Dear Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles, and Male Caregivers of Forsyth County,

This Father's Day, we at the Males Aspiring Long Term Excellence (M.A.L.E.) Program want to celebrate YOU – the men who show up every day to make a difference in children's lives.

Whether you're a biological father, a grandfather stepping into a parental role, an uncle providing guidance, or any male caregiver who has answered the call to nurture and support our community's children, your presence matters more than you know.

We understand that being a male caregiver in today's world comes with unique challenges. Many of you are navigating untraditional family structures, facing unprecedented difficulties, and sometimes feeling like you're doing it alone. But you're not alone – you have a village here at M.A.L.E.

Your commitment to being active, engaged, and supportive is creating ripple effects throughout our community:

- Every bedtime story you read builds stronger bonds
- Every homework session you support opens doors to education
- Every game of catch teaches life lessons
- Every moment you're present breaks cycles and builds futures

Through the M.A.L.E. Program, made possible by the Reynolds American Foundation, we're working alongside you to strengthen families, reduce violence, and create pathways to financial independence. Together, we're redefining what support looks like for male caregivers in Forsyth County.

This Father's Day, we want you to know that your efforts are seen, valued, and making a lasting impact. You are the role models our children need, and your dedication to long-term excellence is transforming our community one family at a time.

Thank you for aspiring to excellence, for showing up when it matters, and for being the village our families need.

Happy Father's Day to all our M.A.L.E. participants and male caregivers throughout Forsyth County!

With gratitude and respect,

The M.A.L.E. Program Team

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