

# A Boy Needs A Significant Male Model

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Have you ever stopped and watched a boy when he walked beside a man? There seems to be pride in his steps, a certain amount of confidence as one foot goes before the other and is planted solidly on the surface. There is an occasional glance upward and into the face of the man beside him. The glance conveys the message of, "I know who I am, where I am going, and with whom."

Unless you have been an observer or have worked with boys, you may have missed the beauty and the significance of what is involved in the relationship between a boy and a man. It is not easy to describe the relationship between a man and a boy, one knows that a boy needs a man to serve as a model for him. The man provided the boy with a frame of reference in which the boy uses it as a map

to guide him in and out of the complicated stages that he must grow through, if he is to become a man and serve as a model for boys.

For the past 12 years, I have worked with nearly two thousand boys, half of which were without a significant male model. A great number of the boys without significant models experienced a tremendous amount of trouble in establishing himself as a person of significance to himself. Society has contributed heavily to the boys problem by emphasizing the father son banquet, father son fishing trips, and the boy will grow up to be just like dear old dad. When the boy cannot meet the standards that have been established by society, he feels

incomplete. Big Brother's of Charlotte is trying to meet the needs of many boys who do not have significant male models by assigning a boy to a man (little brother to a big brother).

The big brother is required to spend at least three hours a week with the little brother. The little and big brother are able to share areas of interest, explore, and build on an understanding and meaningful relationship together. The relationship helps the little brother feel alright about himself. The significance is that those three hours together belong to the little brother and no one is to share that time without the approval of the little brother. The concept of the boy owning three hours of a man's time carries many messages: "I must be important, if he is willing to give me this much time, if I am important to this important man, then I must be an important person."

The big brother is able to help the little brother to understand and to separate the feeling that the little brother has toward men and women, become comfortable with both sexes, knows who he is in

relationship to both sexes and become able to share himself freely in a relationship with a person of the opposite sex. The role may sound insignificant; it is the reverse, as nature gives us the ability to feel affectionate toward people and society teaches us to discriminate against the type of affection we wish to express and toward whom.

My years of experience as a Child's Therapist, has taught me that our most valuable resource is our boys (girls). We as adult males must help our boys to grow into men so that our society will continue to grow.

There is a great need for big brothers for black little brothers. It is not necessary for every black boy to have a black brother; however, there are some black boys who could more easily identify with and develop a more meaningful relationship, if he had a black brother. The basic rea-

son is that a boy without a clear understanding of who he is in terms of race, sex, and of belonging seems immobilized until he is able to work through the mentioned problems. Logically, the person who co-

uld more naturally help the little brother would be a black brother.

For more information, please, call Big Brothers' of Charlotte at 377-3963.

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Miss Dorothy Atwater has been named Employment Counselor for Coca-Cola USA, according to an announcement Tuesday by Richard D. Ford, Vice President, Personnel, of The Coca-Cola Company. In her new position, Miss Atwater is responsible for recruiting, screening and counseling employees for job positions in Coca-Cola USA. She also administers various other personnel programs for the Company. Miss Atwater, a native of Thomaston, Georgia, attended Drake High School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Spelman College in Atlanta. Before her promotion, Miss Atwater was a Trade Examiner, Trade Research Department of The Coca-Cola Company.

### Council On Aging To Hold Four Public Meetings

The Mecklenburg County Council on Aging will hold four public meetings, Mini-Conferences on Aging, throughout Mecklenburg County during April and May. A 15-minute slide-sound presentation that has been produced by the County especially for these meetings will be shown during each session. Also, printed information will be distributed to the participants, providing them with information about resources that are available in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

The first meeting will be Thursday, April 22, at Matthews United Methodist Church, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The other meetings will be held as follows:

-- Tuesday, April 27, Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Cornelius, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

-- Friday, May 7, Stough Memorial Baptist Church in Pineville, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

-- Wednesday, May 12, Plaza United Methodist Church in Charlotte, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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