

Safe Neighborhoods Newsletter - 6/19/23

Making Neighborhoods Safe for Kids & Families!

The *Safe Neighborhoods Newsletter* is brought to our readers as a project of cooperation between Safe Kids Now (SKN) and the Coalition for a Principled Republic (CPR). This newsletter is published monthly in 2023. The Safe Kids Now Network was founded by Stephanie Mann. Please check the Safe Kids Now Network for more information on her interview with Dennis Jamison. This newsletter shares information to empower and keep children, families, and neighbors safe, and provides steps to make neighborhoods, communities, and cities safe, healthy places to work and live.

Children are God's love gift; they are Heaven's generous reward - Psalm 127:3

Follow-Up on Father's Day - Hope all Dads had a Great Day!

From the Editor:

June 19th was Father's Day in America, as well as in nearly 90 nations throughout the world that have followed the lead of the United States in creating a day to honor fathers. The 'mother' of the day to honor fathers was Sonora Dodd, the daughter of a father who lost his wife and a dedicated sister who helped her dad raise her five brothers. The history is well worth reading for many reasons.

The single holiday of Father's Day covers a wide gamut of issues that our monthly newsletter cannot adequately address in one edition. However, we are able to deal with many of the issues regarding good fathers or missing fathers in our ongoing efforts to educate American citizens about the problems when there are so many missing fathers and not enough good dads in our society. Stephanie Mann has been putting out statistics for decades. I received startling claims in the form of statistics that screamed to be verified regarding fatherless homes. Sadly, many citizens do not know what they do not know. Some prefer not to know and to ignore the tragedies of our time. That is a tragedy in and of itself.

We'd like to ask readers to peel back the dark draperies of ignorance of the two aspects of fatherhood and do their own homework. Readers can also consider the information we share in our newsletter today, in Stephanie's article, and in our recommended links to videos or articles. There is a link to a radio program that aired on Saturday about a dad who lost a very precious daughter due to a hospital's protocols. We only recommend it for those strong of the heart because it is a modern-day tragedy. There is an accompanying news article as well.

Fatherhood is a complex subject, but we touch on a number of issues. We offer a link to another newsletter from our affiliate in the Coalition for a Principled Republic (CPR) that was posted Sunday and focused entirely on Father's Day – even more features and information. Via the *Lightwing Messages* edition, readers can also find an article I wrote about Father's Day with a more spiritual focus but for more serious consideration for such a turbulent and toxic time. – *Dennis Jamison, Editor*

Do Children's Lives Matter?

By **Stephanie Mann**

Society is us, not just elected officials. America's future is in peril because children have been ignored, neglected, and abused as family and neighborhood support has deteriorated. We see the destructive results with many young people lacking a moral foundation which includes the 3 C's: Courage, Character, and a self-protective Conscience.

Today's angry youth are looting, setting fires, destroying businesses, and disrespecting police as they intimidate city leaders into ignoring violent behavior. Without consequences, "followers" (youth without an identity) join in with the attitude, "I'm going to get what I want, and I don't care about anyone else." Abuse and helicopter parenting create "followers" who lack self-discipline, self-awareness, and self-worth.

Statistics tell us about the plight of American children:

- Cost of child abuse and neglect...\$220 Million A DAY! (Source: Preventchildabuse.org)
- Cost of gangs, average age 14...\$200 Billion a year! (Source: nationalgangcenter.gov)
- Cost of drug abuse...\$1 Trillion a year! (Source: Psychology Today)
- Cost of human trafficking, average age 13...\$32 Billion a year! (Source: Human Rights First)
- Cost of youth suicide...\$58.4 Billion a year! (Source: Americashealthrankings.org)

We must discuss the high cost to families and taxpayers. So how can we demonstrate that ***Children's Lives Matter?***

Americans Are Witnessing A Spiritual Crisis

Politicians, community leaders, and citizens must put children first! We don't allow children to bullying in schools, so why are city leaders allowing bullies to injure 400+ police officers and destroy public and private property without condemning their actions?

Our Founding Fathers understood the power of the human spirit, and without self-discipline, democracy will fade, and dependency will grow. Freedom allows people to thrive and grow strong as they take responsibility for their behavior. If we are going to remain a free society, we must start discussing how to maintain Freedom. We destroy ourselves if we allow public and private citizens to ignore emotion, pain, and violent behavior. Over the last 50 years, the family structure gradually broke down. The government warehoused low-income people in socially isolating projects. Religion slipped into the background and disappeared from the conversation at home, in schools, and in the community. "Love thy Neighbor" was replaced with social isolation. We turned neighborhood safety over to the police. Police power grew as neighbors became disconnected and crime increased. Over the years, we overlooked the abuse of power by police and politicians. The big government tried to fix us and sent billions of dollars into cities which fueled corruption! Police and big government cannot keep children safe. Police react to crime! Connected citizens can prevent crime, gangs, drugs, violent behavior, and the need for a gun culture. "We the People" can empower families and neighborhoods to protect youth.

Freedom Gives Americans The Ability to Achieve Their Dreams.

Democracy thrives through individual determination and initiative. America produced an abundance of inventors, scientists, writers, chemists, musicians, physicists, writers, engineers, and successful businesses. Individual responsibility, family, and community support strengthened Americans.

To restore American values, we need a spiritual awakening!

How many churches, youth groups, and community organizations are in your city? There are 350,000 responsible churches in the US. Let's encourage them to work together to keep children safe. Citizen involvement is the key to protecting children. Connected neighbors build trust and become a network of support around children. "It takes a village" to reduce anger toward police and stop the social isolation that leads to violence, racism, drug abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, and crime.

Suggested Reading: "Alternative to Fear: Guidelines for safe neighborhoods." How one city with 16,500 residents reduced crime by 48% without a local police department. www.safekidsnow.com/books)

We can restore the heart of our cities and set the example of "Love Thy Neighbor," which will increase religious attendance as we fill the needs of the people. Encourage church and civic volunteers to assist neighborhood families, not proselytizing but bringing neighbors together. The faith community can restore America's power, block by block.

Responsible religions offer encouragement and help us look within, live our values, and understand that inner power develops self-esteem, self-determination, and self-confidence. Faith encourages, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," and a self-protective conscience can keep us honest, safe, and healthy. Families and politicians will see the power of God's love in action. Americans will no longer see government as their savior. Love conquers all and keeps children safe!

"THERE IS NO KEENER REVELATION OF A SOCIETY'S SOUL THAN THE WAY IN WHICH WE TREAT ITS CHILDREN." - Nelson Mandela

STEPHANIE L. MANN Author, Crime and Violence Prevention Consultant, Founder – Safe Kids Now National Network. She authored "Empowerment Parenting: How to raise resilient children who become happy, self-reliant adults. She co-authored "Alternative to Fear: Guidelines to Safer Neighborhoods" in 1975. With the help of California's first lady, Nancy Reagan, the CA Youth Authority funded the guide, and thousands were sold to police departments, police training centers, and state and government agencies around the country, including the FBI. "Alternative to Fear" helped educate police about the potential of involved citizens and popularized the "Neighborhood Watch" Programs. Author of six books on home, family, neighborhood, and city safety www.safekidsnow.com

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." - Frederick Douglass.

Call to Action:

Stephanie Mann will be interviewed by Dennis Jamison of the Citizens Sentinels Network (CSN) and Coalition for a Principled Republic (CPR) as part of the weekly Zoom sessions on Wednesdays. Zoom calls are held each Wednesday at 5 pm PDT (6 pm MDT, 7 pm CDT, and 8 pm EDT). Stephanie Mann has contributed to various editions of Citizen Sentinels Network newsletters - in the *LightWing Messages* as well as our *Citizen Voice* editions. She agreed to an interview focused on fatherhood in the USA today. There will be some time for questions and answers and some discussion after the interview. We hope readers can join the Zoom call this Wednesday.

If readers would like to participate in the Wednesday Zoom call and hear the interview with Ms. Stephanie Mann, please reach out. Readers who are interested in receiving the link to the Zoom call should please send a brief email request to this address: d.jamzon@gmail.com

June is Natural Family Month!

We have supported the recent efforts of James Harrison to promote and maintain a month-long awareness or “Celebration of the Family” as a national holiday. This effort had started back on Mother’s Day and wrapped up on Father’s Day.

The pursuit of a Natural Family Celebration is a positive approach to repairing and healing our nation in such a divided time. Mr. Harrison, National Director of Natural Family Strong [Natural Family Foundation](#), was the impetus behind this attempt to create a new holiday in the Ohio region and beyond to celebrate the Family! In concert with other local community leaders, Natural Family Strong proposed earlier this year to make the time period between Mother's Day through Father's Day, an annual celebration of the Natural Family.

At the Citizen Sentinels Network, we believed in the effort and wholeheartedly – totally supported it. And, if one didn’t get involved this year, there’s always next year! Those who would like to get involved next year or to get more information on the effort, please call **614-890-4008** for more details, and please don't hesitate to leave any encouraging messages. *Or reply to: christianminman@gmail.com*

COMING SOON: A book for preteens and teenagers. *Magical YOU! Empowering Teens to Stay Safe and Healthy in an Unsafe World* by Stephanie Mann

This book is an inner journey to help teens stay safe and healthy no matter what has happened in their life. I was a victim of abuse in my home, abandoned in Mexico City at age 15, and didn’t speak the language. I learned how to survive and thrive; teens can do it too. ***Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old, he will not depart from it.*** - Proverbs 22:6

Compelling Videos To View...

- The American Minute with Bill Federer (video): American Minute for June 19 - The first formal Father's Day was celebrated on this day in 1910.
- The Skit Guys: Fatherhood by the Skit Guys
- World Outreach Church with Allen Jackson: Masculinity that Honors God | Pastor Allen Jackson – 6/17/23
- Last Call Radio Show: Reclaiming Fatherhood with Mother Nature - BJ Edwards interviews special guest Scott Schara, who lost his daughter to hospital negligence in 2022.
- Aoki Family Journal (a family series): I Became a Better Dad Though My Hobby | Aoki Family - Can your hobby improve you as a person? It can! In fact, my hobby helps build my character and makes me a better family man.

- **Podcast** > From The Christian Post: Episode 4: 'A Nightmare': How Transgender Chaos Is Invading Law and Policy — and Threatening Parental Rights
- **ICYMI > Podcast** > From Kingdom Winds: TABLE & WELL PODCAST: Parent Maturity (Part 4) - Personal Practical Tasks and Message to Fathers

Important Reading...

- The American Minute with Bill Federer: Happy Father's Day! "America needs heroes on the battlefield of everyday life"-U.S. Senate Chaplain Peter Marshall - 6/17/23
- WSAU News (on Scott Schara's daughter): Wisconsin Hospital Kills Down Syndrome Teenager – 4/7/22
- EarthWeb: Fatherless Homes Statistics 2023: Risks & Repercussions – 3/25/23
- From The Daily Signal: Society Suffers When Progressives Spurn Fatherhood, Marriage, and Family - 6/16/23
- NEWSWITHVIEWS.COM: We Need More Courageous Godly Men With A Backbone - 6/18/23
- LightWing Messages: CSN - LightWing Messages for Father's Day - 6/18/23
- BizPac Review: Swathes of K-12 parents are dumping schools captured by teachers unions - 6/16/23
- The Heartland Institute: Educational Freedom Update - 6/14/23

Inspiring & Transforming Stories...

- The Good News Network: Tennessee is Sending Free Books to 200,000 Kids to Keep Them Reading Over the Summer—Families Are 'Thrilled'
- The Epoch Times: Mom's Instinct Saves Her Unborn Baby When She Doesn't Feel Him Move for 2 Days: 'A Huge Blessing'
- The Epoch Times: Slice of Life | Homeschooler Whose Parents Banned Social Media Graduates College at 12 With 4.0 GPA
- The Good News Network: Best 'Dad Jokes' Have Been Compiled for Father's Day in New American Poll
- For Kids And Country: In Profile - Darren Miller - For Darren Miller, a math teacher in California for more than 20 years, his relationship with the state and national teachers' unions has never added up. For one thing, those unions seemed more concerned with political and social issues than handling issues for which a professional union should be concerned. "There are only three things the union should be involved with: our pay, our benefits, and our working conditions," Darren says.

Safe Kids Now Book Guide: Check out Stephanie Mann's books here: Read SKN Guide to Books that Instill Hope and Build Trustful Relationships. Her current publication: Empowerment Parenting by Stephanie Mann. View at onlinebookclub.org To submit a review of Empowering Parenting, go to <https://forums.onlinebookclub.org/viewtopic.php?f=24&t=128689>

Guide to Additional Good Books -

- Why America Matters: Dr Ben Carson, Valerie Pfundstein, Liz Ball: 9781737868415: Amazon.com: Books
- Election Day: Choosing our President Mike Huckabee's Learn Our History
- Fun, educational shows, magazines, and books for every grade: Kids | PragerU
- From The Gospel Coalition: 5 Surprising Books to Help Navigate the Gender Debates
- Can't Wait Till Christmas by Mike Huckabee

- Rudy's Christmas Wish! On Amazon – [Rudy's Christmas Wish Kindle Edition](#)
- Recommended Resources - follow the links...
- Safe Family and Neighborhood Resource: [Safe Kids Now](#)
 - Plus SKN binder - [Safe Neighborhoods Program for Community Leaders](#)
- CRT information for parents, which they can download: Moms for America
- Dr. Ben Carson's site for KIDS: Little Patriots Learning
- To Restore our educational system to the excellence, morality and patriotism envisioned by our American Founders: For Kids And Country
- Public School Exit Resource: Public School Exit - Online Education Impact Program
- Christian Homeschool Resources: Ed-Exit
- Washington Times Constitution Education Resource: Special Section - To The Republic: Rediscovering the Constitution -
- Liberty Tree Constitution Education Resource: LIBERTY TREE ONLINE UNIVERSITY
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