

A FATHER'S JOY

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The Abstinence Clearinghouse believes that it is important to educate and empower young people to make healthy, virtuous choices regarding purity and abstinence until marriage. One effective avenue for encouraging young women is reaching the father, or father figure, in her life. **That is why the Abstinence Clearinghouse hosts an annual *Purity Ball* for father figures and daughters ages 12-18, in addition to the *Knight to Remember* event for mother figures and sons.** The following is just one testimony from a father, Dan Elliott from *Dan Elliott Photography*, who was deeply impacted by a recent *Purity Ball*.

"I've photographed the *Purity Ball* for several years now. I always imagined when Abigail came of age, when she was ready, that I would bring her to the *Purity Ball*. **Every dad just wants what is best for his little girl, and every girl is just touched to know that someone cares and is walking with her through life's journeys.** I've been no shining example, but I have experienced God's forgiveness, mercy and grace, and He still chose to use me in the role of a father, to demonstrate the love of The Father to her. With my daughter... it's tender. I know she will grow up to be a leader in her own right, that she will be strong and courageous, **but I also have a deep desire to protect and defend her.** At the end of the day, as a father, I don't care if she wants to grow up to be a doctor, street sweeper, photographer, etc. Honor and goodness, kindness and respect can be found in any occupation. My only real request as a dad is that my daughter will have a personal relationship with Christ and want to serve Him through a pure lifestyle."

"**My greatest enjoyment of the *Purity Ball* was holding my girl's hands and looking into her eyes while we spoke words of commitment to one another.** Abigail was living in that moment and truly valued that night. There was no distraction; she wasn't focused on other people or what they thought. The honesty of her heart is a healing balm to me. **She is her father's joy.** My biggest takeaway was witnessing the love of Christ in her eyes. She knows I'm not perfect and loves me anyway. We tore up the dance floor together, and we came home even closer than when we left."



Interested in hosting a Purity Ball event in your own community?

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Purchase the Abstinence Clearinghouse Purity Ball Planner through abstinence.net or call us at (605) 335-3643.



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As a new school year begins, we ask you to join us in empowering parents to inspire young men and women to pursue virtue. Your gift of \$500, \$250, \$100 or any amount will support Abstinence Clearinghouse's *Purity Ball* and *Knight to Remember* events, which seek to increase the number of committed and involved parents.

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Your support will have a lasting impact on the generations to come!

Raising the Bar,



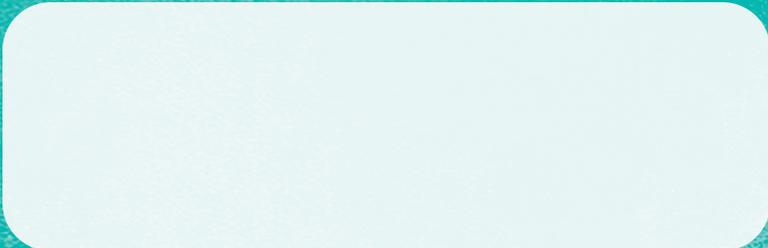
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