



# LIGHTLINES



On Thursday, June 1 we released the new ministry Fathering Strong. We have had a steady stream of fathers from around the globe joining FS and downloading the app. **That's exciting!** We are preparing to form several new dad's discussion groups including Springfield Dads Conversations, Fathers of Adolescents, Single Fathers, Noncustodial Fathers, Adoptive Dads, Fathers of Kids with Disabilities, and others.

After presenting a workshop on Fathering Strong at the International Conference on Fatherhood on Wednesday, June 7, we discovered that long-established father-serving agencies are interested in using the FS mobile platform to engage their existing father clients. This represents a revenue generating opportunity for eventual self-sustainability.

We have a significant need for development funds since this is a new nonprofit start-up. Please reach out to me directly for more information about this opportunity at [ewilliams@urbanlight.org](mailto:ewilliams@urbanlight.org)

Explore [www.fatheringstrong.com](http://www.fatheringstrong.com)



June is always busy for us, but this year it was busier than usual.



## FATHERFEST AND GOOD DAD AWARDS



This year's fatherhood festival was Saturday, June 17 during the annual Juneteenth celebration on the grounds of Gammon House. There were at least a third more people in attendance this year.

Our resource tent was filled to capacity with agencies and organizations offering services to dads and families. Springfield Promise partnered with us to provide **Dadivities** for parents and kids. We presented **Good Dad Awards** to **35** deserving fathers. We received very positive feedback from the event.



## GIVING TUESDAY

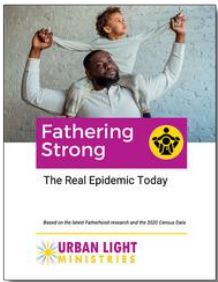
Rudy's Giving Tuesday on June 27 will benefit Urban Light Ministries' work. Stop in for lunch or dinner and 50% of your check comes to us when you present the coupon. Rudy's Smokehouse is located at 2222 S, Limestone St. in Springfield.

## 22ND ANNUAL JEFF WYLER CHARITY INVITATIONAL

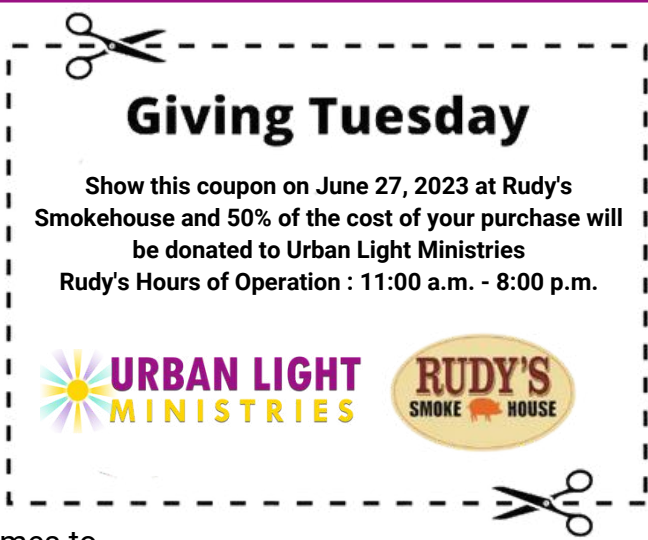
This year's golf scramble will be on Monday, August 21 at the Springfield Country Club. Proceeds benefit Urban Light Ministries. Contact Eli Williams for sponsorship opportunities. ewilliams@urbanlight.org

## SPRINGFIELD MAYOR'S BREAKFAST

This new Urban Light sponsored event will be on Thursday, November 16 at the Courtyard by Marriott at 7:00 AM. Save the date! Sponsorships will be available soon.



View or download the latest research on the effects of father absence published by Urban Light Ministries. [Click this link](#) or scan QR code



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