



The youngsters of Angela Roberts and Wendy Carter's class pose with some of the dads.

Photos by M. Sunday



Dads and male mentors played a variety of roles at the school last week.



**Dads**

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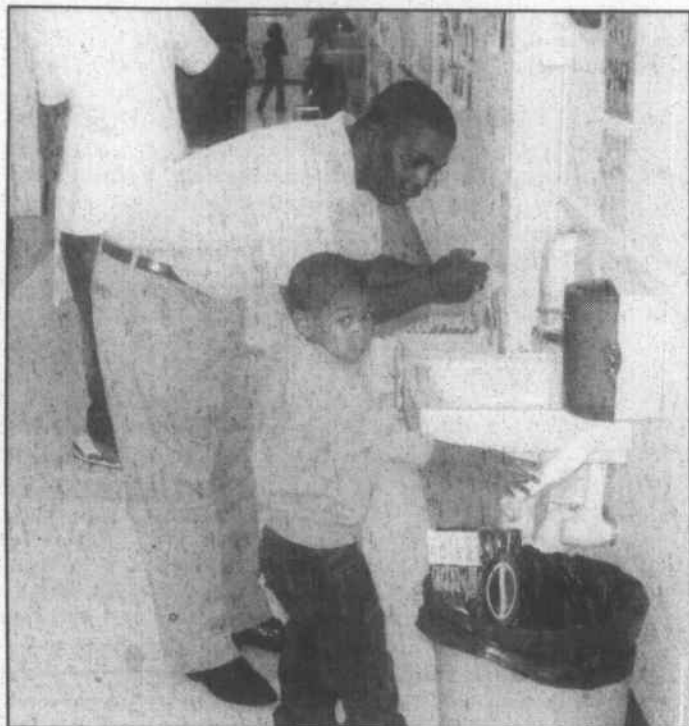
Sunday says fathers like Fennell and the other minority parents who volunteered at Dads Day help to dispel myths about black fathers being uninvolved in their children's lives.

"To see all these dads, people can stop that stereotype that black men don't get involved," he said. "These men were serious."

It was an overwhelming moment for Sunday, who is himself a father of five.

"The way everybody felt when Barack Obama got elected, to see this many dads, for me, that was the same kind of emotion," he remarked. "It's a good feeling."

The children in Angela Roberts and Wendy Carter's three and four-year-old class performed for the fathers in



attendance. The youngsters dressed in paper hats and ties

and sang songs about their D-A-D-D-Y's.

"You see moms all the time, bringing the children in; I said, 'Let's do something for the dads,'" related Roberts, one of the Dads's Day program's staunchest supporters.

"There are so many families that don't have dads, so I think it's important to recognize the dads that are in their children's lives."

Thirteen parents from the class, including several single moms, turned out for the event.

Carter said the children were glad to see so many dads in the building.

"The kids were really excited," she related. "That lets them know how much their dad really loves them that they took time out of their day to come and spend time with their child."



File Photo

Dick Gregory will be in town this weekend.

**Gregory to speak at drug dealers' confab**

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Activist/comedian Dick Gregory will headline Union Baptist Church's 5th Annual Corner 2 Corner (C2C) Drug Dealers and Street Life Conference, which is slated for Nov. 13 - 16.

Gregory will deliver the conference's keynote address on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 11 a.m. An activist since his teenage years in St. Louis, Gregory was a major player in the Civil Rights Movement. He used his status as an actor and funnyman to bring attention to the cause.

Gregory demonstrated his commitment to confronting the entrenched political powers by running for president in 1968 as a write-in candidate for the Freedom and Peace Party. He received 1.5 million votes. Democratic candidate Hubert Humphrey lost the election to Republican Richard Nixon by 510,000 votes, and many believe Humphrey would have won had Gregory not ran.

Another highlight of this year's festival will be today's (Nov. 13) Youth Anti-Gang and Drug Intervention Workshop at 7 p.m. It will feature Campaign 4 Change, a two-hour, anti-drug, anti-gang production designed to change the mindset of today's youth. It includes performances by professional R&B and Hip Hop artists. Campaign 4 Change was founded by Otis R. Lyons, aka Vegas Don, the former leader of one of the most ruthless street gangs in Durham.

The C2C Conference is dedicated to providing individuals with a more positive direction for living. Conference registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. on today, Nov. 13. Those interested in participating in this year's conference should call 336-724-9305, ext. 223 or visit [www.unionbaptistwsc.org](http://www.unionbaptistwsc.org). Registration is free and open to the public. Union Baptist is located at 1200 N. Trade Street. Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr. is pastor and teacher.



Otis R. Lyons will take part.

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