

VISION

*Are you a single parent?
Do you know someone who is?
Do you live in a single parent home?*



With the growing number of single parent families, it is **S.P.A.R.C.**'s idea that single parenthood impacts the life of nearly everyone -

either you are a single parent or you know someone who is.

While single parent families are not automatically doomed for failure, it is easier for two parents working together to ensure the welfare of their child to achieve success.

It is this gap **S.P.A.R.C.** seeks to fill. Whether by death, divorce, accident or design, single parents must now successfully complete a job that is overwhelming even for two.

If you are a single parent or know someone who is

OR

if you are a child living in a single parent home...

*let **S.P.A.R.C.** help you!*

It only takes a SPARC to ignite the flame of change

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MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

Single parents face a myriad of issues in raising their families. As parenthood is often overwhelming in two parent families, single parents face many challenges and disadvantages when doing it alone. Fostering the idea that it does indeed "take a village to raise a child", **SPARC's MISSION** is to *empower and equip single parents with the necessary tools, resources and support to enable them to create a healthy home environment and nurture their children into a productive and successful adulthood.*

SPARC VALUES single parents who are willing to take the extra steps necessary to ensure their children receive what they need. **SPARC VALUES** communities that value single parent families, recognize their special needs and are committed to ensuring that those needs are met. **SPARC VALUES** individuals who are willing to volunteer to stand in the gap and help fill the void left by a missing parent.

It is **SPARC's VISION** that single parents will be empowered and equipped to take their place among society's most successful families. It is **SPARC's VISION** that single parents will no longer be left alone to raise children by themselves, with little or no help from the other parent and the community in which they reside. It is **SPARC's VISION** that communities will assist in the development of a society that truly adheres to the belief that it does indeed take a village to raise a child and no **ONE** person, no matter the circumstance should ever be left to do it alone.

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With the belief that stronger families build stronger communities, S.P.A.R.C., a non-profit organization dedicated to the empowerment and support of single parent families, equips single parents with the necessary tools to achieve success solely in a role meant for two. Empowering the parent empowers the child, thereby benefiting the community as a whole.

With the idea that parenthood is difficult enough in the best of circumstances, it is S.P.A.R.C.'s mission to address the special challenges single parents face. In an effort to fill the gap left by a missing parent, S.P.A.R.C. provides single parents and their children with the necessary supportive services.

S.P.A.R.C. addresses the single parent family as a complete unit and will provide all supportive services from one centralized facility making it easier for the single parent to secure all necessary services for themselves as well as for their child.

With the belief that strengthening the parent strengthens the child, S.P.A.R.C. provides positive encouragement to strengthen the self-esteem and self-concept of the parent. The parent will then be empowered to strengthen the self-esteem and self-concept of the child.



S.P.A.R.C. is uniquely positioned to provide a measurable impact to the community by presenting it with more than healthier children or healthier adults.

S.P.A.R.C. provides communities with healthier families.



Scope of Services

??Got Boys?? - a cross gender education and empowerment class for mothers raising sons. Although the class is specifically for single mothers raising sons, mothers in two parent households are welcome to participate and will receive a tremendous benefit for their participation. This program is paired with a mentoring, leadership and character development program for young males raised by single mothers.

??Got Girls??: a cross gender education and empowerment class for men raising girls (same program design as Got Boys)

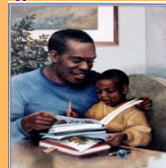
ParentingPOWER – a parenting class focused on effective discipline for effective parenting for today's single parent. Part of the Frontline Parenting Series, SPARC's premier parenting series for today's single parent family, this workshop teaches single parents a diverse and effective approach to discipline. It also teaches them how to handle the burnout most single parents face as the sole disciplinarian in the home. It not only teaches effective discipline but also educates participants on the pitfalls and consequences of utilizing ineffective, inappropriate and dangerous methods of discipline. Finally, it examines the difference between discipline and abuse. Participants who enter this workshop feeling overwhelmed will leave feeling empowered.

YouthWorks – a job readiness/career development series for youth seeking employment

Having It All – a life skills series for working single parents, single parents working for the first time or those returning to the workplace after an extended absence

Referral Services – SPARC's commitment to single parent families is to either provide the service or to refer that single parent family to the agency that does

SingleParent101 – an introductory class for parents facing single parenthood for the first time. It provides an overview to SingleParent411, our 6-8 week parenting program.



Financial Literacy for Youth – SPARC provides financial literacy training and character development for youth in single parent homes

Holiday Single Parent Family Adoption – each year with the support of local churches, corporations and agencies, SPARC adopts single parent families to provide them with support and assistance during the stressful holiday season

Back to Business - a job readiness/career development series for single parents seeking employment and/or advancement in the workplace. It includes a variety of topics including Computer Skills, Time Management, Interview Prep, Dress for Success, Attitude=Altitude, and a host of others.

SingleParent411 : An aftercare and support series for those new to single parenthood as well as those who have been single parents for years. It covers divorce, death, unplanned pregnancy, separation and others. This series is part of the Frontline Parenting Series - the premier parenting series for today's single parent. This class addresses the complex issues single parents face on a daily basis and provides them with the tools they need to achieve success

keys: program designed to walk individuals from renting or homelessness to homeownership

Dollars and \$ense: In a partnership with Washington Mutual Financial Center, SPARC offers a financial literacy course designed to guide single parents with challenged credit back into traditional banking methods

Parenting Together When You Are Apart: a parenting workshop for parenting pairs who are no longer together. This workshop teaches participants how to put their personal conflicts aside and parent as a team for the benefit of their child

Nurturing Parenting Program – Traditional parenting classes for single or two parent households, special parenting classes for parenting teens and preparatory classes for parents of students entering Kindergarten

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