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## Son of a Saint Welcomes 44 New Mentees from Greater New Orleans into Its Transformative Mentorship Program for 2024

Youth development nonprofit now serves 350 boys through dedicated mentee enrollment, alumni support, and tuition-based scholarships.

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**NEW ORLEANS (January 10, 2024)** – Son of a Saint, the leading mentorship organization dedicated to empowering young boys in the Greater New Orleans area, recently welcomed 44 new mentees to its program for the year 2024. This expansion marks a significant stride in the organization's commitment to providing support, guidance, and mentorship to boys who have faced the challenges of growing up without fathers. In total, Son of a Saint serves 350 youth through dedicated mentee enrollment, alumni support, and tuition-based scholarships.

Son of a Saint's team of staff members and mentors celebrated the arrival of each new mentee by delivering surprise gift boxes to their homes. The gift boxes were carefully curated to make the boys feel welcomed and supported as they embark on their journey with Son of a Saint.

Each gift box included heartfelt letters from the Son of a Saint leadership team, expressing their enthusiasm for the mentees joining the program and encouraging them in their personal and academic endeavors. The mentees were also delighted to find exclusive Son of a Saint merchandise, symbolizing their membership in a community that fosters growth and resilience. To add an extra layer of warmth and encouragement, the gift boxes contained a gift card for the boys and their moms or guardians. Inside their boxes, the new cohort of boys was also greeted with a special card signed by the entire Son of a Saint staff, showcasing the organization's collective dedication to the success and well-being of every participant.

These thoughtful gestures reflect Son of a Saint's commitment to tailoring its support to each mentee's individual needs and aspirations.

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"Welcoming 44 new boys into Son of a Saint is a testament to the growing impact of our organization," said Son of a Saint Founder and CEO Bivian "Sonny" Lee III. "As always, we are committed to providing mentorship, guidance, and a sense of belonging to our young men. We're empowering them to overcome challenges and reach their full potential."

Son of a Saint holistically sponsors youth between the ages of 10 and 21, providing mentorship, education, mental health services, travel experiences to expand horizons, as well as internship and career-development learning opportunities. The youth development nonprofit currently serves nearly 350 young people across Greater New Orleans, including its cohort of more than 260 full-time mentees, plus alumni mentees, and additional tuition scholarship recipients via its Son of a Saint Scholars program. The organization remains steadfast in its mission to inspire and uplift young boys, cultivating a supportive community that empowers them to break barriers and achieve success.

For more information about Son of a Saint, its current activities, upcoming opportunities, and ways to get involved, please visit <u>www.sonofasaint.org</u> or call (504) 561-7508. Son of a Saint also welcomes other contributions, which can be mailed to: P.O. Box 19205, New Orleans, LA 70179.

### About Son of a Saint

Son of a Saint launched in 2011 to address the burgeoning problem of fatherless boys in the New Orleans area. Under the direction of Bivian "Sonny" Lee III, the 501(c)(3) organization is dedicated to its mission of transforming the lives of young males through mentorship, emotional support, development of life skills, exposure to constructive experiences, and formation of positive, lasting peer-to-peer relationships. For more information or to get involved, visit www.sonofasaint.org.