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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Dad's Club, Inc.  
John Farace, Executive Director

Currently, in our society, the number of divorces in America has increased, the percent of children living in single-parent homes has more than tripled in the last three decades, the rate at which teenagers are taking their own lives is increasing rapidly and SAT scores have dropped nearly 80 points in the past three decades.

Approximately one million children experience the divorce or separation of their parents each year. Forty-six percent of families with children headed by a single mother live below the poverty line. Seventy percent of all juveniles in long-term correctional facilities did not live with their fathers while growing up. Forty percent of children living in fatherless homes see their fathers less than once a year. Children who live apart from their fathers are 4.3 times more likely to smoke cigarettes.

The Dad's Club provides an opportunity for fathers to participate with their children, be involved in their children's education and receive instructional and male support.

Over the past year, the Dad's Club has helped many fathers establish successful relationships between dads and their children. The program is designed to help correct the absence of father in the lives of children. I would encourage fathers that do not have close contact with their children to take an active part and interest in the program through the Corona-Norco Unified School District.

If I can be of any assistance, please call (909) 782-4111.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Raymond N. Haynes in cursive script.  
RAYMOND N. HAYNES

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