

Press Release

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***“Fathers Now and Newark Museum hosts a Newark, NJ Premiere Screening of
“Man-Up: The Documentary”***

NEWARK, NJ –On Thursday, February 25th at 6:00pm the Newark Museum & *Fathers Now* will celebrate Black History Month with a premiere screening of the powerful documentary, ***Man-Up: The Exploration of a Fatherless Nation***, produced and directed by Tonia Grady. This special screening will take place at the museum located at 49 Washington Street, Newark NJ. **VIP sponsors will attend a 5:00pm reception** followed by the **7:00pm screening for general patrons.**

The Man-Up documentary fully explores the many facets of fatherlessness including the magnitude of this social epidemic. Man-Up takes an uncompromising look at the lives that hang in the balance. You will hear personal testimonies of triumph and devastation as we navigate our way through the experiences of growing up without a father and the effects thereof. Our mission is to give a face to the faceless and a voice to the voiceless children who are now suffering and asking themselves the unanswerable question "why me?" You will hear from the MEN who left their children behind; those who stayed and the fathers who are battling the court system for the right to see their children. You will also hear from the women who are raising these children alone and experience the pain and hurt they feel inside. **For more info about the documentary contact Tonia Grady (718) 415-1504 or email gradygirftg@hotmail.com or on the web at www.manupthedocumentary.com.**

Fathers Now - The Newark Comprehensive Center for Fathers (NCCF) is annually helping more than 100 fathers develop a stronger commitment to fatherhood, stronger parenting skills, and stronger employment skills. NCCF serves fathers in transition - men who have lost their jobs and homes, or who are re-entering the workforce following incarceration and who seek to assume greater responsibility for and contribute to the lives of their children. NCCF has successfully placed 70% of its graduates in gainful employment. In addition, men served by NCCF recidivate at a remarkably low rate of 3%. **For more information about Fathers Now, contact LaVar Young, Director, 973-732-0713 email: lyoung@newarknow.org or on the web at www.newarknow.org.**

The Newark Museum is New Jersey's largest museum and operates, as it has since its founding, in the public trust as a museum of service, and a leader in connecting objects and ideas to the needs and wishes of its constituencies. We believe that our art and science collections have the power to educate, inspire and transform individuals of all ages, and the local, regional, national and international communities that we serve. **For more information about the Newark Museum contact Wanda Pendelton, Manager of Community Relations 973-596-6631/ wpendelton@newarkmuseum.org.**