

National Child and Adult Food Program Forum Board Welcomes Back Robert S. Jones

Returning Board Member is Ready to Get Back Into Action

MOORPARK, CA, USA, June 29, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Robert S. Jones, Director of Government Programs for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, returns to the <u>National CACFP Forum</u> Board. Jones took a leave of absence this past year while completing his Master's Degree in Business Administration at Saint Joseph's University's Haub School of Business in Philadelphia.

"Mr. Jones' talents have been sorely missed, especially his sense of humor," states Chris Clark. "His contributions to the mission of the National CACFP <u>Forum</u> have been invaluable."

In 2015, Jones celebrated the provision of 50 million CACFP meals over a 20-year career. That number is now ready to eclipse 55 million meals. "Using a phrase like, 'millions served' makes me a feel a little like a McDonald's sign," jokes Jones, who admits he has an overriding passion to provide the highest quality meals possible to the children that they serve. Jones' commitment is highly motivated by his faith. "God specially created each of the children that we serve with a wonderful plan for them," Jones states. "For many, all that stands in the way of the realization of that dream is sound nutrition and the National CACFP Forum Board is answering that high and noble calling. Let's press on!"

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia provides CACFP meals and sponsorship to nearly 300 unaffiliated sites, reaching more than 12,000 children on a daily basis. The Archdiocese's sponsorship encompasses Traditional Child Care Centers, Afterschool Programs (At-Risk) and Emergency Shelters throughout the five-county Greater Philadelphia region. In total, these three CACFP segments provide approximately 3 million meals annually.

The National CACFP Forum serves as the national advocacy organization that protects viability, perfects policy and promotes leadership for the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The organization was created to form a community of member organizations dedicated to the ideals of high quality nutrition services for all children in child care settings. The Forum was organized in 1983 with the first meeting being held at the Save the Children Family Child Care Conference in Atlanta, GA. Since the mid-1980's the Forum has been recognized in Washington as the leading CACFP public policy organization. The Forum is led by its President and voluntary Board of Directors, with advisement from its ex-officio members.

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