

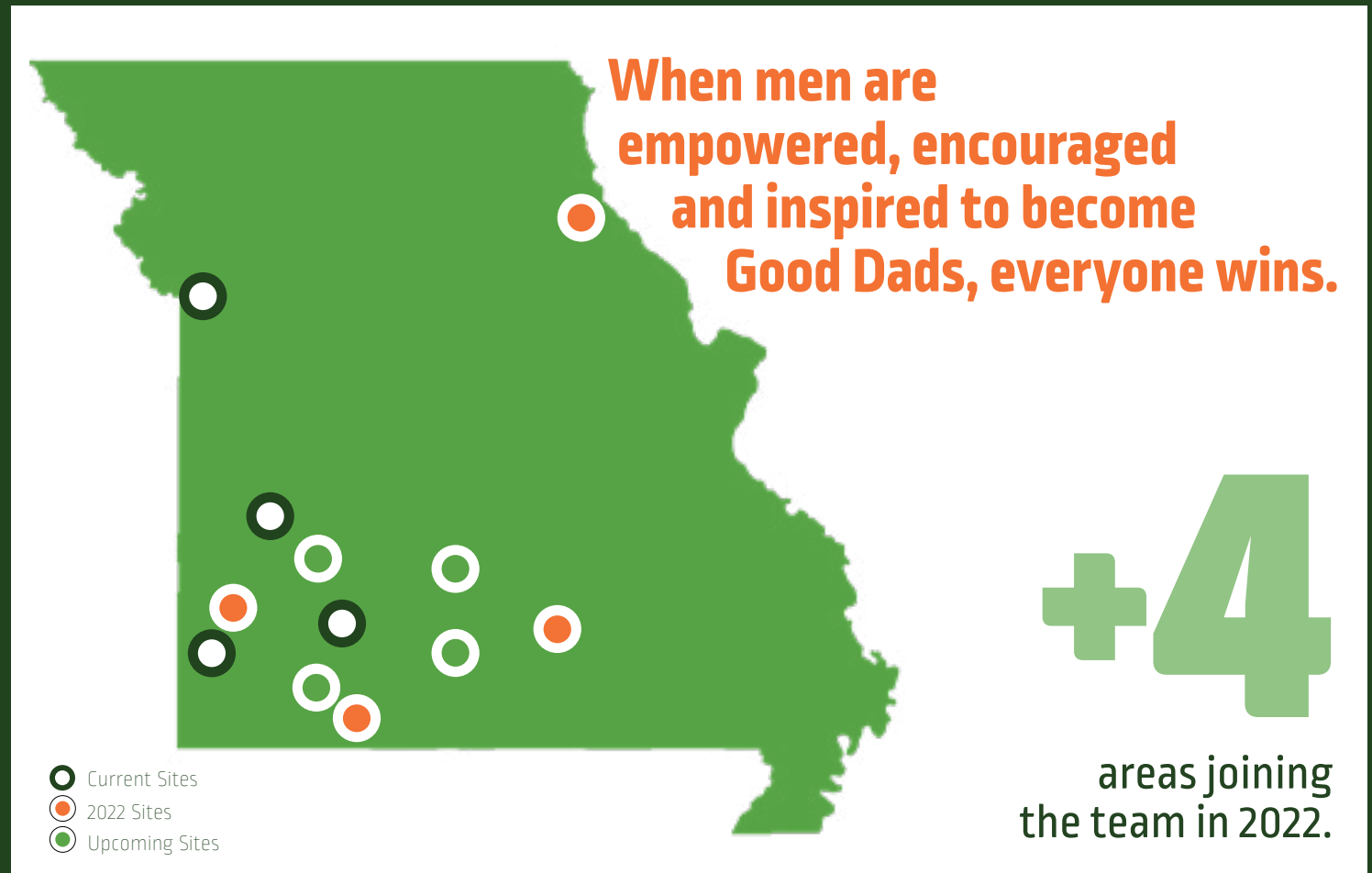
GOOD DADS 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



SERVING **8** COMMUNITIES

PARTNERING WITH **46** BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS

JOINING WITH **9** HOST SITES FOR NEW PATHWAYS



In Springfield, as in much of the nation, father absence is a serious problem. Kids who experience father absence are more likely to have mental health problems, drop out of school, use drugs, and experience incarceration than those who grow up in homes with involved parents. Ten years ago there was little in our region to help fathers be more engaged with their children. In 2015 that changed when Good Dads began.

Good Dads helps dads successfully engage and re-engage with their children and families. It helps fathers communicate well and make memories with their children. It teaches life skills on how to be a better parent, citizen and employee. It provides resources to dads who work remotely or are on the road, away from their children as part of their profession.

At Good Dads we say we “help kids one dad at a time,” but it can also be said that when we help dads, we build better communities. Communities with lots of good dads are safer, have better schools, healthier kids, stronger economies — in short, they’re better places to live.

Building Better Communities



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Good Dads Founder
& Executive Director

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New Beginning Sanctuary
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Victory Mission

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SITES

for 2022



classes

Every year, around 600 dads enroll in a Good Dads class.

In the last 12 months, 122 men completed a New Pathways for Good Dads course.

Find out more about NPGD:



New Beginning Sanctuary

A Springfield 501 (c)(3) nonprofit sober-living program that includes faith-based and secular recovery programs. Its mission is to provide a structured and supportive environment necessary for long-term recovery from substance and alcohol use. Good Dads site since 2018.

nbsanctuary.org

Victory Mission

A Springfield ministry aimed at breaking cycles of poverty by emphasizing workforce development, spiritual growth, and emergency relief through overnight shelters, food pantries, and residential rehabilitation programs.

Good Dads site since 2018.

victorymission.com

Recovery Outreach Services

An outpatient program in Springfield that provides addiction treatment programs and recovery environments. The service uses group classes and individual counseling to help clients reach their goals.

Good Dads site since 2018.

recoveryoutreach.com

Restoration of Hope

A 501 (c) (3) nonprofit in Springfield dedicated to assisting ex-offenders by providing outpatient services, treatment, relapse prevention, counseling, housing, recovery groups and other resources to be successful.

Good Dads site since 2020.

restorationofhopeproject.org

The ROCC

Short for Recovery Outreach Community Center. Based in Joplin, the Methodist organization provides peer recovery support services for those suffering from poverty and substance abuse or mental health disorders.

Good Dads site since 2019.

roccjoplin.com

Harbor House

A shelter and transition house run by the Salvation Army. The organization aims to break the cycle of homelessness through free lunches, safe places to sleep and long-term intervention programs. Good Dads site since 2022.

centralusa.salvationarmy.org/midland/springfieldMO/

Freedom City Recovery

A church in north Springfield aimed at rebuilding broken down communities in US urban areas. The peer-operated recovery community center hosts daily groups, educational classes and pro-social activities.

Good Dads site since 2021.

freedomcitychurch.org

Mountain Grove Life Church

A church in south-central Missouri that "simply loves God, believes His word, and loves all people." The church hosts Sunday services, kids services and fatherhood classes.

Good Dads site since 2021.

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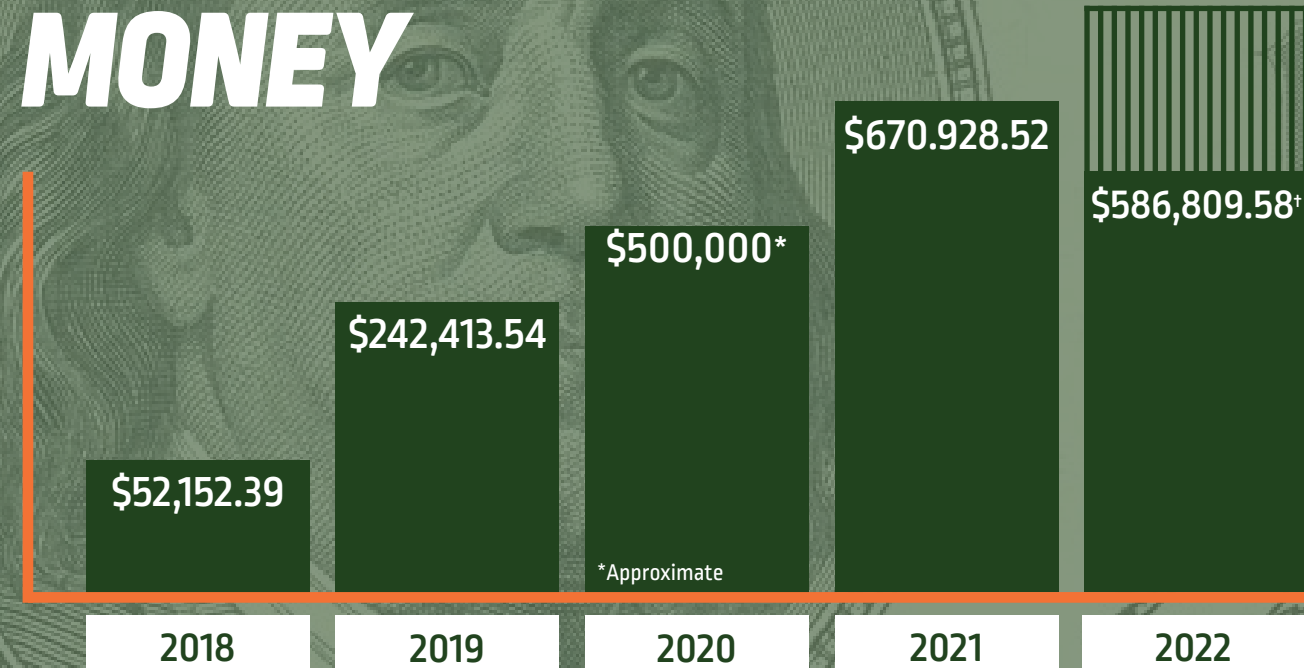
Family Restoration Center

A Stockton, MO nonprofit with a mission to encourage and restore hope by serving physical, spiritual and emotional needs. Good Dads site since 2021.

frcmo.com and on Facebook

FOLLOWING THE MONEY

Good Dads receives \$135,000 each year from the Missouri Department of Social Services Family Support Division. These funds help non-custodial fathers with child support concerns. See what Missouri men contributed after their enrollment in the New Pathways program in the graph below:



*Child Support payment collections are year to date. The NPGD program is estimated to collect \$700,000 by the end of 2022.

Secretary of the Treasury.

NEW RESOURCES



Fundamentals of Fatherhood

- **8-part curriculum**
- **Designed for all dads**
- **With video lessons**

Fundamentals of Fatherhood is an 8-part curriculum designed to help dads of all backgrounds forge a connection with their families using familiar language and relatable examples common to any sports lover. The winning habits good coaches employ are many of the same strategies that good dads use to lead healthy, happy families.

Because this new, evidence-based curriculum likens a man's role as a dad to that of a coach on a sports team, Fundamentals of Fatherhood is the perfect way for dads, stepdads, grandfathers, and father-figures to become more engaged with their children.

Through a fusion of engaging, facilitator-led discussion, thought-provoking questions, and multimedia expert testimonials from professional coaches relevant to twenty-first century fatherhood, this curriculum helps men become the best men they can be for the ones who matter most.



Good Dads Strong Schools

- **Monthly course**
- **For dads and their kids**
- **Low-tech, high-touch**

Good Dads Strong Schools is a monthly before-school program intended to help all dads—including stepfathers, grandfathers, and father-figures—be more engaged with their children. Strong Schools is expressly targeted at fathers, sending the clear message that a father's involvement is imperative to his child's education.

Good Dads knows kids need their dads. In fact, science shows that kids with actively involved fathers are more curious and have greater problem-solving skills. They have fewer behavior problems in school, get better grades, and are less likely to suffer from poor mental health.

We designed Strong Schools for a low-tech, high-touch experience, making the 8-month course accessible for all kinds of kids and all kinds of dads. Each month has fun activities focused on different character traits, like patience, gratitude and teamwork.



Helping Fathers in the Heartland

- **5-part program**
- **For community leaders**
- **With video lessons**

How can my community best reach its dads? What are the needs of fathers in my area? How is father engagement relevant to me? These are the questions Helping Fathers in the Heartland helps answer.

The 5-part program is designed to equip mental health professionals, community organizers, faith leaders, and other interested stakeholders with the knowledge they need to improve their work with fathers in their schools, recovery centers, churches, and counseling centers.

The video and discussion-based program teaches groups how to encourage father engagement, evaluate existing father-specific resources, and start their own Good Dads Initiatives. Participants will consider their group's core values and their organization's relationship to fatherhood engagement advocacy to determine if Good Dads belongs in their neck of the woods.



Good Dads 2.0

- **15-part curriculum**
- **For at-risk dads**
- **With video lessons**

It's impossible to build a house without hammers, measuring tapes, or saws; and it's equally challenging to raise a happy family without tools to manage conflict, cope with stress or make tricky decisions. To build safe, stable homes for themselves and their families, dads need a reliable set of parenting tools.

Good Dads 2.0, the newest course from Good Dads, is especially relevant for at-risk dads who may suffer from histories of drug use, incarceration and/or poverty. The 15-part curriculum empowers men to overcome the barriers they face in becoming responsible fathers.

Exciting facilitator-led discussion, impactful activities, thought-provoking questions, and multimedia expert testimonials offer dads the full package: They learn the skills and strategies for fathers at any stage of life by comparing being a good dad to building a stable home.

What We Do

We believe every child benefits from an engaged father, so we employ multiple strategies to reach, support, and engage dads, including:

1 COMMUNITY EVENTS

for dads to create fun, lasting memories with their kids—including fishing, cooking, taking a trip to the zoo, attending sporting events and more.

2 WEB RESOURCES

for dads to make connections with their kids—including weekly Good Dads e-newsletters, blogs and podcasts about 21st century fatherhood.

3 COUNSELING

now offering solution-focused brief therapy at our headquarters in Springfield, MO. Sessions available to Good Dads participants on a sliding scale.

4 AT-RISK DADS

with **Good Dads 2.0**, a curriculum designed to help men with histories of poverty, incarceration and/or substance abuse to overcome fatherhood hurdles.

5 PARTNERSHIP NETWORK

with **Helping Fathers in the Heartland**, a program designed to help communities address the needs of fathers in their area.

6 HR BENEFITS

with resources like **Fundamentals of Fatherhood**, a curriculum designed for working dads, and **Good Dads Over the Road**, for trucking fathers.

7 STRONG SCHOOLS

a monthly, before-school breakfast program with “low-tech, high touch” activities to spark conversation between fathers and their kids.

GOOD DADS COUNSELING

Being a good dad can be tough, especially if he feels he has no support. Good Dads Counseling provides individual, couples and group counseling to help everyone involved in a family system recognize their role, develop strategies and tools to communicate, and work through past issues to make the family

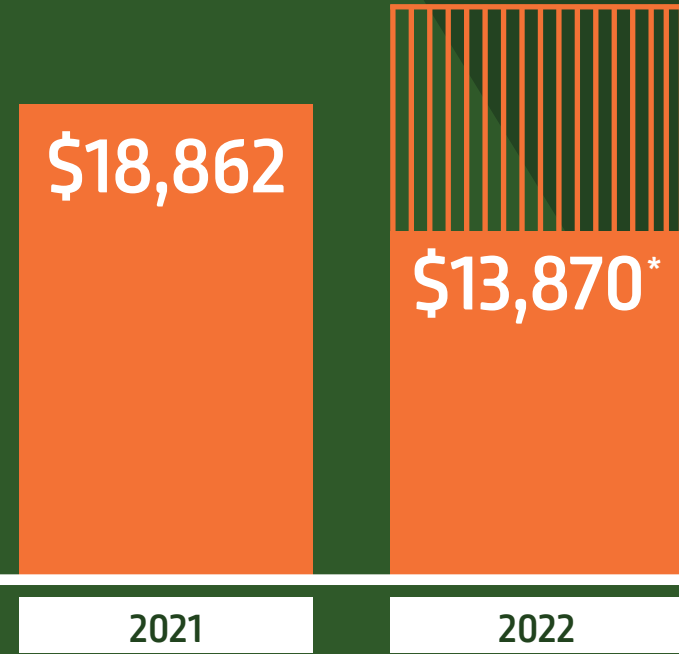
a strong functioning unit. Good Dads Counseling specializes in couples and relationship, specifically co-parenting and parenting through divorce. Counseling Director Drew Dilisio and his team work weekly to provide strong, supportive solution-focused therapy to all who inquire.

\$32,000+
Revenue since inception

3 Counseling interns

115 Clients

Countless
lives impacted from counseling



*Revenue is year to date. The counseling program is projected to make more than \$20,000 by the end of 2022.

We couldn't do it without our partners.

THANK YOU!



MEET THE GOOD DADS TEAM



Jennifer Baker, *Founder & Executive Director*
 Dr. Baker is a licensed clinical psychologist and marriage and family therapist. In 2019 she was recognized as Entrepreneur of the Year by the Springfield Business Journal.



Mary Magnus, *Administrative Assistant*
 Mary joined the team in 2020. She is retired educator. She manages the Good Dads donation portal and designs and disseminates the weekly e-newsletter.



Rhonda Andersen, *Director of Operations*
 Rhonda is a retired educator who joined the team in 2018. She assists in training NPGD facilitators and manages the Good Dads headquarters.



Pat Juncos, *Administrative Assistant*
 Pat came out of retirement in August to join the Good Dads team. Previously she worked as an academic advisor at Missouri State and as Food Service Director at Aramark.



Drew Dilisio, *Director of Counseling Services*
 Drew holds a Master's of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, is licensed in the state of Missouri and is a Nationally Certified Counselor. He specializes in Family Systems Therapy.



Diana Dudenhoeffer, *Media Specialist*
 Diana started as an intern during her senior year at Missouri State. Now she helps develop new curricula and designs literature like this report.



Lisa Strader, *Director of Programs for At-Risk Fathers*
 Lisa has been with the team since 2018. She oversees the New Pathways for Good Dads program and builds Individual Service Plans for NPGD fathers.



Nicholas Fang, *Office Assistant*
 Nicholas has been with the team since 2021. He maintains communication with New Pathways fathers and manages expansion and research projects.

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