

## A Better Life and a Loving Family for Wallace Niehl



Wallace “Wallie” Niehl knows what it is like to grow up without a father. He knows what it’s like to live apart from his own children. And, thanks to guidance and support from The Father Center of New Jersey, he also knows what it takes to gain and maintain custody of his youngest three kids, and give them the kind of childhood he never had.

*“My own father was murdered. He wasn’t there, and my mother worked all the time. Just being a teenager growing up in Trenton back then (with the gangs), regardless of the loss of my father, I was lost. I got kicked out of school at age 16.”*

Today, the father of six children, and grandfather of five, has custody of his three youngest boys, ages 13, 9 and 6. They play flag football. They do fine in school. And they motivate Wallie to be the best father he can be. Had Wallie not met William (Bill) Davis at The Father Center of New Jersey when he did, his story could have been a lot different.

Wallie was in a bad place when he discovered the mother of his three youngest children was an addict. “I was ready to give up,” he says. “I had been diagnosed with cancer and was also recovering from rotator cuff surgery; I couldn’t use my right arm. Then I met Mr. Bill at The Father Center, who would talk to me and ask me how I was feeling, and Dawn, who would print out any papers I needed.”

*“They do everything they can to help you. If you are a father, they have so many different programs and resources to offer. Suits for job interviews, mental health services, anger management classes, all kinds of things. After 30 years of being a father, I finally took a parenting class. And the barber there doesn’t just give you a free haircut. He talks to you. Thanks to The Father Center, no one needs to be walking around Trenton without help.”*

It is because of the generous support of our donors that fathers like Wallie don’t feel alone and helpless, even at the lowest points in their lives. They are lifted through compassionate support and guided to skilled job trainings, career workshops and other resources to help them secure employment to build better lives for themselves, their children and their communities.

“Growing up, I was always looking for something I didn’t have—and that was family,” says Wallie. He found it at The Father Center of New Jersey. *You can help others do the same.*

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**Your support, at any level, can make a lasting difference in the lives of men like Wallie, who are striving to become better fathers. By investing in their growth, you are helping to create stronger families and communities for all of us.**

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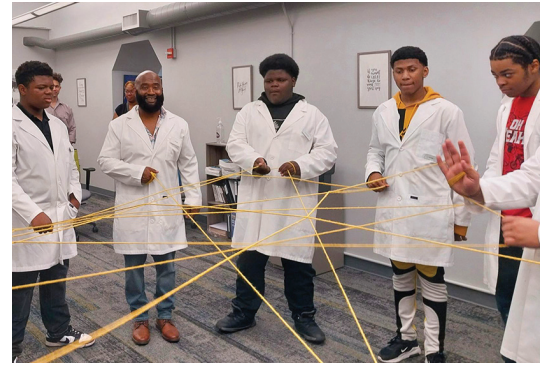
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