



LEARNING INSTITUTE OF FAMILY EDUCATION (LIFE)

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Swingin' 70's Dance Party

Learning Institute of Family Education
Hosts Fundraiser, May 20, In Detroit

DETROIT—March 30, 2006 —Come out and party with the Learning Institute of Family Education (LIFE) as it celebrates its annual fundraiser and Swingin' 70s Dance Party on Saturday, May 20, 2006, at the Unique Dance Studio on 18846 W. 7 Mile Road in Detroit, MI.

The party will kick off at 8 p.m. and go until 12 a.m. Rocked and rolled by Disc Jockey Captain Sky, this party will feature music from the '70s, '80s, and today, a dance contest, food, non-alcoholic bar, door prizes, a raffle, and Free Ballroom dance lessons! Unique Dance Studio staff will be on hand to teach free ballroom lessons. Everyone is encouraged to wear '70s and '80s attire, and prizes will be awarded to contestants with the best dress. Special offer for men, Men's Night Out's tickets are half-off door price until 9 p.m. the day of the event. Advance tickets are \$25/each and \$30/each at the door. Tickets can be purchased from LIFE at www.lifefam.org or by mail. Send a check or money order no later than May 15, 2006 to LIFE, P.O. Box 351051, Detroit, MI 48235. *Be sure to purchase your tickets before the event so that you may be eligible for the raffle that evening.* For more information, call 313-342-0006.

In 2006, the United States African Americans *have lower rates of marriage and marital stability than all other ethnic groups.* They also have *higher rates of single headed families than other groups.* African American individuals are far more likely than Whites and Hispanics to be divorced (in 2002, 9.4% of African American males were divorced, and 13.3% of African American females versus 9.1 % and 11.3% respectively for Whites and 5.9% and 9.3% for Hispanics) (American Community Survey Summary Tables, 2002). In the United States, African Americans make up 12% of the population, and account for 42% of marriages (U.S. Census, 2000). And in Detroit alone, it is estimated that more than 50% of the households are headed by single females.

The Learning Institute of Family Education (LIFE) was founded in 1992, in response to the increasing incidence of broken marriages in the African American community of Detroit. LIFE provides relationships skills and marriage educational programs to individuals and couples. Its mission is to enable African American men and women to build unity, healthy and productive relationships to strengthen families for the well-being of children. LIFE has provided services to thousands of families since 1992.

This is a fundraising event for LIFE that will help it to continue much needed programs. LIFE is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that specializes in educational programs to enhance relationships between men and women to strengthen families for the well-being of children.

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