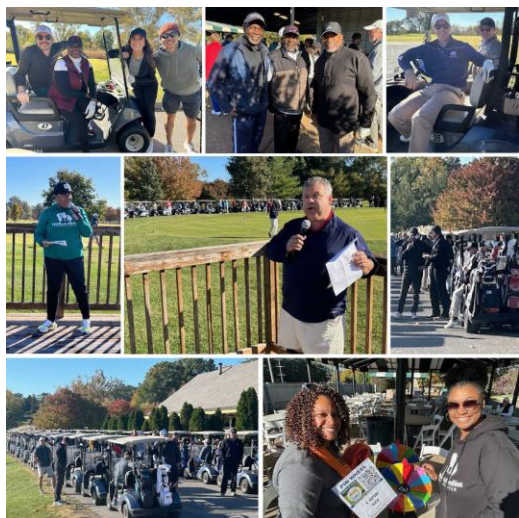




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FFSC's SOLD-OUT Golf Event Funds Transformational Programs: \$16.4 Million Impact on St. Louis Families



ST. LOUIS, MO – Fathers & Families Support Center (FFSC) and its Friends of Fathers Board are channeling the success of their **SOLD-OUT 5th Annual Tee It Up For Fathers** golf tournament directly into programs that are **transforming the lives of fathers, mothers, and at-risk youth in St. Louis.**

The event, taking place **Saturday, October 25, 2025**, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Forest Park Golf Course, is a crucial fundraiser supporting a model program recognized by Mathematica Policy Research for the US Department of

Health and Human Services.

With **160 golfers** committed to the cause, the funds raised will bolster FFSC's mission: to foster healthy relationships by strengthening families and communities and preparing fathers to become responsible, nurturing parents.

The Transformation Engine: FFSC's Measurable Impact

The golf event provides the resources necessary for FFSC to deliver programs that yield a powerful, measurable return on investment for the community:

- **Massive Economic Return:** In 2024, FFSC returned an **estimated \$16,423,312** to the **St. Louis community on a program investment of \$3.5 million.**
- **Job and Wage Growth:** The program focuses on financial stability, helping participants earn significantly. **298 participants** obtained or maintained employment, resulting in **\$10.7 million** reinvested back into the local economy.
- The average wage FFSC participants earned was **\$18.16/hour** in 2024, well above the state's minimum wage.

- **Family Bonding and Skills:** FFSC's core **Family Formation Program** directly improves family relationships:
 - **75%** of participants reported **increased interaction with their children**.
 - **83%** of participants reported **increased parenting skills**.
 - **72%** of participants reported **increased co-parenting relationship skills**.
- **Public Safety Victory:** FFSC's Re-Entry Project saw a remarkably low **3% recidivism rate** for its participants, a figure that drastically undercuts the 2024 Missouri average of 35%.

"The overwhelming support for our sold-out golf event proves St. Louis recognizes that investing in a father is investing in an entire family's future," said Cheri Tillis, FFSC's CEO. "Every dollar raised fuels a model that is successfully breaking the cycle of poverty and creating stronger, more stable homes."

A Day of Support and High Stakes

The tournament's success ensures FFSC can continue offering comprehensive services, including high-quality **Legal Services** in family law , employment and mentoring services , and the **Youth Leadership & Development Program (YLDP)**, which helped **76%** of enrolled youth decrease risky behaviors in 2024.

Golfers will also have the chance to win big with three incredible hole-in-one car giveaways:

- **St. Charles Automotive** is sponsoring the chance to win one of **two Genesis GV80** luxury SUVs.
- **Laura Buick GMC** is providing the opportunity to win a rugged **Sierra AT4** pickup truck.

The event will conclude with an inspiring address from FFSC's current **Father of the Year**, a powerful reflection of the transformation the programs achieve.

A Proven Return on Investment: Building Stable Families

FFSC's holistic approach, which couples trauma therapy with job training, life skills and parenting tools, yields tangible results that demonstrate the power of healing to stabilize entire communities:

- **Stronger Families:** **259** parents graduated in 2024, positively impacting **782** children. **83%** reported increased parenting skills.

- **Economic Stability:** Graduates achieved an average wage of **\$18.16 per hour**. The program helped secure or maintain employment for **298** participants, injecting **\$10.7 million** into the local economy.
- **Reduced Recidivism:** The Re-Entry Project boasts a remarkable **3% recidivism rate**—a fraction of the 35% Missouri average—showing that emotional healing and job readiness are powerful deterrents to re-offense.
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** FFSC returns nearly **\$5.00 to the community for every \$1 invested**.

FFSC is not just treating symptoms; it's transforming individuals into responsible, emotionally resilient parents who can support their children—materially, emotionally, and developmentally.

About Fathers & Families Support Center (FFSC): The Fathers & Families Support Center is a certified, comprehensive social service agency dedicated to assisting fathers in becoming responsible parents and contributing members of their communities. FFSC serves families across four locations in Missouri and Illinois. **Since 1998, FFSC has supported nearly 22,000 men on their journey to Responsible Fatherhood, positively impacting over 53,000 sons and daughters who have more responsible parents today.**

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