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A \$10.7 Million Impact: Fathers & Families Alumni Reunite to Celebrate a Legacy of Responsible Fatherhood



ST. LOUIS – A 27-year legacy of transforming lives will be celebrated as **Fathers & Families Support Center (FFSC)** hosts its annual **Alumni Reunion Homecoming**. Past graduates are invited to reconnect and celebrate FFSC's incredible impact on families and the community.

Over 100 fathers are expected to attend, along with their families and children. Plenty of food, bounce houses for the kids and games for adults.

WHO: Fathers & Families Support Center (FFSC) & Alumni Graduates

WHAT: 27-year Alumni Reunion Homecoming

WHERE: **St. Peter's UCC in Ferguson**, 1425 Stein Rd, Ferguson, MO 63135

WHEN: **Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

WHY: To celebrate the incredible legacy of responsible fatherhood FFSC has built. For the past 27 years, Fathers & Families Support Center has been **a starting point for nearly 22,000 men to become more responsible dads** - through its 6-week Family Formation program with year-long follow up - positively impacting over 53,000 children with more engaged parents who can support them emotionally, developmentally and financially.

FFSC has not only transformed families but also our entire community. Last year alone, **FFSC returned \$10.7 million back into the St. Louis economy**—a powerful testament to what happens when fathers are empowered to succeed. This reunion is a chance to honor their hard work and reconnect with the men who walked this path alongside you.



"For 27 years, we have had the privilege of witnessing incredible transformations, and this homecoming celebrates every father and mother who walked through our doors and chose to become a more nurturing, engaged parent," explains Chief Executive Officer Cheri Tillis. "Their journey is a powerful story of hope and resilience, proving that with the right tools and support, anyone can break cycles and build a better future for their children."

A Legacy of Impact: 2024 Outcomes

FFSC's impact continues to grow, with recent outcomes highlighting the organization's success in building stronger families and a more resilient community.

- **A New Generation of Graduates:** In 2024, **259 dads and moms** graduated from FFSC's programs, becoming more responsible parents. Their dedication positively impacted the lives of

782 sons and daughters, who now have parents better equipped to support them emotionally, developmentally, and materially.

- **Empowered Parents, Stronger Families:** The results speak for themselves.

83% of participants reported increased parenting skills, while **75% reported an increase in interaction with their children**. Furthermore,

72% of participants reported improved co-parenting relationship skills.

- **Economic Transformation:** FFSC graduates are not only building better relationships; they are also building stronger financial futures. The average wage for FFSC participants in 2024 was

\$18.16 per hour, significantly higher than the state's minimum wage of \$12.30. This led to

298 participants obtaining or maintaining employment, resulting in an impressive **\$10.7 million reinvested back into the local economy**. From 2019 to 2024, FFSC helped the State of Missouri collect an astounding **\$5,926,609 in child support** payments.

- **Breaking Cycles, Building Futures:** FFSC's Re-Entry Project is proving to be a powerful force for change, with a remarkable **3% recidivism rate** for participants in 2024, a fraction of the Missouri average of 35%. This demonstrates the profound impact of FFSC's programs on helping individuals turn their lives around.
- **A Solid Investment:** For every **\$1 invested** in FFSC, the organization returns nearly **\$5.00 to the St. Louis community**.

Graduates of FFSC's core program, [Family Formation](#), are supported on their journey to responsible fatherhood, transforming men into responsible parents who can support their children materially, emotionally and developmentally. Fathers commit to a six-week, full-immersion, transformative boot camp experience with year-long follow up. Class curriculum includes comprehensive parenting and life skills, financial literacy, co-parenting strategies, personal, spiritual and emotional development, substance abuse prevention and child abuse and neglect prevention. Graduates receive no-cost follow-up services and case management for a full year.

Formerly known as Fathers' Support Center, Fathers & Families Support Center (FFSC) began with its first class of men in May 1998 and its Founder Halbert Sullivan as its only employee. Since then, FFSC has grown into a comprehensive social service agency with 42 full-time staff, dedicated to transforming men who are disengaged from their children into nurturing and supportive parents. FFSC serves families at four locations: Downtown St. Louis, North County, the Transition Center of St. Louis (TCSTL) and St. Clair County, Illinois including East St. Louis.

FFSC's values are: breaking the cycle of poverty, child neglect and abuse, and improving welfare of dependents through parenting education that prepares and equips participants to become responsible parents. **FFSC is one of only 44 nonprofits out of 54,000 agencies in Missouri to be certified by the rigorous standards and guidelines of the Council on Accreditation.** For more information regarding Fathers & Families Support Center, please contact:

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