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St. Louis Fathers Generate $10.3M Economic Boost; Hundreds to Celebrate 28-Year Legacy of Cycle-Breaking



ST. LOUIS, MO (September 8, 2026) – Over the last 28 years, nearly 23,000 men have walked through the doors of the Fathers & Families Support Center (FFSC) to transform their lives. Last year alone, these empowered fathers poured $10.3 million back into the St. Louis economy. On Saturday, September 26, **graduates and their families are expected gather to celebrate this generational impact at FFSC's Annual *Alumni Reunion* Homecoming.**

What begins as a rigorous six-week "boot camp" in parenting, financial literacy, and life skills translates into deeply engaged fathers and mothers who are emotionally and financially present for their children.

By The Numbers: A Legacy of Impact

- **$10.3 Million:** Pumped back into the St. Louis economy by FFSC alumni last year.
- **23,000 Men:** Transformed into responsible, active, involved fathers since 1998.
- **57,000 Children:** Positively impacted by parents equipped to support them emotionally, developmentally, and materially.

"For 28 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," said Cheri Tillis, Chief Executive Officer of FFSC. *"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."*

Event Details for Media Coverage

Reporters are invited to capture the visuals of reunited families and interview alumni who have successfully broken the cycle of poverty and child neglect.

- **WHAT:** 28-year FFSC Alumni Reunion Homecoming
- **WHEN:** Saturday, September 26, 2026 | 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **WHERE:** St. Vincent Park, 7335 St Charles Rock Rd, St. Louis, MO 63121
- **WHO:** Hundreds of FFSC graduates, their children, and FFSC leadership. **Graduates will be available for interviews.**

About Fathers & Families Support Center

FFSC is a nationally recognized agency dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty and child neglect by preparing fathers and mothers to be financially and emotionally present. **Since its first class in 1998, FFSC has supported 23,000 men on their journey to responsible fatherhood, benefitting over 57,000 children** with parents who can support them emotionally, developmentally and materially. As a United Way Member Agency, FFSC provides "full immersion" parenting education, legal services, and employment mentoring to foster healthy, cohesive families.

Agency Programs and Outcomes

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