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### **Man-Cave Arcade in Hartsville**

**Hartsville, S.C.**—Darlington County First Steps (DCFS) and the S.C. Center for Fathers and Families presented a Man-Cave Arcade on July 24, 2015 at the Man-Cave site located at the St. Joseph Head Start Center on 307 W. Washington Street.

Just weeks ago, community members came together in support of DCFS' Parents Are First (PAF) program's Man-Cave Ribbon Cutting and Open House. The Man-Cave is part of PAF's Fatherhood initiative component which heavily focuses on serving and engaging young fathers, ages 15-24. The goal is to equip them with the information and skills necessary to promote strong, nurturing and loving relationships with their children.

S.C. Center for Fathers and Families, a statewide partner of PAF, coordinated with DCFS to bring an arcade truck to Hartsville. In addition to the Man-Cave's flat screen television, pool table, and lounge area, the arcade truck also included televisions and video game systems.

"The Man-Cave Arcade is another great way to get the attention of our young fathers in Darlington County" said Brenda Ayers, PAF project director. "We want them to recognize the Man-Cave as a fun, relaxing place to receive services and that this place is specifically here for them."

Chef Cornell Murray, a local caterer, prepared many menu items to include: fried fish, fried chicken, fried rice cooked on a hibachi grill, pasta salad, homemade cupcakes and more. "We want the atmosphere to be that of a community cook-out where everyone is enjoying themselves and utilizing their time to network with others and discover opportunities that are in Darlington County, such as this" said Ayers.

PAF is a comprehensive program designed to meet the needs of expecting and parenting mothers and fathers, ages 15-24, residing in Darlington County. For more information on PAF and other programs offered through Darlington County First Steps, visit their website at [www.darlingtoncountyfirststeps.org](http://www.darlingtoncountyfirststeps.org) or call the office at 843-857-3148.