

Healthy Relationships Start Here<sup>™</sup>

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# HOW DOES FIRST THINGS FIRST TRANSFORM LIVES?

## PREMARITAL

**NEARLY 20% OF ENGAGED COUPLES** who completed FTF's premarital class identified relationship road blocks that led them **not** to marry.

> <sup>\$3,000,000</sup> SAVEN

**86% OF COUPLES** who attend FTF's premarital education class are still married. "We had planned to move in together but my mom encouraged us to take this premarital class from FTF before doing anything. We are so glad we did. We realized that living together is not the same thing as being married, and decided to hold off. Thanks for this experience." On average, marital satisfaction from couples who attend one of our classes increases by more than

**50%.** 

# MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

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of couples who completed *Maximize Your Marriage* (a class for couples in distress) **have committed** to stay together and work it out.

*"We were so tired of the struggle and just wanted to give up.* As a last resort, we took *Maximize Your Marriage,* and it changed everything. It helped us reaffirm how important our marriage is to us. *Thank you!"* 

# FATHERING OFFERENCE

class for men behind on their child support **SAVED** Hamilton County taxpayers nearly **\$3,000,000** in incarceration related expenses. These fathers are now connected to their children and re-engaged in the community.

> of men who completed **Boot Camp for New Dads** said they are more intentional about bonding with their children.

**OVERALL COMMUNITY IMPACT** 

### OUR MISSION IS TO BUILD STRONG FAMILIES.

Through skills-based classes and cutting-edge media resources, attitudes and core behaviors are changing because of the work of **FIRST THINGS FIRST.** 

# WORK SMART, LIVE WELL

#### **NEARLY HALF OF ALL PARTICIPANTS** in FTF's

relationship skills and career advancement class are now employed and providing for their families.



32%

**Since 1997,** divorce filings in Hamilton County have **dropped** 32 percent.



The marriage rate has **increased** 16 percent since 2008.



**98%** would recommend an FTF class to family or friends.



In the last 18 months, **firstthings.org** has welcomed more than half a million visits from across the world.





**IN THE PAST YEAR,** FTF has assisted **100** community partners by providing skills-based classes.

## JOIN US IN THE FIGHT TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAMILIES

#### BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR CHAIRMAN'S CIRCLE TODAY AND HELP US:

- Save a marriage
- Connect fathers with their children
- Decrease childhood poverty

#### FOR \$83.33 A MONT

(that's \$2.74 a day), you can make a significant impact toward transforming lives.



**OF EVERY DOLLAR** you

contribute provides life-changing programming to strengthen families—one relationship at a time.

"My wife and I both work long hours, are raising two kids and hardly ever go on a date anymore. This class was like a shot in the arm for both of us and really helped to refresh our marriage. Dr. Banks was great! We really appreciate the work of FTF."





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