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## **The Inspiration of a Mother Helps Revive Children's Day**

• **Mother's and Father's Day Also Initiated by Women**

**Batavia, Ill., May 5, 2010 (*The Religion Wire™*)** —

Women were behind the formation of Mother's and Father's Day in the early twentieth century. Perhaps history will record Mabel Ross as the inspiration for the revival of

**Children's Day** (*second Sunday in June*) as Anna Jarvis

is credited for Mother's Day and Sonora Smart Dodd with Father's Day.

"I'd sure like my late mother, Mabel Ross, to be honored for her passion for **Children's Day**," notes John Ross, an advocate for **Children's Day** (*second Sunday in June*) and founder of the website, [www.nationalchildrensday.us](http://www.nationalchildrensday.us), and its mirror [www.childrensday.us](http://www.childrensday.us). "In 2005, after I had worked for years on a local children's festival, she got me involved. She told me to expand my vision and help revive the **Children's Day** of her youth,"

"We're fortunate to have a great base of churches that have historically supported the day," states Ross. "I'm hopeful that we can expand this base to the rest of America. We're making progress each year. A greater commitment to children will help shape a brighter and more positive future for our country. Yes, **Children's Day** is coming!"

**Children's Day** observations in the United States date from the 1860s and earlier.

Currently, *Chase's Calendar of Events* cites June 13 as *Children's Sunday*.

Numerous churches and denominations, including the African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and the Church of the Nazarene, now observe the second Sunday in June as **Children's Day**.

## Children's Day



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