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Fathers' Support Center Receiving National and Local Awards

ST. LOUIS — Fathers' Support Center (FSC) was recently informed of national and local recognition for efforts in service and leadership.

The Fathers & Families Coalition of America (FFCA) will honor FSC in Los Angeles next week for Service to Community. James C. Rodriguez, CEO of the FFCA, informed FSC Founder and CEO Halbert Sullivan that a review of achievements lead to FSC to be one of three organizations in the nation to be honored for improving the lives of children through responsible parenting. Rodriguez told Sullivan the FFCA was specifically impressed with FSC's 2015 return on investment to the St. Louis community.

FSC returned \$11.8 million to the St. Louis community on \$4.1 million budget. The Service to the Community Award will be given in Los Angeles on Thursday, March 2.

"It is very humbling to receive such an acknowledgment from a national organization like the Fathers & Families Coalition of America," Sullivan said. "While our focus is on the St. Louis community, it is our hope that our model of creating better futures for children and families through responsible parenting serves as an example for other groups and organizations with similar ambitions."

St. Louis Community College's African-American Male Initiative also announced Sullivan has been selected for the "Talented Tenth Excellence Award," for his work and dedication as a leader and innovator in the community at large. Sullivan will be honored at a reception at St. Louis Community College's Forest Park Campus at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 3.

St. Louis-based Fathers' Support Center provides a comprehensive array of services for parents and who want to learn responsible parenting and life skills. Over the past 19 years, FSC has reached more than 14,000 fathers and made a difference for more than 35,000 children. The Mothers' Project, Employment Project, and Youth Leadership & Development Program have also contributed to improved families and communities. In 2016, 298 clients agency-wide obtained employment which has led to \$6.4 million put back into the St. Louis economy. To learn more about FSC, visit www.fatherssupportcenter.org.

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