

Dear Friends of Good Dads,

What a year it has been!

About a year ago, after a United for Greatness workshop hosted by the United Way of the Ozarks, we decided to make the development of Good Dads chapters a priority. We wanted to enable communities of any size from Texas County to Columbia to Kansas City to support and promote father engagement.

While we hoped to encourage the use of one or more of our programs, our primary aim was to raise awareness about the importance of engaged, responsible fathers in each area and empower committed people there to join Good Dads in our mission.

Twelve months later we have an exciting story to tell, as evidenced by the statistics on the back of this letter. These numbers tell part of the story. The other portion is more personal.

- **Good Dads Ava,** a small community in Ozark County, hosted a Baseball & BBQ event for dads and kids in September—a first ever effort of this sort.
- **Good Dads Cedar County** made lots of new contacts through their booth at Black Walnut Days in September in Stockton.
- **Good Dads Joplin,** a mid-size city in southwest Missouri, put on an Enchanted Evening for dads and daughters in October.

In each of these communities, as well as many others, dads are being encouraged through our New Pathways program featuring our very own **Good Dads 2.0** curriculum. In fact, we've had more than 100 new dads enroll in our program just since the first of July.

We're also delighted to report the growth of **Good Dads Strong Schools** to more than 22 schools in southwest Missouri. This includes nine schools in Springfield, all the Willard elementary schools, Cedar Ridge in Branson, Reed Springs, Ava and several more. More than 50 volunteers make this possible.

We couldn't do it without your support. While we do receive some state funding, it is inadequate to do all that has been done. Simply put, it is because of folks like you that kids and communities are being strengthened across Missouri one dad at a time.

With gratitude,

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WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH IN 2024.

Reaching New Communities

With funds from Missouri's General Assembly, Good Dads has focused on expanding its operations: We are now present in nearly two dozen communities and have 10 chapters.

Expansion

We've moved! Half of our team now works a block away from the original building in Downtown Springfield.

Nine new staff joined the Good Dads team this year, bringing our staff to 8 full-time and 8 part-time.

New Pathways for Good Dads

The program, designed to serve at-risk fathers, has served hundreds of dads in 2024 throughout Missouri.

24 Fatherhood skills classes

15 Relationship skills classes

204
Dads enrolled in the program this year in Southwest Missouri alone.

80%
Participation rate for both New Pathways classes.

6
New sites this year generously offered space for Good Dads classes

Communication Resources

After relaunching our website and making it easier to use, we've welcomed more traffic to **gooddads.com**.

A new blog every week from the Growing Good Dads Blog has advice for raising kids of all ages.

We're relaunching our podcast — now in video form. Laugh and learn with new episodes.

Lights, Camera, Action! Production is underway to bring you the *Catch. Throw. Repeat.* documentary in 2025.

That's a wrap! New video lessons have made our curricula even more engaging.

Thinking Outside the Box!

Dads and kids are encouraged to get creative in Good Dads' corrugated home design contest. Generously supported by SMC Packaging.

Outstanding Dads of the Year

We're thrilled to celebrate dads throughout the Ozarks who go above and beyond in their fatherly duties. This year, we selected four dads representing vast career fields to carry the title of Outstanding Dads of the Year and be our honored guests at our annual dinner celebration.

Good Dads Great Communities



Our newest course is designed to equip small groups of stakeholders with what they need to effectively address the needs of fathers in their communities. The practical, time-tested guide is the best first step to building a community-based father-focused initiative.

Supporters

138 businesses, individuals and organizations have generously supported Good Dads this year.

2 manufacturing businesses have leveraged our workplace program as a benefit for their dad employees.

175+ facilitators, mentors and volunteers have helped us move into a new space, host events and offer new classes.

Good Dads Strong Schools

The before school program makes it fun and easy for fathers and father-figures to be more engaged with their children in an elementary setting. Each lesson promotes father-child conversation on an important character-driven topic.

Year III of the program is now available

Used in more than 20 schools in Missouri

Powered by nearly four-dozen volunteers

A new intro video lesson helps you get started

Three training events in 2024.

Dads can stay in touch via newsletters

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