

Study: Marriage most beneficial for men

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One major finding is that marriage is highly beneficial for black males throughout the life course. For example, when African-American boys live with their father in the home, particularly their married father, they typically receive substantially more parental support. As a result of this better parenting, African American boys with married parents tend to do better in school and are less likely to become delinquent. In adulthood, marriage is associated with a range of better outcomes for African American men, from \$4,000 increases in wages to greater happiness with family life.

African American females also appear to derive very important benefits from marriage, but these apparent benefits are smaller than those for males.

Another striking finding is that marriage is profoundly

important to the economic well-being of black families. Study after study consistently concludes that marriage is one of the strongest determinants of economic status for black Americans, and can often mean the difference between living above or below the poverty line - especially for families with children.

One study reviewed by the report found that the family incomes of black single-parent households increase by an average of 81.2 percent when the parent - almost always a single-mother - gets married. Why is marriage so economically beneficial? Because it often means the addition of a second income to the household and it also tends to make adults more productive, successful workers.

"The Consequences of Marriage for African Americans" was written by

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On the Net:

For more information on the report, or to obtain a copy, visit <http://americanvalues.org/html/consequences.htm>.

Sorority reaches out with tutoring program

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in reading, math and writing. The foundation is also a member of the Computer Access to Neighborhoods program. Enabling students access to computer technology and the Internet beyond the classroom environment. IBM donated nine computers to the foundation and Time Warner provides the Internet access service.

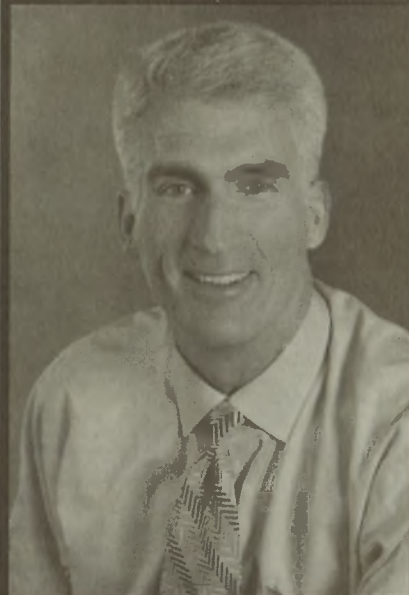
"Since most of us are retired teachers, we were able to pull a lot of our talents together and help kids who need the extra tutoring in various subjects," said volunteer, Anna Davis.

The ladies say that the biggest challenges that they face is lack of funding and the kid's skills are below their grade levels.

"We find that the kids are two or three grades behind in their skill levels then where they should be. So we have to take extra time to get them up to speed, so we can have them understand what they are doing now in school. We also try to build their confidence up. Some of them may know the material, but they are not confident in their skills," said Barbara.

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