

## Parents' Day Celebration Announced in New Jersey and Pennsylvania

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### Steve Lonegan to Keynote Parents' Day Celebration



Steve Lonegan, U.S. Senate candidate

**Trenton, NJ** – Steve Lonegan will be featured as the Keynote Speaker at the National Parents' Day Awards Banquet on July 20th in Cedar Grove, New Jersey.

Since the creation of national 'Parents' Day,' an annual day of commemoration created by Congress in 1994, pro-family activists in communities large and small have held award ceremonies designed to honor outstanding couples who have been nominated in recognition of their sacrificial devotion to their children, commitment to each other, and active involvement in their communities. The awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2013 (from 2:30 – 5:00 pm) at the Grove Distinct Catering, in Cedar Grove, NJ.

Why Parent's Day? In every culture and time period, the families built upon strong marriages have stood as a most fundamental human institution. Families rooted in parental love and sacrifice are the starting point of life, the sustainers of well-being of children, ideally becoming schools of love.

Parents' Day recognizes the unique contributions that mothers and fathers make to guide their children until they become mature men and women themselves.

Parents' Day recognizes parenting as a central vocation for families and communities.

“More than just a time to celebrate, it is an occasion to make a statement about what is important in our society,” explains Mr. Joseph Coyne, President of the New Jersey Parents Foundation, a banquet co-sponsoring organization.

The New Jersey Parents Foundation calls on churches and faith communities across our state to host a service and an award event on Sunday, July 28th when America commemorates National Parents’ Day. The message should be loud and clear: “Every child needs a mom and a dad.”

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## A Nation’s Strength is the Strength of Its Families



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**Rohrer to Keynote Pennsylvania Parents’ Day Celebration**

**Nominations Open for Parents of the Year in Pennsylvania**

**Hershey, PA** – Sam Rohrer, president of the Pennsylvania Pastor’s Network and former Pennsylvania gubernatorial candidate will be featured as the Keynote Speaker at the Pennsylvania Parents’ Day Awards Banquet on July 28, 2013 in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Since the creation of ‘Parents’ Day,’ an annual day of commemoration in 1994, pro-family activists in communities large and small have launched educational programs and annual award ceremonies designed to celebrate and honor our outstanding parents. All nominated couples will receive a special recognition certificate and are invited to attend the annual banquet on Sunday, July 28, 2013 at 3:00 pm. This elegant and fun event will be held at the Hershey Country Club, in Hershey, PA. Participants may nominate their parents or someone they know online at [www.pafamilies.org](http://www.pafamilies.org)

Why Parent's Day? In every culture and time period, the family has stood as the most fundamental human institution. Family is the starting point of life, the sustainer of well-being, and ideally the school of love. Commitment to family has always been a core value.

Parents' Day recognizes parenting as a central vocation for families and communities and recognizes the unique contributions that mothers and fathers make to guide their children until they become mature men and women themselves. "More than just a time to celebrate, it is an occasion to make a statement about what is important in our society," explains State Sen. Mike Folmer, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Parents' Day Gala and Awards Banquet. The Pennsylvania Family Coalition calls on churches and faith communities across our state to host a service and an award event on Sunday, July 28th when America commemorates National Parents' Day. The message should be loud and clear: "Every child needs a mom and a dad."



Sam Rohrer, President of the Pennsylvania Pastors Association

Criteria for Parents Day Nominees:

1. Exemplify qualities of sacrificial love;
2. Have overcome major obstacles (emotional, physical, financial, etc.) to provide for children's personal development and happiness.
3. Exhibit qualities of personal moral virtue and/or religious commitment.
4. Have a noteworthy record of contributions to their family and community.

Single parents demonstrating outstanding commitment to the community and family are to be nominated for the Excellence in Parenting Award.