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## **Great Dads Shape Our Community**

*Ray Brokamp and Terrance Walker recognized as Fathers of the Year*

CINCINNATI— Ray Brokamp and Terrance Walker were recognized as Fathers of the Year at the Seventh Annual Fatherhood Celebration Luncheon held June 4, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati. A record-breaking 600 supporters were in attendance.

Paul Daugherty, Cincinnati Enquirer's Sports Columnist and father of two, was the keynote speaker of this year's event. Daugherty shared his journey as a father raising a daughter with special needs, as highlighted in his book *An Uncomplicated Life: A Father's Memoir of His Exceptional Daughter*.

Ray Brokamp, father of five, grandfather of 21, great-grandfather of 14, and Greatest Living Cincinnati, devoted 33 years of his life to public education in Cincinnati and retired as Superintendent of Cincinnati Public Schools in 1987. A graduate of the University of Cincinnati, he served in the U.S. Air Force. Brokamp also served as the Director of Leadership Cincinnati for over two decades.

Terrance Walker is a father of three and full-time welder. He came to the Talbert House Fatherhood Project in April 2014 with a desire to file for legal visitation with his two year old daughter. With assistance from his Fatherhood coach and staff attorney, Walker was awarded full custody in December. Most of his time is spent with all three of his children. As a graduate of the program, Walker has exemplified what a nurturing, committed, and responsible father is.

The event chaired by Peter Klekamp, President of PLK Communities, raised \$270,000 for the Talbert House Fatherhood Project. Fifth Third Bank, Midland Atlantic, PLK Communities/Klekamp and Company, and Schiff Family Foundation were among a long list of generous sponsors.

Talbert House thanks all those who supported the event, as well as the Fatherhood Luncheon committee: Mark Addy, David Birdsall, Henry Bucklin, Gary Fisher, Carol Goodman, Mark Gordon, David Hogue, Mike Holmes, Jody Klekamp, Peter Klekamp, John Krug, Andrew Limke, Dr. Mitchel Livingston, Rich Lonneman, Gwen McFarlin, Alex Meacham, Bob Meacham, Greg Miller, Jesse Mullins, Michael Pahutski, Joe Schlosser, John Silverman, Alex Sulfsted, and Ben Willingham.

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