



Harvest Preparatory School



Boys Academy



Social Fathers Program



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Harvest Prep School has created an academy for boys to address the unique challenges and learning styles of boys. As part of this new work, we are developing a social fathers program.

WHY A SOCIAL FATHERS PROGRAM

- 65% of African American children are in fatherless homes. Some of the consequences of this phenomena is:
 - Behavioral disorders/runaways/high school dropouts/chemical abusers/suicides
 - Juvenile delinquency/crime/gangs/
 - Teenage pregnancy
 - Child abuse
 - Poverty
- When fathers are absent, children suffer.
- Research data support that the prevalence of physical fatherlessness, affects more than 25,000,000 children. Emotional fatherlessness—when dad is in the home, but not emotionally engaged with his child's life—affects millions more.
- Our hope is to improve the academic, moral and social development of the boys in the Boys Academy through the Social Father Program.

WHO ARE SOCIAL FATHERS?

- Social Fathers are a group of men who are "like fathers" to children. These men are either relatives or unrelated males who provide support for children other than their own. Relative social fathers include children's grandfathers, uncles, cousins, or older brothers. Non-relative social fathers can include stepfathers, adoptive fathers, fictive kin (non-biological uncles, grandfathers, big brothers, etc.), or male friends of either biological parent.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Social Father volunteers are needed
- A one academic school year commitment
- Submit to a background check
- Contact our Parent Liaison, Rev. Janet Joh Room 315W, or vzulu@seed-harvest.org



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PROGRAM GOAL

- Social Fathers spend time in the classroom twice a month
- Provide children a model of correct moral and social development
- Instill a sense of community in the children
- Demonstrate to the child they are valued by the community and have a sense of belonging.