

Christmas 2008, New Year 2009

As 2008 comes to an end, Kids & Dad has completed close to three years serving Waterloo community as the only non-profit, social service agency in Canada with a mission to ensure that every child should have both of their parents involved in their daily life, whatever their changing family form.

Our two part series this month on the impact of the recession on separated families was sent to all clients, professionals, politicians and the media in our continuing effort to advocate for changing families.

Kids & Dad is committed in 2009 to do an even more effective job of reaching the community and to build more partnerships that will provide more support, sooner than later to families in our wider community.

The need for Kids & Dad is apparent every day in our clients, struggles to continue to build healthy family lives through the challenges of being a separated parent.

Our 2009 New Year resolution must be to be advocates in the small ways and push back calmly, patiently against those who would exclude you from your children in ever-subtle ways.

Remember: You're important, your child is important, and your family is important! (Isolina Ricci- Mom's House, Dad's House)

I have attached my tip sheet and personal Christmas story written in 2007, which many of you found so positive. My hope is some of you had such a moment in the past year; my wish for the rest of you is that 2009 will include such moments of positive change.

Thank you for your words of support over the year. They are appreciated and needed for I do feel your pain, despair and frustration.

I also believe in hope and change, not only because I have experience it personally; but because of you, the amazing clients (families) of Kids & Dad who continuously come back again and again, against all obstacles with only one goal; to be a supportive loving parent in your child's daily life.

I am so proud of you!

Please have a joyful season and New Year! Take care of your self and your loved ones!

Kids & Dad will be available during the holidays and will try to get back to anyone within a few hours. I do a regular check of my email as well.

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