Systemic barriers chronically deprive fatherless young men of the economic, health, and education resources needed for them to thrive. The resulting outcomes cannot be ignored.

**PUSHED TO PRISON**

232% INCREASE

The cost of keeping one youth in confinement has increased an alarming 232%, up from $46,662 in 2014.

$155,000 PER YEAR

In Louisiana, the cost to keep one youth incarcerated is approximately $155,000 per year. (Justice Policy Institute, 2020).

**WHEN REJOINING SOCIETY**

LACK PREPARATION

When a young man is sent to prison for years, he rejoins society as an adult who lacks preparation to:

- Get a job
- Pay taxes
- Raise a family
- Community involvement

DISEMPOWERED CITIZEN

A young man who enters prison will become a disempowered citizen. He may be on the public’s payroll for the rest of his life.

A GENERATIONAL CYCLE

He may not be a present father in his children’s lives. The cycle will continue and grow exponentially with each generation.

**THE CARDS ARE STACKED AGAINST FATHERLESS CHILDREN**

279%

CARRY GUNS

Offspring from fatherless homes more likely to carry guns.

85%

YOUTH IN PRISON

Of youth in prison come from fatherless homes.

75%

CHEMICAL ABUSE CENTERS

Of male patients in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes.

71%

HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS

Of high school dropouts come from fatherless homes.

Without consistent, long-term, multi-dimensional support, systemic barriers, including lack of a father figure, poverty, childhood trauma, inequitable education, housing instability, structural racism, and neighborhood violence are nearly impossible to overcome.

**CONSISTENT, LONG-TERM, MULTI-DIMENSIONAL SUPPORT**

**EARLY PREVENTION**
Son of a Saint focuses on early prevention with guidance, positive encouragement, and high expectations.

**CELEBRATE INDIVIDUALITY**
We engage mentees as active participants in their own development by emphasizing each youth’s strengths, cultivating trust, and fostering positive relationships. We encourage and celebrate individuality.

**YIELDING RESULTS**

100%
**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE**
New Orleans average: 75%

1%
**STUDENTS RECEIVING OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION**
New Orleans average: 9%

80%
**COLLEGE ENROLLMENT**
New Orleans average: 61%

*100% of graduates are enrolled in post-secondary education or employed in jobs that offer career growth opportunities

0%
**YOUTH NOT EMPLOYED OR IN SCHOOL (AGE 16-19)**
New Orleans average: 15%

22.2
**ACT SCORE**
New Orleans average: 18

0
**TEEN BIRTH RATE**
New Orleans average: 29 (per 1,000)

**WHAT OUR MENTEES ARE SAYING**

**EQUIPPED**
They feel equipped to make responsible choices and reach the goals they set for themselves.

**MOTIVATED**
They feel motivated to attend college and have increased awareness of planning for college and career pathways.