GANGS OR DRUGS -- WAS BEATEN VICIOUSLY BY MEMBERS OF A GANG.

OF HOW HIS FATHER JOHN TOOK ONE LOOK AT HIS BLOODIED SON AND SOMETHING INSIDE HIM EXPLODED.

HE TOOK TO THE STREETS TO TRY TO FIND HIS SON'S ATTACKERS. HE NEVER DID. BUT WHAT HE DID FIND SERVES HIS COMMUNITY -- AND ALL OF US -- MUCH BETTER.

HE FOUND THAT THE STREETS BELONGED NOT TO FAMILIES, BUT TO THE GANGS. NOT TO HOPE, BUT TO DRUG DEALERS.

NOT TO A BRIGHT FUTURE, BUT TO A BRUTAL CYCLE OF VIOLENCE AND CRIME. AND JOHN FOSTER FOUND THE VOICE WITHIN HIM TO SHOUT: "THIS MADNESS MUST STOP."//

SO THIS ANGRY FATHER AND HIS FRIENDS FORMED MAD DADS. IN THE LAST YEAR, ALONG WITH MORE THAN 550 OTHERS WHO HAVE JOINED THEM, THEY HAVE BECOME THE DOMINANT PRESENCE ON THEIR PREVIOUSLY DEVASTATED STREETS.

THEY ARE FATHER FIGURES WHO TAKE A HARD LINE AGAINST THE DRUGS AND GANGS WHICH ARE THE PREDATORS; BUT SPEAK SOFTLY TO THE KIDS WHO ARE THE VICTIMS.

YOUR MAD DADS' LOGO BEHIND ME TELLS YOUR STORY. THE OUTSTRETCHED, CARING HAND OF THE LOVING FATHER WHO EMBRACES POSITIVE CHANGE. AND THE FIST OF DETERMINATION OF THE STRONG FATHER WHO RESOLVES TO BE THE FORCE BEHIND THAT CHANGE.

AND THESE GOOD, STRONG MEN, WHO TALK WITH PAIN IN THEIR HEARTS ABOUT PAIN ON THE STREETS, TAKE ACTION. THEY PAINT OVER GANG GRAFFITI TO PROCLAIM THAT THEY'RE RECLAIMING THE CITY. NIGHTLY, THEY PATROL THE KILLING GROUNDS OF THEIR STREETS: GOING OUT, AS ONE SAID, WITH NOTHING BUT "A RADIO, A CONVERSATION AND A PRAYER." THEY SPEAK TO SCHOOLS; PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM GANG THREATS; SPONSOR EVENTS; COUNSEL AND CARE. THEY ARE FATHERS TO A NEIGHBORHOOD IN DESPERATE NEED OF FAMILY.

IN THE SHIFTING SHADOWS OF MIDNIGHT STREET CORNERS, THEY REACH OUT TO THE LOST SONS OF OTHER MEN.

BUT, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THEY'RE SIMPLY THERE. AND THEY CARE. THEY ARE VOICES CRYING INTO THE DARK -- "SEE US AND FEAR, SEE US AND BELIEVE, SEE US AND HOPE." //

THE HANDFUL OF DETERMINED NEIGHBORS WHO FORMED MAD DADS WERE THOSE VOICES. THEY SHOUTED OUT AGAINST THE MEANINGLESS VIOLENCE THEY SAW LEADING TODAY'S YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN INTO SELF-DESTRUCTION.

ONE BY ONE, OTHERS JOINED THEM IN THEIR CRY OF PROTEST.
NOW THEIR WORLD IS FILLED WITH A LION'S ROAR --
SUPREMELY STRONG, FIERCELY PROUD, CHALLENGING AND
REDEEMING.

WE ARE TODAY WITNESSING THE WONDER OF A REBIRTH.
IT IS MORE THAN A REBIRTH OF COMMUNITY. IT IS A
REBIRTH OF HOPE, OF RESPECT FOR LIFE, AND OF THE
FUTURE.

AND SO MAD DADS, FOR THE INSPIRATION AND THE
EXAMPLE YOU SET, I AM PROUD TO HAVE HONORED YOU AS OUR
NATION'S 126TH DAILY POINT OF LIGHT. //

IF EVERY COMMUNITY COULD BAND TOGETHER AS YOU HAVE,
WE COULD SEE THE MAD DADS' SPIRIT OF CARING SPREAD --
STREET BY STREET, NEIGHBORHOOD BY NEIGHBORHOOD, CITY BY
CITY.

CRIME, DRUGS, AND HOPELESSNESS CAN BE -- AND WILL BE --
BANISHED FROM THE SHADOWS OF OUR GREAT LAND WHEN EACH
INDIVIDUAL CARES ENOUGH TO ADD HIS VOICE TO THE GROWING
CHORUS OF OUTRAGE. //

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO IN THE NAME OF LOVE. GOD
BLESS YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN, AND GOD BLESS THE FUTURE
OF OUR GREAT NATION.

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M.A.D DAD INC. CHAPTERS

IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT STARTING A M.A.D DADS INC. CHAPTER YOU HAVE ALREADY TAKEN THE FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT STEP -- YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED A PROBLEM AND YOU HAVE MADE A COMMITMENT TO DO WHAT YOU CAN TO SOLVE IT. NOW, YOU NEED TO FIND SOME OTHER FOLKS WHO FEEL THE SAME WAY. DON'T WORRY THERE ARE LOTS OF THEM OUT THERE.

WHAT DOES M.A.D DADS STAND FOR?

M.A.D. D.A.D.S, IS AN ACRONYM, WHICH MEANS (MEN AGAINST DESTRUCTION) (DEFENDING AGAINST DRUGS AND SOCIAL DISORDER). WE ARE NOT A VIGILANTE GROUP; WE ARE NOT A RIVAL GANG; WE ARE NOT NARCS... WE ARE CONCERNED PARENTS, WE LOVE OUR CHILDREN AND OUR COMMUNITY AND WE ARE READY AND WILLING TO DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THOSE WE LOVE!.

STARTING UP!

BEFORE WE ANNOUNCED M.A.D DADS INC., WE MET FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS TO DEVELOP AND DISCUSS OUR PHILOSOPHIES AND STRATEGIES. WE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH SOME OF THE MATERIALS WE USED TO HELP YOU GET STARTED. KEEP IN MIND, THIS PROGRAM WAS DEVELOPED IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY, FOR THE BLACK COMMUNITY, HOWEVER, IT IS BY NO MEANS AN EXCLUSIVE BLACK PROBLEM! YOUR SPECIFIC PHILOSOPHIES AND STRATEGIES MAY BE ADJUSTED TO FIT YOUR LOCAL CONCERNS. WE ADVISE YOU TO TAKE IT SLOW--AS MUCH AS ANYTHING, M.A.D DADS IS A MIND SET--IT'S A SINCERE COMMITMENT TO OUR CHILDREN, NOT JUST TO THOSE WE FATHERED, BUT THE CHILDREN OF THE COMMUNITY. THAT'S WHY WE SAY, " YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A FATHER TO BE A M.A.D DAD!"

THE OTHER INGREDIENT THAT YOU WILL NEED IS ENERGY. IN OMAHA, THE M.A.D DADS CONCEPT HAS BECOME VERY POPULAR IN THE FIRST FEW MONTHS; WE HAVE TALKED WITH ROTARY CLUBS, KIWANIS CLUBS, OPTIMIST CLUBS, BUSINESS LUNCHEONS, PTA'S, NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, THE POLICE, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THE MEDIA ALMOST DAILY... IT TAKES TIME AND COMMITMENT!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO START M.A.D DADS INC. CHAPTER IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND YOU WANT US TO HELP, LET US KNOW... WE WILL SEND YOU MORE INFORMATION SUCH AS; COMMITTEE STRUCTURE, POSITION STATEMENTS, ETC. IF YOU WOULD LIKE, ONE OF THE M.A.D DAD FOUNDERS MAY BE AVAILABLE TO SPEAK TO YOUR GROUP AND HELP YOU GET STARTED.

M.A.D DADS INC. IS A 501 (C) (3) ORGANIZATION, WITH AN INCORPORATED BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS INCLUDING A M.A.D MOMS UNIT AND M.A.D KIDS UNIT.

WE PARENTS ARE THE FORCE BEHIND THE CHANGE... WE DO THINGS WITH KIDS IN MIND...WE CAN, WE WILL, WE ARE-MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



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M.A.D. DADS INC.
CODE OF CONDUCT

THE CONDUCT AND MORAL OF M.A.D. DADS MUST BE BEYOND REPROACH. THE NATURE OF OUR UNDERTAKING DEMANDS THAT WE MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL CODE OF MORAL CONDUCT. M.A.D. DADS MUST BE GOOD ROLE MODELS. WE CANNOT BE "LAW BREAKERS" IF WE ARE TO BE VIEWED AS "LAW-ABIDING" CITIZENS.

M.A.D. DADS INC. IS A VOLUNTEER GROUP, NONETHELESS, WE HAVE A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY TO MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. THEREFORE, WE MUST NOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE GOVERNED BY CULTURAL INSTINCTS. WE MUST LEARN TO DEVIATE FROM THE "NORM" FOR THE SAKE OF OUR YOUTH. THIS CALLS FOR A SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE AND SELF-DENIAL. IF YOU CANNOT LIVE UP TO THESE IDEALS, THE M.A.D DADS IS NOT FOR YOU.

WE ARE AWARE THAT DUE TO THE NATURE OF OUR RECRUITMENT POLICIES, WE WILL, FROM TIME-TO-TIME, DRAW "PROBLEM PEOPLE". WE ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH THOSE WHO ADMITTEDLY HAVE A PROBLEM. HOWEVER, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL WE TOLERATE ANY "UNDESIRABLE" ACTIVITY. PROGRAMS (IN HOUSE) WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO AIDE THOSE NEEDING HELP.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT M.A.D. DADS INC. IS A GOD-FEARING ORGANIZATION AND AS SUCH, SETS FORTH THE FOLLOWING:

AS GOD IS OUR HELP WE WILL YIELD TO NO EVIL, FOR WE BELIEVE THAT "GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN US, THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD". WE FURTHER BELIEVE THAT WE MUST LET OUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN THAT THEY MAY SEE OUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY OUR FATHER. WE WILL ENCOURAGE ALL WHO BECOME M.A.D DADS TO EMBRACE THIS IDEOLOGY.

BEHAVIOR

M.A.D DADS ARE TO BE COURTEOUS TO EVERYONE, EVEN "GANG MEMBERS". OUR MANNERS MUST OVERSHADOW THOSE OF THE PEOPLE WITH WHICH WE COME IN CONTACT. PEOPLE SHOULD NOTICE A DIFFERENCE IN OR ABOUT YOU. THIS IS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE TO MAINTAIN A COOL POSTURE OR LEVEL-HEADEDNESS IN ALL SITUATIONS. A "HOTHEAD" IS AT RISK; HE OR SHE IS AT A DISTINCT DISADVANTAGE IN EVERY PHASE OF ENCOUNTER; HE CANNOT OUT-THINK, NOR OUT-MANEUVER A PERSON IN CONTROL OF THEMSELVES.

SELF DEFENSE

WE MUST EXERCISE RESTRAINT TO ITS VERY LIMIT. THIS WILL JUSTIFY YOU, SHOULD YOU HAVE TO DEFEND YOURSELF. REST ASSURED YOU WILL GAIN MORE VICTORIES BY REFUSING TO BE DRAWN INTO CONFRONTATION BY "HOTHEADS", THAN BY ACCEPTING FOOLISH CHALLENGES. WE MUST SET THE TONE. THE GAME MUST BE PLAYED BY OUR RULES. MEN DO NOT HAVE TO PROVE THEMSELVES TO BOYS. SHOULD YOU HAVE TO DEFEND YOURSELF, DO IT WITHOUT HESITATION AND TO THE FULLNESS OF YOUR ABILITY. BE MINDFUL OF YOUR OPPONENTS WILLINGNESS TO USE WEAPONS!

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