

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Favorite Fathers of the Mid-South

Favorite Fathers of the Mid-South is a fatherhood promotion to encourage responsible fatherhood in 5 categories. This is a charity awareness builder to support the current programs of the Hope Center @ Grace in partnership with Aspera, Inc., Sigma Lambda Lambda, one of local chapters within the 5<sup>th</sup> District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc, and partners. The promotion has five category winners and one of those five will be the grand prize winner.

We are currently seeking candidates for this year contest. This is not a live pageant, but a drive to recognize the fathering of normal everyday men while celebrating, uplifting and encouraging them for the work they do. Each participant will have a photo and write-up. Votes are absolutely free. However, we encourage and accept contributions toward the promotion of fatherhood within our communities. An anonymous committee will select the winner in each category. Parents, relatives, friends, coworkers, and neighbors are all encouraged to vote.

Mail all correspondence to; The Hope Center @ Grace, Attn: Favorite Fathers of the Mid South, 982 Meagher Street, Memphis, TN 38108. Proceeds will support "Hope Collaborative" our mid-south community collaborative addressing social disparities with emphasis to end domestic violence and promote responsible fatherhood.

**The promotion will kickoff, December 21st until April 15th. The fathers will be awarded at the 2016 Fatherhood Prayer Breakfast at the Hollywood Community Center, 1560 North Hollywood, Memphis, TN 38108 at 9 AM. We aim to host a series of events tailored to strengthen the fragile families offering diverse services to all communities within the Mid-South. The award ceremony will also designate the 18th Annual National Partnership for Community Leadership International Fatherhood Conference nominee for "2016 National Father of the Year."**

**Favorite Fatherhood** "nominees" must be an active member of a fatherhood program, pta, mentoring, or men's fellowship promoting responsible parenting within the Mid-South. (Participating agencies only in the region)

\* A recent picture, no larger than 1MB must be submitted. \* There will be one winner per category. Nominees can ONLY win in one of the five categories. \* Voting will begin December 21<sup>st</sup>. Voting will end April 15<sup>th</sup>. \* The winners will be announced at the 2016 Fatherhood Prayer Breakfast. All nominees should be present to be introduced with their families.

**Thank you for your participation. If you have any questions, Please feel free to call: Oliver Williams or Dessie Lee at (901) 323-3900.**

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Participants are to be nominated for demonstrating responsible Fathering in one of five protective factors of the Strengthening Families approach: parental resilience, social connections, concrete support in times of need, knowledge of parenting and child development, and social and emotional competence of children. Research studies support the common-sense notion that when these Protective Factors are well established in a family, the likelihood of child abuse and neglect diminishes. Research shows that these protective factors are also “promotive” factors that build family strengths and a family environment that promotes optimal child and youth development.

## Category 1

**The Dreamer:** He who can manage to bounce back from all types of challenges that emerge in every family’s life. It means resiliently finding ways to solve problems, building and sustaining trusting relationships with your own child, and knowing how to seek help when necessary.

## Category 2

**The Blessing:** This father is part of the village. He is a friend, family member, neighbor and/or community member who provides emotional support, helps solve problems, offer advice and gives concrete assistance to children.

## Category 3

**The Rock:** This father perseveres through adversity and still meets basic economic needs like food, shelter, clothing and healthcare essentials for families.

## Category 4

**The Owl:** This father is the one who has used information about child development and appropriate expectations for a child’s behavior. He guides youth in positive direction and promote their healthy development.

## Category 5

**The Empathic:** is a father who has the ability to interact positively with children and others, advocates self-regulation of their behavior and effectively communicate to achieve a desired result.

**Select a Category for which you are nominating a Father (Please**

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**circle one category)**

Category 1 "The Dreamer"

Category 2 "The Blessing"

Category 3 "The Rock"

Category 4 "The Owl"

Category 5 "The Empathic"

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**Fatherhood Program , PTA, or Men's Fellowship**

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**Name of Father**

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**Father's Phone #      Father's E-mail address**

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**Name of person Nominating Father**

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**Your Phone #      Your E-mail address**

