

Single Dads excell

One of the more noteworthy societal shifts in the second half of the 20th century was the growing number of single-parent families. Whereas single-

parent homes were an anomaly during the first half of the 1900s, by the turn of the century the percentage of single-parent homes had grown substantially.

One of the common misconceptions about single-parent homes is that they all are headed by women, but studies show 16 percent of single parents are fathers

For those households, Father's Day bears extraordinary significance. Initially proposed in 1909 by Mrs. John B. Dodd, Father's Day was actually rooted in Dodd's own single-parent home. Dodd's father, William Smart, was a Civil War veteran widowed when his wife died in childbirth in Washington state. Left to raise his six children on his own, Smart's perseverance and selflessness eventually became the root of what is now Father's Day.

Although many assume Father's Day is a North American tradition, days honoring fathers are actually held all across the globe. In Canada, it is celebrated on the third Sunday in June, but however, global celebrations take place throughout the year.

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Father's Day is celebrated on the third Sunday in June in 52 countries around the world. Elsewhere it is celebrated on other days of the year. Originally, Father's Day was met with laughter and satire. It was thought to be just another hokey Hallmark holiday to fill up the calendar. Although the concept was initiated in 1910, it was not until 1972 that Father's Day became an official holiday.

The holiday is celebrated in many ways, most traditionally with gifts for Dad, time spent with the family, and rest and relaxation for fathers everywhere. What gifts are ideal for the first-time dad? Here are some ideas:

- A T-shirt with the baby's picture on it so he can brag about his pride and joy.
- A diaper changing survival kit, complete with rubber gloves and nose clip.
- A new digital camera so that he can snap tons of pictures of his son or daughter.
- A day out with the guys, golfing or doing whatever it is Dad likes to do. Every dad can use a break from a new infant.

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