

Parents Without Partners, Inc.

Parents Without Partners (PWP) is an international, non-profit organization founded over 50 years ago. PWP currently has local chapters in all 50 states and in many countries around the world. PWP's mission is to provide single parents and their children with an opportunity for enhancing personal growth, self-confidence, and sensitivity towards others by offering an environment for support, friendship, and the exchange of parenting techniques.

Members of PWP share in the opportunity to interact with a network of single parents who are all facing the unique challenges and triumphs of parenting today. Whether divorced, separated, widowed, or never married, PWP provides a myriad of social and educational activities for parents and children from all walks of life. It is not necessary to have custody of your children to become a member; many of our members do not have custody of their children. The one factor that binds us all is that we are all single parents.

The Capital Area Chapter #1349 of PWP, Inc. serves the Triangle area of North Carolina and surrounding cities. We can be reached at www.capitalareapwp.org or 919-547-4466. Membership is currently \$35/year. Each month our PWP chapter prints a monthly newsletter with a calendar of activities, all of which are hosted by our members. Some activities are for parents only, some are family activities for parents and their children. These events give our members the opportunity exchange thoughts and ideas on single parenting.

PWP has a wide variety of members. We are tall, short, fat, thin, poor, lower class, middle class, and upper class. We hold our activities in member's homes, parks, coffee houses, halls, and restaurants. We are people who are seen in every day walks of life. The vast majority of us are good, hard-working single parents who joined PWP at a time in our lives when we were lonely, needed support, and worried about raising our children as a single parent. We had the need to get grow, get involved, to get our children involved, and to let them know that they are not different from any other child. We also needed to know that we are okay, too!

Many of our members will tell you that PWP helped fill their needs and showed them that they had a new life to live and a lot of new friends to make. We take the time to have fun, not only with other adults but with our children, too. We have gone through all stages of loneliness and depression. Many of us have already navigated the minefield of divorce. We have gone, or are going, from a very low point in our lives to a very new high. We can proudly look anyone in the eye and say "I am who I am" and mean it. Courts, judges, doctors, ministers, and members of our communities recognize us. We are People with Principles, People with Purpose, and Parents With Pride.

It is important to note that PWP is NOT a dating/singles group. While we are all single parents and certainly the subject of dating arises in our discussions, that is not our primary purpose. Our primary purpose is to provide a supportive environment for single parents and their children.

If you are interested in PWP, please contact us. If you know of someone who can benefit from PWP, please pass this information on to them. New members are ALWAYS welcome.

If you can help PWP or its members in any capacity, we would like to hear from you. Our members often seek information on counseling, family law, child support and enforcement, and many other subjects.

Thank you,

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