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.

**THE PROBLEM**

- **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**
    Spring 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

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

### 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.