



SUMMERTIME

By President Matthew Becker

Summer is finally here! The pools are open, school is out and REALTORS® throughout our region are in the middle of the hottest real estate time of the year. In this industry, we really don't get much of 'summer break' and life seems to get even crazier than the rest of the year. Then in the middle of June, we have a day set aside to celebrate all the men that have contributed to our lives on Father's Day. I want to give a quick shout out to all the Dads out there that work tirelessly to be the best role models they can for the children in their lives.

On May 13, 2009, my firstborn came into the world and changed my life forever. When she was born, I questioned being able to take care of another human being; but instincts kicked in and I haven't messed her up too much yet! I went on to add another two kids to my crew, and I absolutely love every minute of it, no matter how crazy life gets!

Being a REALTOR® and Dad is always a challenge! I can't tell you how many times I've thrown all the

kids in the car to run off to show a house last minute. I remember taking my youngest into the office in his carseat and rocking his seat with one foot while typing contracts, hoping he would stay asleep. We make it work, and, at the same time, maybe instill a little on-the-job training in them!

I also believe that Father's Day is not just about celebrating the Fathers, but all the men in our lives and our communities that step up to be a positive influence in the lives of our children. These may be stepdads, teachers or mentors that selflessly give of themselves to be a guiding light for our youth. This is sometimes the most thankless job, and these men should not be forgotten when celebrating Father's Day.

As you begin to enjoy your summer, make sure to remember all the men in your life that have made a difference and left a positive impact on you this Father's Day. Be sure to just give them an extra hug, or tell them thank you for just being there.



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