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## **“Little Girl” celebrates Father’s Day in 24 countries with NPCL**

***The National Partnership for Community Leadership*** teams with international recording artist, E. Walter Smith to celebrate Father’s Day with hit song, “Little Girl,” featuring 16 year old Star Search finalist Tatiana McConnico.

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When Dr. Jeffery Johnson, President of **The National Partnership for Community Leadership (NPCL)** <http://www.NPCL.org> , was invited to participate in the “Little Girl” Father’s Day promotion his response was quick and decisive....”What do we have to do? Done.”

But, that is what you would expect from the leader of a nonprofit organization created for charitable and educational purposes whose mission of is to improve the governance and administration of nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations and strengthen community leadership through family and neighborhood empowerment.

Dr. Johnson’s commitment to celebrating fathers is further noted as he invited Smith to perform at **NPCL’s 8<sup>th</sup> Annual International Fatherhood Conference at Morehouse College on June 17<sup>th</sup>**. <http://npcl.org/IFC2006DetailedDraftofSchedule1.doc> . “The conference will have over 350 people representing 24 different countries. I think this will be a great opportunity for people all around the world to hear the message of [E. Walter Smith’s](#) song,” says Dr. Johnson.

*“When **David Miller, M.Ed., and Chief Visionary Officer of Urban Leadership Institute** <http://www.UrbanYouth.org> told me to call Dr. Johnson, he promised me that it would take at least 3 days for me to have the chance to call him back in a week to schedule an appointment. When Dr. Johnson called me back that same day I knew that I was dealing with the “kings!” So many organizations “hem and haw” about whether or not a Father’s Day promotion is “the type of thing that they do.” These gentlemen have embraced the idea that the only way there is going to be a change in the role that fathers play in the lives of their families is through creating an awareness of their importance in their kid’s lives. I’m flattered at the fact that they have chosen “Little Girl” to help them to spread their message,” say Smith.*

As more fathering organizations continue to share resources and garner support from one another there is a “quiet riot” that is beginning to make a change in our communities. Dr. Johnson says, “NPCL has developed and refined a nationally recognized Fatherhood Development curriculum with input from economists, researchers, social scientists, employment and training specialists, and the fathers themselves. We provide in-depth education and training to child support enforcement officials to help them address the special needs of fathers in “fragile families” - low-income, never married parents and their children. And we provide a full range of services -from needs assessment to evaluation, conference-planning to professional development, financial management to program development - for leaders and grantees from community-based organizations, child support enforcement agencies, and other small and medium-sized nonprofit organizations.”

“I’m looking forward to the conference in Atlanta. I’m going to debut 15 year ballerina, **DeAnna Jones** during my performance of “Little Girl.” In a word, she’s “breathtaking.” And, I will make sure that people are aware of David Miller’s new book **Daddy’s Girl: Remembering Advice From My Father** <http://www.countyvibe.com/Culture/CUArticles/Booksigning.htm> . Dr. Johnson and NPCL have put together a star studded cast for this conference and I’m excited about meeting all of the attendees from around the world,” says Smith.

You can download your FREE copy of “Little Girl” at <http://www.TheLittleGirlSong.com> ###