



Providing Resources and Support For Single Mothers Raising Boys

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## **Media Advisory: Raising Him Alone Kickoff (Baltimore, MD)**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: On **Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.** the *Urban Leadership Institute, Heal Women, Heal a Nation Residential After School Programs & the Institute for Interactive Instruction* along with several community partners will host Raising Him Alone Kick Off. The kick off is part of a larger conference focused on empowering women. The Urban Leadership Institute has partnered with Heal a Women, Heal a Nation ([www.partofthecure.org](http://www.partofthecure.org)) to provide an exciting opportunity for women in Baltimore, MD.

The Raising Him Alone campaign is designed to provide greater support and advocacy for single mothers raising boys. At a time when so much energy is focused on African American males the campaign feels that it is critical that we do a better job engaging parents around the unique challenges that face boys being raised by single parents. Raising Him Alone ([www.raisinghimalone.com](http://www.raisinghimalone.com)) focuses on creating a safe spaces for single mothers to discuss parenting strategies, personal development, managing finances on a single income and a variety of other topics determined by single mothers.

According to David Miller & Matt Stevens campaign founder, “For too long we have ignored the cries of single mother who struggle to raise healthy boys growing up in a toxic society. It is our hope that the Raising Him Alone Campaign will serve as a catalyst to inspire single mothers to make their sons a priority.”

The campaign kickoff will be held at New Jersey Institute of Technology located in the heart of Newark, NJ, 151 Summit, Newark, New Jersey 07102. The campaign kickoff features an exciting panel featuring a host of celebrity mothers who have raised highly successful sons. Panelist includes: Dr. Brenda Greene, Professor at Medgar Evers College and mother of Talib Kweli, Dr. Mahalia Hines, Retired Chicago Public School Principal and mother of actor/rapper Common and Sheron “Umi” Smith, mother of Grammy Nominated actor and rapper Mos Def. The panel will be hosted by mother/actress/comedienne Meshelle.

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Other featured speakers include: Mildred Crump, President of Newark City Council, noted Educator and Principal of Newark Tech High School Baruti Kafele, Joel Austin, Founder of Daddy University and Kenneth Braswell, Director of the New York State Fatherhood Initiative.

Additionally, the kickoff will feature a resource fair full of organizations dedicated to serving mothers and sons. A series of workshop will also be offered to parents at the kickoff. The workshop will cover a range of parenting topics.

Finally, following the kickoff a series of forums for single mothers will be offered in the Westward (Newark, NJ).

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