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Tickets for Kids® Charities welcomes new executive director

Pittsburgh (September 22, 2015) – Tickets for Kids® Charities (TFK) has named Jason J. Riley as its new executive director. Riley, who assumed the position in July, brings many years of varied experience to the organization. He was most recently Chief Program Officer for Eisenhower Fellowships (EF), an international organization based in Philadelphia that works to connect impactful leaders from all sectors with international counterparts.

“We’re very excited to welcome Jason to Tickets for Kids Charities,” said TFK co-founder and board chairman Bruce B. Weiner. “Jason’s enthusiasm for the mission and dedication to community service make him a great fit for the organization. We look forward to his leadership and the insight and energy he’ll bring to the position.”

“I’m honored to join an organization that has been making a difference in the community for more than 20 years,” said Riley. “The work of Tickets for Kids is about closing the opportunity gap that so many children face, and I look forward to contributing to the continued success of this mission.”

A Philadelphia native, Riley began his involvement in service to the community while in high school as vice president of the Community Service Corps for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Riley earned his undergraduate degree from Saint Joseph’s University, where he received the university’s first full scholarship for community service.

He went on to direct the newly created Office of Community Service at Temple University, increasing student involvement in the neighboring communities by more than 200%, while creating a culture of engagement among the student body. After leaving the university, he developed a residential construction business, then joined Eisenhower Fellowships, during which time he obtained his Master of Public Administration degree at the Fels Institute of Government, University of Pennsylvania.

Riley’s experience also includes a year in Puerto Rico working to develop a youth organization and study at Universidad Centroamericana in El Salvador, where he worked at a community cooperative that provided dental services and vocational training.

About Tickets for Kids® Charities *Founded in 1994, Tickets for Kids® Charities (TFK) is a Pittsburgh-based nonprofit organization committed to enriching the lives of in-need and at-risk children and their families through inclusion in a variety of events and activities. Tickets are acquired through donors and distributed to children served by thousands of nonprofit social service agencies and community groups in western Pennsylvania and select cities across the U.S. Since its inception, TFK has distributed more than 1.8 million tickets. For more information, call 412-781-KIDS (5437) or visit www.ticketsforkids.org.*