

## Weather Doesn't Stop the Fun on Fatherhood Day



On June 30, 2017, Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) held its fourth Annual Fatherhood Initiative Event at Ray Warren Homes and although the weather was unpredictable, and at times poured down rain, the fun never let up. This year the volunteers of the Fatherhood Team were determined to make it the biggest and best one yet. The event was held Friday evening and activities included a basketball tournament, horse and carriage rides, knocker ball, a bounce house, photo booth, a dance off, and delicious free food. Community partners were also on hand to provide a wealth of resources.

In honor of the significant role that dads play in the lives of their children, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has been hosting this supportive initiative since 2010. HUD began the Father's Day event nationwide for a dual purpose: to provide fun activities to support the bonding of fathers and their children, and to connect fathers to economic development resources. GHA understands the importance the role of a father in strengthening our communities and raising the next generation and is proud to celebrate the dads in the communities we serve.



*Rain or shine this team brought home the win.*

Tina Akers Brown, GHA's Chief Executive Officer, attended the event and said of the festivities, "I really feel this was our best year yet. The way our staff collaborated across the entire agency to put together this celebration of fathers was extraordinary." She also noted seeing fathers with their children on horses, enjoying basketball, talking with community partners, taking silly pictures with hats on, and of course sharing a delicious meal together as a family; "This is what the initiative is all about, right here in our Greensboro community."