

## Parents Day in New York Draws Reggae Singer Denroy Morgan - Bruce Grodner

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*Geneve and Neville Adair, One of Parents Day Awardee Parents*

Jamaican-born singer Denroy Morgan of Queens will bring the rhythm of Reggae to the New York City Celebration of Parents Day 2012 at 11:30 a.m. on the steps of the Adam Clayton Powell State Office Building on the outside stage and plaza in Harlem, New York. A declaration of congratulation from Congressman Charles Rangel to the five honorees of Parents' Day, including three couples and two single parents, will be read on his behalf. Clergy and supporters of the American Clergy Leadership Conference are expected to speak at the event that will include statements of support from the New York City Council and from state lawmakers, according to Rev. Bruce Grodner, the chief organizer of the event.

Morgan, who issued a new album of 10 songs the first week of July, says he will perform "Read Your Bible," "Get Up, Stand Up!," "I'll Do Anything for You" and the Bob Marley classic, "One Love."



*Reggae Singer Denroy Morgan*

Local parents will be chosen from every part of the greater New York City area. Rev. Grodner says that nominees include two single parents, one a mother and the other a blind father, each with five daughters and who raised their girls with exceptional strength, commitment and love despite their the difficulties. He says the winners of the awards will go to Washington, D.C. in September for the national event.

Awardees include Bishop Peter Armah, pastor of the Union Baptist Evangelical Temple in the Bronx,

who is the father of two young daughters. Bishop Armah has been a tireless proponent of ecumenical unity and has promoted the ideal of the family of God to his congregation for years.



*Congressman Charles Rangel*

April Robbins-Bobyn is a mother of five girls: Autumn (25), Summer (23), Bria (17), Kayla (14), and Alyssa (11) and grandmother of three. She is an avid volunteer, believing in giving back. She sits on several boards, such as Community Board #12 in the Bronx, the Urban Assembly School for Performing Arts in Harlem, the Children's Storefront, Angel for the Arts Foundation, and Volunteers for the Peter Westbrook Foundation.

Monica White of the Bronx, who foster-cared for her niece and nephew, stepped in to provide them with a stable home after their mother was unable to care for them. Ms. White gives her time and energy supporting the Charity Baptist Church in the Bronx. She is completely devoted to her family, making sure her niece and nephew never lacked in love, strong rules and a good education. She also kept her sister connected to her family even though she didn't live with them.

Parents' Day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of July. Citizens, organizations, and federal, state, and local governmental and legislative entities are encouraged to recognize Parents' Day through proclamations, activities, and educational efforts to recognize, uplift and support the role of parents in raising their children. The first national Parents' Day celebration was held on Capitol Hill in 1994.