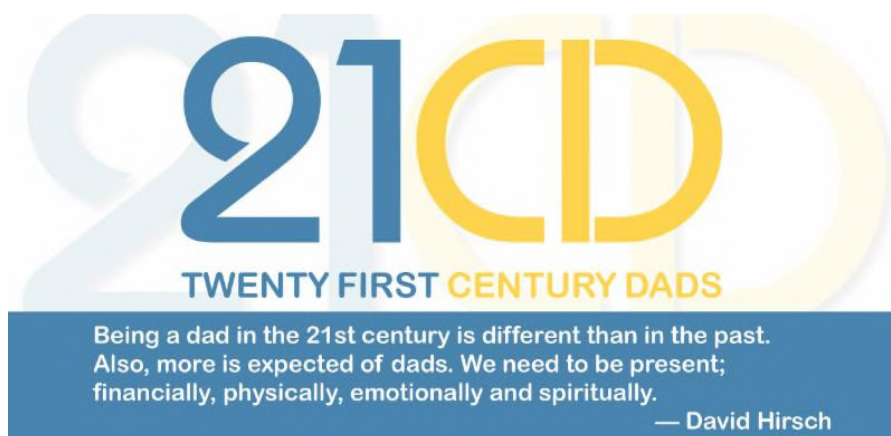


Illinois Fatherhood Initiative



November 2015 Newsletter

21st Century Dads Foundation, a 501c3, was established to address the epidemic of father absence, one of the root causes for what ails society. An estimated 24m children are growing up in father absent homes across the United States.

On October 1, 2015 David Hirsch gave a TEDx Talk entitled: *Why We Need To Break The Cycle Of Father Absence*. Click below to watch the video and be sure to: Like, Comment and Share as you see fit.



[Click Here To Watch TEDx Talk](#)

Dads Honor Ride 2016 Boston to Chicago

Dads Honor Ride is a cycling and fundraising campaign. The inaugural ride, DHR15, took place from June 1-21, 2015. The ride started in Santa Monica, CA, loosely followed the iconic Route 66 and concluded in Chicago on Father's Day at US Cellular Field with an on-field ceremony before the Chicago White Sox baseball game.

DHR16 will be from Boston to Chicago, via Washington, DC from May 30 to June 19, 2016 (Father's Day). 21CDF is budgeting for a limit of 10 riders per day and 70 riders in total in one of three categories:

10 one week riders, each raising \$5,000 or more
20 three day riders, each raising \$2,500 or more, and
40 one day riders, each raising \$1,000 or more

[Click Here](#) to obtain a Preliminary Rider Registration Form.

Tentative DHR16 Route

Week #1

May 30 Boston to Providence, RI
 May 31 Providence, RI
[June 1](#) New London, CT
[June 2](#) Bridgeport, CT
[June 3](#) New York City
[June 4](#) Trenton, NJ
[June 5](#) Wilmington, DE

Week #2

[June 6](#) Washington, DC
[June 7](#) Harper's Ferry, WV
[June 8](#) Hancock, MD
[June 9](#) Cumberland, MD
[June 10](#) Connelville, PA
[June 11](#) Pittsburgh, PA
[June 12](#) Youngstown, OH

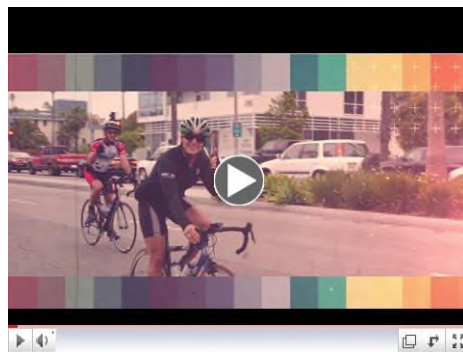
Week #3

[June 13](#) Cleveland, OH
[June 14](#) Sandusky, OH
[June 15](#) Toledo, OH
[June 16](#) Detroit, MI
[June 17](#) Jonesville, MI
[June 18](#) South Bend, IN
[June 19](#) Gary, IN to Chicago

21CDF is seeking sponsorships of cash and in-kind donations. [Click Here](#) to obtain a Sponsorship Form.

DHR15 Recap

Click below to watch the video played on the BIG screen at US Cellular Field.



[Click Here](#) to watch the post-ride video.

DHR15 was a bicycle ride - **not a race** - covering 2,300+ miles of terrain over 21 days. Riders stopped along the way to honor dads and to raise awareness for fatherhood programs including:

Boot Camp for New Dads, Native American Fathers & Families, and Watch D.O.G.S. Here is a sampling of media & other coverage:

Quintessential Barrington July/August Issue - [click here](#)

Daily Herald June 2nd - [click here](#)

Albuquerque TV interview June 8th - [click here](#)

WGN TV News June 10th - [click here](#)

Amarillo TV Interview June 11th - [click here](#)

Springfield, MO TV coverage June 16th - [click here](#)

Chicago, IL ABC7News coverage June 21st - [click here](#)

Chicago Sun-Times June 22nd - [click here](#)



The Handsome Dads Honor Ride 2015 Belt Buckle earned for riding at least one full week.

Here is a fun and convenient way to review the DHR15 day by day. Clicking the links will take you to a brief update as well as 10-20 photos with captions for each day.

Day 1 - Santa Monica to Palm Springs (149 miles) - [click here](#)
 Day 2 - Palm Springs to Blythe, CA (130 miles) - [click here](#)
 Day 3 - Blythe, CA to Wickenburg, AZ (114 miles) - [click here](#)
 Day 4 - Wickenburg to Cottonwood, AZ (111 miles) - [click here](#)
 Day 5 - Cottonwood to Winslow, AZ (94 miles) - [click here](#)
 Day 6 - Winslow to Gallup, NM (140 miles) - [click here](#)
 Day 7 - Gallup to Albuquerque, NM (141 miles) - [click here](#)
 Day 8 - Albuquerque to Santa Rosa, NM (94 miles) - [click here](#)
 Day 9 - Santa Rosa to Tucumcari, NM (110 miles) - [click here](#)
 Day 10 - Tucumcari to Amarillo, TX (110 miles) - [click here](#)
 Day 11 - Amarillo to Shamrock, TX (102 miles) - [click here](#)
 Day 12 - Shamrock to Weatherford, OK (102 miles) - [click here](#)
 Day 13 - Weatherford to Chandler, OK (100 miles) - [click here](#)
 Day 14 - Chandler to Claremore, OK (92 miles) - [click here](#)
 Day 15 - Claremore to Joplin, MO (103 miles) - [click here](#)
 Day 16 - Joplin to Lebanon, MO (127 miles) - [click here](#)
 Day 17 - Lebanon to Sullivan, MO (94 miles) - [click here](#)
 Day 18 - Sullivan to Edwardsville, IL (94 miles) - [click here](#)
 Day 19 - Edwardsville to Lincoln, IL (122 miles) - [click here](#)
 Day 20 - Lincoln to Monee, IL (151 miles) - [click here](#)
 Day 21 - Monee to Chicago, IL (37 miles) - [click here](#)

Fatherhood Organizational Spotlight

Each month 21CD will spotlight a premiere fatherhood organization and 21CD partner. This month's organization is:



Founder in 2007, by Dr. W. Miziolek, [Tato.net](#) is Poland's premiere fatherhood organization and one of the most respected fatherhood organizations in all of Europe.

Tato.net's Mission is:

to inspire men and encourage them to become more committed and involved fathers.



Darius Cupial, Tato.net executive director, was one of the three day riders in DHR15 riding from St. Louis to Chicago. For more information on Tato.net, please [click here](#).

Dads Honor Ride 2016 WANTED STATE COORDINATORS

DHR16 will pass through:
MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, DE, DC, WV, MD, PA, OH, MI, IN & IL.

- State coordinators will:**
- assist with the local route
 - help identify riders
 - help identify local fatherhood groups
 - help coordinate morning, mid-day and day-end venues
 - help coordinate with local media

If you, or someone you know, would like to be a state liaison to DHR16 for your state, please send an email to rsvp@21stCenturyDads.org.

10 WAYS TO HONOR YOUR DAD

Consider a 10 point plan to strengthen the relationship with your dad or father-figure. You can do this over 10 days or 10 months.

1. Pick up the phone and give him a call
2. Write him a note, letter or send an email
3. Make him something
4. Give him a gift
5. Do something together
6. Speak positively of him
7. Display of photo of him
8. Name your child after him
9. Tell him you love him
10. Make a donation in his name or memory

[Click Here To Donate](#)

Thank You For Being Part Of The Solution!!

THE GREAT DAD COIN = GREAT GIFT FOR DAD

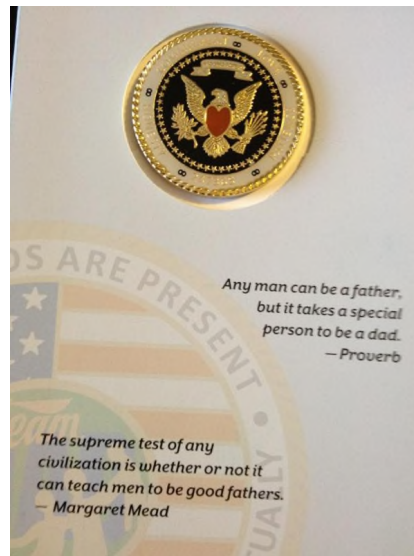
More than 3k dads have been honored with a Great Dad Coin. These handsome keepsakes are best presented in a handshake, but may also be mailed along with the accompanying Hallmark-style card.

For a limited time, you can get two for the price of one, so you can honor

a grandfather or another father-figure in your life.



Front and back of Great Dad Coin.



Cover of card w Great Dad Coin.

To order your Great Dad Coins: [Click Here](#)

21st Century Dads Foundation - was established to address the epidemic of father absence in society. Four out of 10, or an estimated 24,000,000, youth grow up in a father absent homes across the United States. 21st Century Dads Foundation's mission is to "raise awareness for the importance of fathers and to support fatherhood programs." Thank you for supporting 21CDF's mission. For more information or to donate, please go to: www.21stCenturyDads.org.