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The Song Continues for "Children's Day"

Mr. Nicky Offers a New Version of 2006 Song

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Just a day away is "Children's Day." It's *the second*Sunday in June — June 12, 2011. 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.



Second Sunday in June

Children's singer/songwriter Dan Nicky (a.k.a. **Mr. Nicky**) is offering a new version of his 2006 song promoting *Children's Day* titled "I Love Being A Kid."

Mr. Nicky has released three CDs, "Rattlesnakes for Breakfast" (2004), "Mr. Nicky's Science Project" (2006), and "When I Was Two Years Old" (2010), which are being played on numerous radio stations and webcast across the country

A FREE MP3 download of the recently revised "I Love Being A Kid" will be available at www.nationalchildrensday.us.

On June 18, **Mr. Nicky** will be part of the *Celebrate Our Children* festival in Aurora, III. This September, he plans to travel to Ghana to raise awareness for educational and health initiatives in Africa. As his career continues to grow, he hopes to continue to use his talents to help children in developing countries who lack the full access to the basic necessities of life. Learn more about **Mr. Nicky** at www.mrnicky.com.

John Ross, advocate for *Children's Day* and part of a growing movement spear-headed by the website www.nationalchildrensday.us, expressed his support for the global efforts of Mr. Nicky in helping children.

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"Mr. Nicky is awesome in his support for *Children's Day* and the children of the world in song and in deed. He surely needs our backing."

Children's Day observations in the United States predate both Mother's and Father's Day. The day to celebrate children dates from the 1860s and earlier. The Methodist Episcopal Church at the Methodist Conference of 1868 recommended that the second Sunday in June be observed annually 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 governors of Illinois and Wisconsin have issued proclamations proclaiming the second Sunday in June as *Children's Day*. The cities of Aurora, Ill.; Fort Collins, Colo.; and Vancouver, Wash., also have issued proclamations.

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 Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

The *Children's Day* website also 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 (ourselves), 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.