



SON OF A SAINT

**INSPIRING MENTORSHIP AND ENHANCING
THE LIVES OF FATHERLESS BOYS**





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SON OF A SAINT MENTOR.**



Dear Friend:

A bright future is never guaranteed, and even less so for boys growing up without access to a father figure. Fatherless homes produce 85% of the youth prison population, 71% of high school dropouts and 75% of male patients in chemical abuse centers.

Son of a Saint exists for the fatherless boys of New Orleans, providing a necessary intervention at a critical time. We currently have 80 boys in the program, ranging in age from 10-18, all of whom do not have a relationship with their father, the vast majority having lost their father to violence or longterm incarceration.

We give them hope, vision, opportunity and, above all, the benefit of a good example, in the form of a dedicated Son of a Saint mentor. If you're a Son of a Saint supporter, I want to thank you for your commitment to our mission of providing fatherless boys with the support, relationships, experiences and tools they need to become productive men.

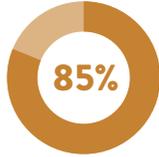
If you're not familiar with our organization, I invite you to take a few minutes to get to know us and understand the critical need we work to meet.

Thank you!
Sincerely,



Bivian "Sonny" Lee III
Founder & Executive Director
Son of a Saint

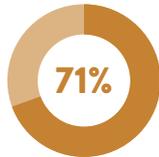
Depriving a boy of his father is clipping his wings. It seems like common sense, but statistics lay bare a crushing reality.



Youths in prison that grew up in fatherless homes



Male patients in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes



High school drop outs come from fatherless homes





WHAT WE DO

Son of a Saint exists to enhance the lives of fatherless boys through mentorship, emotional support, development of life skills, exposure to constructive experiences and formation of positive, lasting peer-to-peer relationships.

WE SAVE LIVES AND THEN WE BUILD THEM.

Each year, Son of a Saint selects a group of boys ages 10-13 to join the existing kids in our program. The boys must be fatherless due to incarceration, death or abandonment. Each boy remains a member of Son of a Saint until he enters college

WHAT WE PROVIDE, ABOVE ALL ELSE, IS AN EXAMPLE.

Son of a Saint equips boys with the tools they need to become productive men. We give them hope, vision and opportunity by providing a secure and consistent environment. The Son of a Saint mentors' most important role is to be a good example.

WE HAVE EXPECTATIONS.

The boys must maintain a minimum of 2.8 GPA, complete four hours of community service each month and maintain good conduct at home, school and within the Son of a Saint organization.



The boys who enter our program are often in crisis. A crisis is not solved without a sound strategy. Son of a Saint employs a holistic approach, using a network of volunteers and partner agencies that enable us to address every boy's need.



HOW WE DO IT

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

We partner with various New Orleans-based mental health agencies to provide evaluations and ongoing counseling.

RECREATIONAL ACCESS

Members are exposed to horseback riding, fishing, yoga, music, chess, the arts, and more. Every boy participates in at least one of these activities weekly. Mentors also support and encourage our boys in their extracurricular activities.

GROUP MENTORSHIP

Regular day-long sessions are designed to aid in our boys' academic, personal and overall development. Mentorship topics may include etiquette, time management, decision-making, critical thinking, anger management, moral reasoning, life skills, work ethic, leadership, civic responsibility, teamwork and integrity. Kids and mentors have frequent outings, such as sporting events, educational trips, movies, dining, parades and volunteer activities.

TUTORING

Son of a Saint maintains relationships with various New Orleans colleges and universities whose students volunteer to provide weekly tutoring for the boys.

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE

The organization facilitates scholarships allowing Son of a Saint members to attend tuition-based schools in the area.

WHY WE DO IT

Life for boys who lose their fathers in is an uphill battle involving challenges related to self-confidence, anger and feelings of abandonment. Left unaddressed, these challenges too often manifest in unhealthy behaviors during the early teenage years through young adulthood.

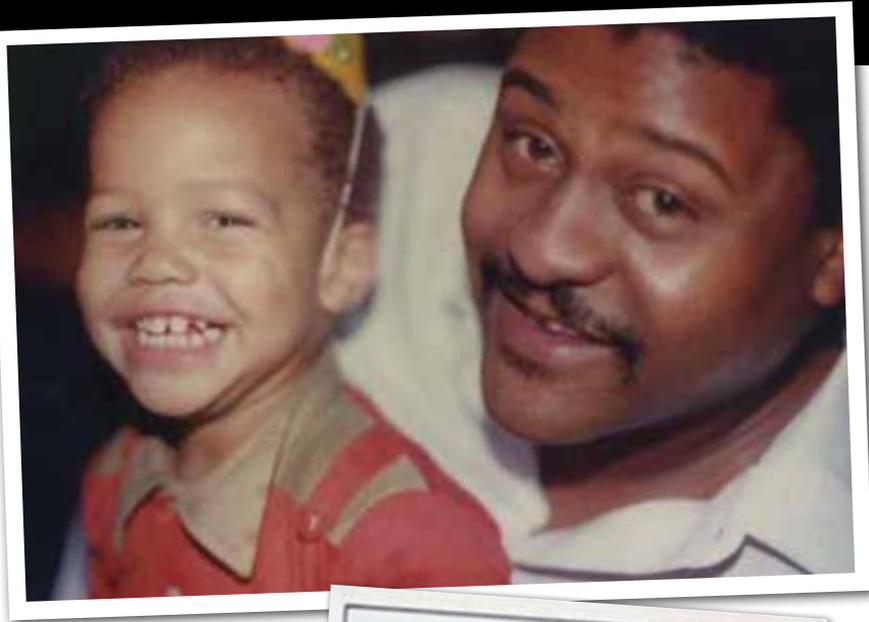
THERE IS A NEED THAT CANNOT BE IGNORED.

Son of a Saint is a necessary intervention at a delicate time – a wellspring of positive influence when it's needed most by the boys who need it most. Young members forge relationships with volunteer mentors, counselors and tutors that develop over a long period, providing consistent support, guidance and encouragement.

And while this relatively young organization – the first boys who entered our program are still in the program – we look forward to the days when Son of a Saint graduates return as men to volunteer, to mentor or simply to exemplify what life can be.



HOW IT STARTED

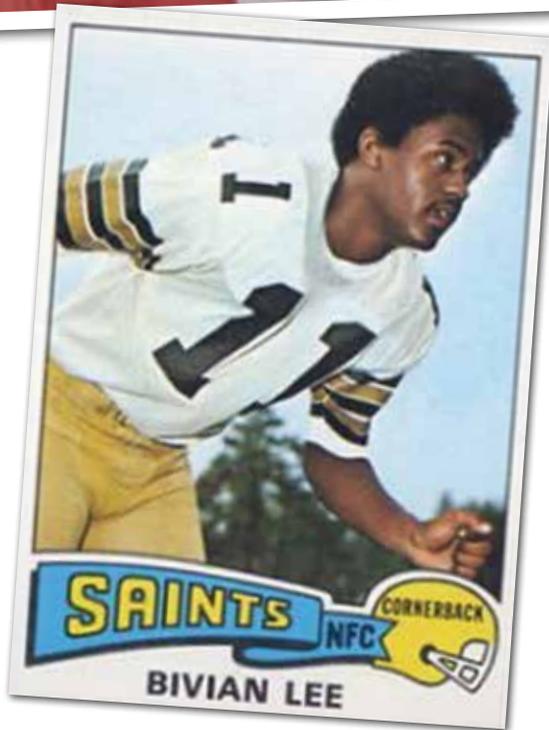


Bivian Lee Jr. was an NFL defensive back for the New Orleans Saints from 1971 to 1975. Tragically, in 1984 Bivian died at the young age of 36 after suffering a heart attack. Leaving behind a wife, a five-year-old daughter, Tamica, and a three-year-old son, Bivian “Sonny” Lee III.

As an adult, Sonny came to understand the struggles and challenges his mother faced, and he gained an appreciation for the opportunities he was afforded as a child - from access to psychiatrists as he worked to resolve anger issues associated with the loss of his father, to the broadening of horizons attained through extensive travel, to participation in sports leagues, which fostered relationships with teammates and coaches. Sonny was convinced that such an array of opportunities was critical in overcoming his father's premature death and growing into the man he had become.

IN TURN, SONNY, THEN 29, FOUNDED SON OF A SAINT ON JANUARY 1, 2011, IN HONOR OF HIS LATE FATHER AND SINGLE MOTHER.

He aims to “pay it forward” and replicate his own experience for a special group of fatherless young males in the community.





FUND THE MISSION

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Son of a Saint depends largely on the generosity of individuals, foundations and corporations. We ask that you consider making a donation now. The examples below give an idea of the impact of your gift.

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