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Trenton at its Best!



President Obama White House Champion of Change for Fatherhood Mr. Thabiti Boone joins fathers from The Children's Home Society of New Jersey's Family Success Centers at the 2nd Annual *Dance with My Hero* in Trenton.

Trenton, NJ (December 01, 2014) – The Children's Home Society of New Jersey's North and South Ward Family Success Centers hosted their 2nd annual *Dance with My Hero* Father/Daughter Dance on November 7th, and this year's event was an even bigger success than last year! 105 fathers and 150 daughters from Trenton attended the free event, which encouraged and celebrated active, involved fathers and father-figures within our community. Grandfathers, uncles, brothers, friends and mentors escorted the special young ladies of their lives to what was truly a night to remember!

Over 20 caring community partnering agencies and organizations came together to ensure this event was one befitting of the fathers and daughters in attendance. Lighthouse Outreach Ministry once again donated their facility to host the event, and Alpha Phi Alpha and Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) provided a warm dinner buffet for all of the guests. Shiloh Baptist Corporation contributed beautiful centerpieces, and volunteers from The College of New Jersey, CHSofNJ's Parent Advisory Board, and parent leaders from the CHSofNJ Family Success Center ensured that the evening ran smoothly. Girl Scouts of Eastern PA, Cadette Troops 2401 and 2962 and Girl Scouts of Lawrence, Ewing and Trenton, Cadette Troop 70637 worked together to collect beautiful gowns for each of the young girls in attendance, and UIH Family Partners provided elegant clothing for the fathers to wear. UIH also donated four professional development packages to be raffled off to guests, each of which included a business suit, tie, dress shoes, and a complimentary resume writing session. The 2nd Annual *Dance with My Hero* event, hosted by CHSofNJ, UIH Family Partners, and Fathers & Men United for a Better Trenton was funded in part by Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton and the NJ Department of Children and Families.

“We are thrilled by the outpouring of support for this event and the participation of the men of Trenton,” said Nichelle Hill, CHSofNJ Family Success Center Community Partner Specialist. Hill, who led the coordination of this event, continued, “We see each day at CHSofNJ how committed these men are to their children, and we are excited to honor them at *Dance with My Hero*.”

This beautiful night of dinner, dancing, and fun gave the city of Trenton an opportunity to honor the dedicated men of our community who not only recognize the importance of a positive male role model in a child’s life, but who are committed to filling that role.

About The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey

The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey is a nonprofit child and family serving agency whose mission is to save children’s lives and build healthy families. Founded in 1894, the agency protects abused or neglected infants and at-risk children by ensuring stable, permanent, and loving homes for each and every child it serves. All services are confidential and most are free. For more information, visit our website at www.chsofnj.org.

About the CHSofNJ North Ward Family Success Center

CHSofNJ’s North Ward Family Success Center (NWFSC) is located at 1554 Princeton Avenue Trenton. Services available to participants include fatherhood enrichment programs, parental support groups, job readiness and life skills education, parent child and parent education activities, concrete goods donations, and much more! For more information, call 609-393-2980 or visit our website at www.chsofnj.org.

About the CHSofNJ South Ward Family Success Center

CHSofNJ’s South Ward Family Success Center (SWFSC) is located at 635 S. Clinton Avenue in Trenton. Services available to participants include fatherhood enrichment programs, parental support groups, job readiness and life skills education, parent child and parent education activities, concrete goods donations, and much more! For more information, call 609-695-6274 or visit our website at www.chsofnj.org.

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