

# SON OF A SAINT

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## **Washington Commanders Offensive Tackle Cornelius Lucas Joins Forces with Son of a Saint as Ambassador**

**NEW ORLEANS (October 5, 2023)** — Son of a Saint, a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering fatherless boys through mentorship and support, is proud to announce its latest partnership with Cornelius Lucas, a New Orleans native, longtime NFL professional athlete, and prominent figure in the local community. Lucas has officially signed on to become a Son of a Saint Ambassador, a role which centers on leveraging his influence and passion to make a positive impact on the lives of young men in underserved communities.

Son of a Saint was founded on the principles of mentorship and community building, with a mission to transform the lives of fatherless young men by providing them with the resources, guidance, and support they need to succeed. A graduate, of New Orleans' Edna Karr High School, Lucas shares the commitment to empowering the next generation and is excited to use his platform to champion this cause.

Lucas adamantly acknowledges the help of his late father, who passed away due to an accidental drowning when Lucas was 7 years old. Lucas has turned the tragedy into a point of inspiration and motivation to do good and make a positive change in important communities. Through his work with Son of a Saint, he will play a pivotal role in inspiring young men to overcome obstacles, pursue their dreams, and reach their full potential.

"Son of a Saint is doing the work that our community has needed for a long time," says Lucas. "Fathers are known to instill knowledge and provide guidance, and being deprived of such a crucial figure makes one vulnerable -- a vulnerability that I know all too well. Someone stepped up to be a role model and mentor for me, and I am happy to partner with and support an organization that is doing the same and so much more for other fatherless boys in our community."

Most recently, Lucas made a big splash with Son of a Saint this past summer when he hosted the first annual "Laps with Luc" Swim Camp with the organization's mentees. The three-day experience focused on teaching the young men of Son of a Saint how to swim, as well as providing mentorship, life skills, and character-building lessons each day. The camp was facilitated in partnership with Lucas' CL3 Foundation and Ochsner Health System, and marked the successful launch of an impactful relationship with Son of a Saint.

Lucas will continue to work closely with Son of a Saint in various capacities, including mentorship programs, community outreach initiatives, and fundraising efforts. His involvement is expected to amplify the organization's impact and further its mission to break the cycle of fatherlessness and provide essential support to New Orleans' youth.

"We are honored to welcome Cornelius into the Son of a Saint family," said Son of a Saint Founder and CEO Bivian "Sonny" Lee III. "His dedication to excellence, both on and off the field, aligns perfectly with our mission to empower young men and equip them with the tools they need to succeed. Cornelius will undoubtedly serve as an inspiration to our mentees, showing them that with hard work and determination, they can achieve greatness."

This partnership between Lucas and Son of a Saint represents a significant step forward in the organization's efforts to make a lasting impact on the lives of young men in need. It also underscores the commitment of professional athletes like Lucas to give back to their communities and uplift the next generation.

For more information about Son of a Saint and Lucas's involvement as an ambassador, visit [www.sonofasaint.org/ambassadors](http://www.sonofasaint.org/ambassadors) or [www.sonofsaint.org](http://www.sonofsaint.org).

#### **About Son of a Saint**

*Son of a Saint launched in 2011 to address the burgeoning problem of fatherless boys in the New Orleans area. Under the direction of Bivian "Sonny" Lee III, the 501(c)(3) organization is dedicated to its mission of transforming the lives of young males through mentorship, emotional support, development of life skills, exposure to constructive experiences and formation of positive, lasting peer-to-peer relationships. For more information or to get involved, visit [www.sonofasaint.org](http://www.sonofasaint.org).*

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