



# 2004 – 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

FATHERHOOD COLLABORATIVE OF SAN MATEO COUNTY



## Message from the Chair

It is a great pleasure to introduce the first annual report of the Fatherhood Collaborative (FC) of San Mateo County. The FC is a policy and advocacy group whose mission is to provide a forum to address and support the importance of men and fathers taking an active role in the well-being of children and families.

The FC believes that fathers must be involved in the lives of their children, regardless of the family's composition or legal status. Fatherhood is not only a biological condition; more importantly, it is a uniquely necessary and essential bond that creates a life-long evolving relationship. A relationship that must be continually nurtured and cherished by fathers, their partners, families, and the community at large.

The FC was formed seven years ago. As it is not a direct service organization and has been largely funded by local county government, it has had a relatively low profile with residents who may not directly interact with county government and services. To address this issue, we have begun a new campaign to raise awareness of our mission, goals, and accomplishments. We want to ensure that all county residents are aware of our efforts. We invite participation from all segments of the community.

This report captures our accomplishments during the 2004-2005 fiscal year ending June 30, 2005. Highlights of the past year included:

- a. A training program for child welfare workers on dealing effectively with fathers in the child welfare system;
- b. Distribution of four mini-grants to community-based organizations for father-related programs;
- c. The Dads Count Breakfast featuring Super Bowl Quarterback and San Mateo native Tom Brady;
- d. A Fatherhood Conference in collaboration with the Child Care Coordinating Council of San Mateo County;
- e. Granting of awards to outstanding fathers and male caregivers in the community;
- f. A full year of Dad & Me @ the Library programs;
- g. The most successful Dad & Me @ the Park to date held on Fathers Day 2005.

The Collaborative is comprised of more than 50 community-based organizations, county agencies, and individuals, all of whom believe in raising and promoting the interests of fathers and families in San Mateo County. Our goal is to ensure that the importance of the role of dads in their families and in the community is recognized and nurtured. If you share this vision, and want to be part of this passionate effort, contact our Coordinator, Eve Agiewich, at [agiewich@fatherhoodcollaborative.org](mailto:agiewich@fatherhoodcollaborative.org), or 650-655-6770 x 228, or email me @ [iguerrero@co.sanmateo.ca.us](mailto:iguerrero@co.sanmateo.ca.us)

Ignacio J. Guerrero  
Chair, Fatherhood Collaborative Governing Board

## Dad & Me @ the Park

Dad & Me @ the Park is an annual FC event to celebrate and spotlight Fatherhood Awareness Week. It provides a wonderful opportunity for fathers and other significant male caregivers to spend time with their children, while bringing them to one of our beautiful county parks for a free



afternoon of play, activities and fun. This year's 4<sup>th</sup> annual program was held on Father's Day at San Pedro Valley Park in Pacifica. More than 400 family members enjoyed a beautiful, sunny day that included entertainment by the Cotton Candy Express, the amazing

magic of Gerald Joseph, Dana Smith and his performing dog Lacey, face painting and a guided nature tour. With a free lunch included, no one lacked for food or fun!

*Dad & Me @ the Park was made possible through the efforts of a partnership between the Fatherhood Collaborative of San Mateo County, the Environmental Services Agency Parks and Recreation Division and other community-based organizations.*

## Library Programs Draw Many Dads & Kids

Go to any of our 18 Dad and Me @ the Library programs and you will find a roomful of kids wearing funny hats, waving pompoms, dancing, and singing along to the cheerful songs of Lori and RJ, a talented duo called the Cotton Candy Express. You'll see many happy children and dads smiling and singing along, or at least bouncing in their seats, enjoying the music, stories and games.

In its fourth year, the Dad & Me @ the Library program continues to grow. The program, sponsored jointly by the San Mateo County Library, the Peninsula Library System and the Fatherhood Collaborative, provides an opportunity for dads to bring their kids to the libraries for fun, age-appropriate entertainment. The kids also get songbooks donated by Klutz Press and the San Mateo County Library, and a really positive literacy experience at the local library.

During this past year more than 1,325 participants took part in the programs, which were held at all the county and city libraries. The goal has been to hold two programs per month. The current schedule for the full school year is now up on our website: [www.fatherhoodcollaborative.org](http://www.fatherhoodcollaborative.org)



## Dads Count—More than Just Breakfast

“More than ever, the role fathers play in the lives of their children and families is vital for future success and well being,” San Mateo County Supervisor Jerry Hill, one of the co-chairs of the *Dads Count & Family Friendly Employer Awards*, explained. “Dads Count allows us the opportunity to stress the importance of fathers, and to recognize those employers which make efforts to provide supportive work environments.”

Last year's Dads Count breakfast was held July 9, 2004, at the Hotel Sofitel in Redwood City, and was part of the efforts initiated by the Fatherhood Collaborative to bring greater awareness and support for fatherhood issues.

Featured keynote speakers were Tom Brady Jr., quarterback of the Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots, his father, Tom Brady Sr., businessman and long-time San Mateo resident and his sister, Maureen Brady, well known locally for her athletic accomplishments. More than 300 guests were on hand.



South San Francisco-based biotech firm Genentech, the Child Care Coordinating Council, and the Service League of San Mateo County were honored for promoting a family friendly workplace and programs. Supervisor Hill, San Mateo County Superior Court Judge Robert Foiles and First National Bank of Northern California CEO Tom McGraw were Co-Chairs of the event.

## Father Of The Year, Service Providers & Advocates Recognized



For the past six years, The Fatherhood Collaborative has held an Awards Ceremony to honor men and women who have made outstanding contributions as role models, advocates, service providers, and

mentors working with fatherhood and male involvement programs in San Mateo County. The 2004 ceremony, held on November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Foster City Library Community Center was an opportunity to emphasize the importance of men and fathers in the lives of children. Honored for their exceptional support were:

- \* George Hellerich, Father of the Year
- \* Jeanine Asche, Father Advocate Award
- \* Nick Ramirez, Fatherhood Service Award
- \* Mario Rendon, Outstanding Contributor Award

The award presenters included Jerry Hill, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors; John Mehl, County Office of Education; and Jan Stokley, Executive Director of the Child Care Coordinating Council

**4 Mini-Grants, Totaling \$15,000, Awarded To Local Agencies**

The FC continued its practice of awarding *Mini-Grants* to local agencies for projects that further the mission of the Collaborative. For fiscal year 2004-2005, the following grants were awarded:

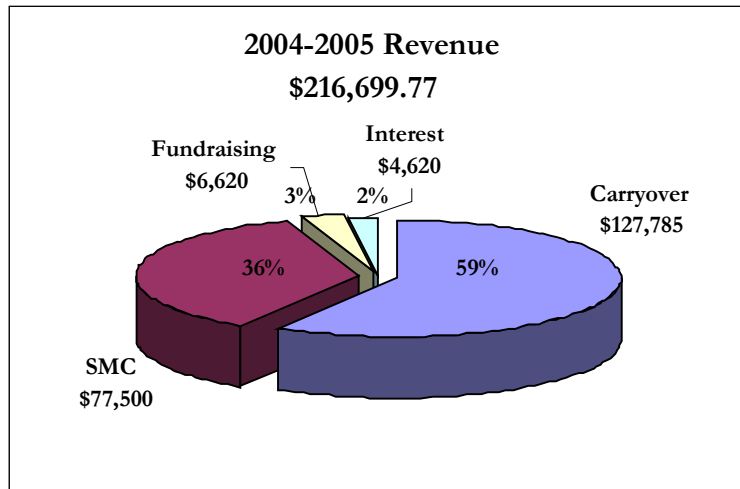
- ◆ **The Breastfeeding Care Center (WIC), \$2,750** to help fund accessible weekend and evening classes designed to encourage fathers to take active roles in the well-being of their children and families, and to empower them to become advocates for breastfeeding within their families and the community.

- ◆ **The South Coast Collaborative, \$2,300** to assist the *Cross-Cultural Father/Children Enrichment Program*, by helping to fund events designed to enhance father/child bonding and to promote life-long learning.
- ◆ **Sequoia Children’s Center, \$3,950** to help fund *Dads Matter; Making a Positive Difference in the Lives of Children*, a lecture series and discussion for fathers designed to inspire, educate, empower, and engage fathers in the active and important role they have in their children’s lives, infancy through grade school.
- ◆ **The Service League of San Mateo County, \$3,750** to help fund *The FATHERS Project*, a literacy and parenting skill program for inmates of the San Mateo County Jail.

**Fatherhood Collaborative Financial Data**

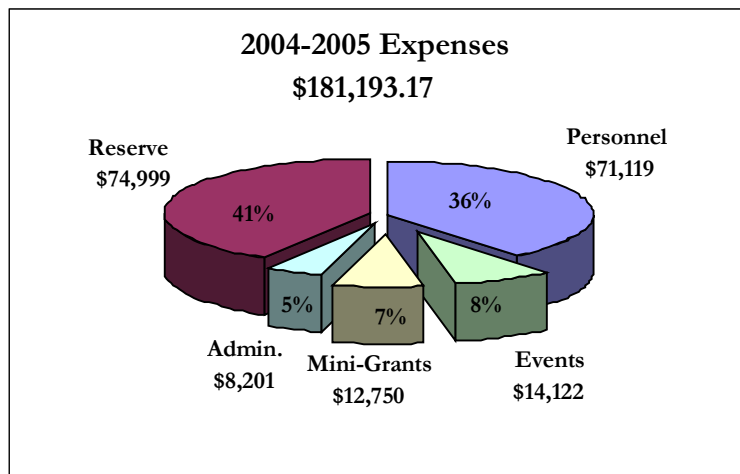
**2004 - 2005 Revenue**

Fund Balance	127,785.15
SMC	77,500
Fundraising	6,620.48
Interest	4,620.35
Miscellaneous	173.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>216,699.77</b>



**2004 – 2005 Expenses**

Personnel	71,119.86
Events	14,122.76
Mini-Grants	12,750
Administrative	8,201.40
Reserves	74,999.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>181,193.17</b>



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