

DOJ Faith-Based Center Represents White House Faith-Based Center in Honoring Eight Fatherhood Heroes in Tarrant County, Texas

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As part of President Obama’s Fatherhood & Mentoring Initiative, I ventured to Tarrant County, Texas (the Dallas/Fort Worth area) to honor eight “Fatherhood Heroes” for their role promoting responsible fatherhood in their families and communities. This was the fourth in a series of local “Fatherhood Heroes” events around the country (in cities like Orlando and Los Angeles) and was hosted by the Fatherhood Coalition of Tarrant County. These honorees were:

- Ronnie Blackwell
- Nancy Dahle
- Bhola Khatri
- Judy McDonald
- Andy Nguyen
- Debra Pohlman
- Charles Scoma
- Valois Vera

Through their commitment to fatherhood, these men and women (and others committed to fatherhood) are everyday heroes who are strengthening their neighborhoods by strengthening their families. Each and every one of their stories was captivating, and it was an honor to thank them for being positive examples in the lives of their children and the children around them. From the national perspective and on the ground, I am sure I spoke for many in expressing gratitude for these heroes and other adults across the country like them who invest their time and energy to support young people whose fathers are not around.

The President's Fatherhood and Mentoring initiative is a national effort to address responsible fatherhood and healthy families in America through partnerships with family-serving and mentorship groups around the country. The initiative serves as a call to action for cities and states, with individuals and organizations across the country to raise awareness about responsible fatherhood and working to re-engage absent fathers with their families.

Want to get involved? Visit Fatherhood.gov and take the [Fatherhood Pledge](#).

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