



### **Our Message:**

Takes a Man to be a Dad is a Rotary Project committed to reducing the rate of infant mortality by raising public awareness of the personal and financial cost of the rampant breakdown of nurturing family structures in our community and to supporting actions that create healthy vibrant childhoods for all.

### **The Current State of Affairs:**

Did you know that when Dad is missing infant mortality rates are 1.8 times greater.

Did you know that when Dad is missing 71% of the children are on Medicaid, nationwide.

Did you know that Children in single parent homes are more likely to be victims of physical and sexual abuse.

Did you know that Children in single parent homes 77% are at greater risk of physical abuse.

Did you know that Children in single parent homes 74% are at greater risk of emotional neglect.

Did you know that Toddlers living in single and step families are more likely to suffer a burn, have a bad fall or be scarred from an accident.

Did you know that when Dad is missing girls have a 4 times greater risk of early sexual activity.

Did you know that when comparing children in 2 parent homes, those who have a poor relationship with their father are 68% more likely to smoke, drink, or use drugs than those with good relationships.

Did you know that when dad is missing children are 5 times more likely to be poor.

Did you know that more than half of female inmates grew up without their fathers.

Did you know that Father involvement in schools, even for step and single fathers, is associated with a higher likelihood of students getting mostly A's.

### **For More Information:**

Takes a Man to be a Dad Project is committed to inspire community involvement on behalf of our children. For more information on how you can get involved contact Chuck Tomaselli at (315) 724-0583 or visit us on facebook - [Make Dreams Real. It Takes a Man to be a Dad. | Facebook](#)

### **Thank You:**

On behalf of the children of our communities we thank and acknowledge all who hear this message and respond as champions for children.

