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WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 17, 2002) - The American Coalition for Fathers and Children (ACFC), in an effort to make every day, family day, is sponsoring The Inaugural Father's Day Picnic on The Mall - Old Fashioned Family Fun, a FREE day of carnival-style activities, Sunday, June 16 2002 (Father's Day), Noon to 4 P.M. on The Mall across from the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. The exact event area on The Mall is bordered by Fourth and Seventh Streets and Madison and Jefferson Drives, in SW Washington.

A full afternoon of activities is scheduled, including a classic car exhibit, retro carnival game attractions, music, the official ACFC Auto Racing Team and the WE R ONE Celebrity Basketball Shootout.

Bring your picnic basket, ACFC will provide the fun and games!

The mission of ACFC is to promote equal rights for divorced parents because "Children Need Both Parents."

"When parents are given equal rights, equal responsibility follows," said Dianna Thompson, Executive Vice President of ACFC. "Children don't choose to have only one parent. The loss of a parent is bad enough, but the child also loses the extended family of that parent too. Grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, all who could have a positive impact on that child. The Inaugural Father's Day Picnic goal is to promote shared parenting, regardless of whether the parents are still together, affording children the benefit of a relationship with both parents."

The Inaugural Father's Day Picnic is walking distance from METRO's Smithsonian and Archives/Navy Memorial stations. For more information call (800) 978-3237.



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