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Endorsements build for “Children’s Day”

- Rudy Ruettiger — motivational speaker, author, inspiration behind the movie “RUDY” added to endorsement list

Batavia, Ill., June 6, 2008 (The Religion Wire™) — In

a couple of days, *the second Sunday in June* — June 8,

2008, is “**Children’s Day.**” Across America, many

individuals, groups, and churches, are trying to bring

attention to this special day for children that predates both Mother’s and Father’s Day.

Also endorsements are building as it can be noted with today’s addition of Rudy

Ruettiger — motivational speaker, author, inspiration behind the movie “RUDY.”

Ruettiger states about **Children’s Day**, “National Children’s Day is a great opportunity to celebrate children. It gives us a moment to realize that children are a special miracle in our lives. It gives us a chance to inspire our children with positive information to build their self esteem and teach them about Character, Courage, Contribution and Commitment. It reminds us to be a great example for them as they grow up so they can learn to make the right choices, follow their Dreams, learn from their struggles, and become true winners in life.”

John Ross, advocate for **Children’s Day** and part of a growing movement spear-headed by the website www.nationalchildrensday.us, notes about today’s endorsement, “I’m so happy for this endorsement by Rudy Ruettiger of **Children’s Day**. His name is being added to a great list of endorsers. Rudy is truly an inspiration to both children and adults.”

Children’s Day



Second Sunday in June

Add one — Endorsements build for “Children’s Day”

Last month, Illinois governor Rod R. Blagojevich issued a **Children’s Day** proclamation for the second year in row. Also repeating are two Illinois mayors, Mayor Thomas J. Weisner of Aurora, Illinois’ second largest city, and Mayor Jeffery D. Schielke of Batavia.

The website www.nationalchildrensday.us, supporting the revival of **Children’s Day on the second Sunday in June**, is stressing this day as a day of celebration and commitment by parent and individuals to children.

The **Children’s Day** website offers helps and challenges parents, individuals, churches/houses of worship, schools/places of education, government/community and businesses to sign commitment cards directed at affirming America’s children. They pledge to “commit myself(ourself), in the coming year, to love, cherish, nurture(physical, mental, emotional, & spiritual needs), and affirm...” They can also make a commitment beyond America to the world’s children.

Children’s Day observations in the United States predate both Mother’s and Father’s Day. This day dates from the 1860s and earlier. The Methodist Episcopal Church at the Methodist Conference of 1868 recommended that *the second Sunday in June* be annually observed as **Children’s Day**.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 1883 designated the “the second Sabbath in June as Children’s Day.” The spring/summer 2005 issue of “The Journal of Presbyterian History” highlighted **Children’s Day** in the Presbyterian Church.

“Chase’s Calendar of Events” cites Children’s Sunday and notes that The Commonwealth of Massachusetts issues an annual proclamation for *the second Sunday in June*.

Numerous churches and denominations currently observe *the second Sunday in June* including the African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and the Church of the Nazarene.

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