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DO YOU KNOW A 'TOP NEIGHBORHOOD DAD'? Stephanie Rawlings-Blake Wants to hear from you!

Council President Accepting Nominations for 'Top Neighborhood Dads' Contest

Baltimore, MD (May 9, 2008) –City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake will honor 25 of Baltimore's "Top Neighborhood Dads" in recognition of community service and Father's Day. The 2nd annual contest honors those dedicated men who have selflessly worked to keep Baltimore's neighborhoods strong, safe and clean. Baltimore community associations are asked to nominate their "Top Neighborhood Dads" no later than May 23.

"This is a terrific opportunity to recognize the many men in Baltimore neighborhoods who stand-up and serve their communities," Rawlings-Blake said. "But we really need to hear from our neighborhood associations in order to make it happen."

Each contest winner and a guest will be invited to join Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake at a special luncheon on Thursday, June 12, 2008 at the Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers Maritime Museum in Fells Point. The event is sponsored by Life Bridge Health and will be emceed by WJZ-TV anchor Kai Jackson.

"The 'Top Neighborhood Moms' event was a great success. We had more than double the number of nominations from last year, and now it's time to do the same for our 'Top Neighborhood Dads'," Rawlings-Blake said.

Nominees may be submitted from recognized neighborhood associations in Baltimore City by visiting the Baltimore City Council website (www.baltimorecitycouncil.com) and clicking on "Top Neighborhood Dads" to download the nomination form.

Complete and mail or fax the nomination form to:

Baltimore's Top Neighborhood Dads
Office of Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
Room 400, City Hall
100 North Holliday Street
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Fax: 410-539-0647.

Nomination forms **MUST BE RECEIVED** no later than **FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2008**. A selection committee will review all of the nominations and determine who are Baltimore's Top Neighborhood Dads.

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