



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Greetings from D.A.D.S.!

Thank you so much for your interest and partnership in the work of D.A.D.S. to help fathers connect with their families! We believe that everyone benefits when children have fathers in their lives. As a follow up to our November Newsletter we wanted to share some exciting things coming up in 2022 and invite you to consider adding D.A.D.S. to your year-end giving. We need to raise \$75,000.00 by years end to meet our budget.

We Need one Another!



Growing Together

One of the key elements to the success of D.A.D.S. in helping to provide a transformational service experience for fathers over the years, has been a focus on diverse and supportive community, rooted in the reconciling power of Jesus – and simply doing life together. None of us can do it alone! This has been a hallmark of our classes, support groups, bible studies, service trips and local service trips. With the challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic and our growing reliance on technology, we may find ourselves being pulled further apart.

Testimonials

In 2017 Darren began attending our Thursday night support group. He began bringing his father and then his brother. "In my 17 years at D.A.D.S., this was one of a small number of times that a father and son attended together and the only time we had a father with 2 sons. It added a unique dynamic to our meetings. Due to age, Darren's father eventually found it too hard to attend. Darren continues to attend. Recently his father passed away on his 80th birthday. At his memorial service EVERY MAN from the Thursday night group showed up. To have this contingency from D.A.D.S. be there to support the son and honor his father made me proud of the relationships that have been built as we walked together. When Darren needed someone to support him, D.A.D.S. was there. We are family."

- Thursday Night Support Group Attendee



We would love to have you join us for one of our Zoom or In-Person support groups!



Stay tuned for even better things

in the New Year!

Testimonials (cont.)

"The most meaningful Bible study I've ever experienced. Men come with vulnerable honesty about our lives, combined with a deep hunger to grow both as fathers and husbands, and as followers of Christ."

This fellowship connected me with other men from richly diverse backgrounds and led to deep appreciation for the exceptional work of D.A.D.S."

- Tim Dearborn, new board member and Wednesday Morning Support Group longtime participant



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DADS Spring 2022 Internship- Through a generous grant from the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust's Vision and Call Internship Program, we are excited to be able to announce a new 1-year, Full-Time D.A.D.S. Internship program. **We will be posting an application for four Full-Time internship positions in January.** Check out www.aboutdads.org/d-a-d-s-internship or email us for more info!

DADS Podcast- The DADS Podcast will engage friends of DADS around their experiences of fatherhood. From this starting point, we hope to engage leaders, experts and friends of DADS from many cultural backgrounds and walks of life as we seek to continue to reinforce the message that children need their fathers, while also highlighting the power of Jesus to provide hope, heal, and redeem.

Connie Jacobsen & Allen Belton Library- In order to honor and build on the legacies of two men (Connie Jacobsen & Allen Belton) who have sowed deeply into the life of D.A.D.S., we envision enhancing our new DADS space with a library of books and resources to support fathers connecting with their families! We are thankful to the Gesner-Johnson Foundation for their generous support toward both the library and the podcast.

*Join us in giving Children the gift of
Connecting with their father!*

for He Himself is our Peace!

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