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## **Introducing Sunday Friends' New Executive Director**

Dear Friends,

Please join us in welcoming James McCaskill to Sunday Friends as our new Executive Director, starting February 26, 2018. We can't wait for you to meet him!

James brings broad experience in the areas of children's education, health, homelessness, and low-income community development through his board governance in seven nonprofit organizations, along with hands-on volunteering. Through leadership positions in faith-based organizations for over 16 years, he created and implemented strategic plans and developed and delivered outreach programs. He cultivated community partnerships with private, public, and international sectors to address pressing issues of health, housing, youth education, adult education, immigration, and the generational perpetuation of unemployment. As the leader of growing congregations, he enhanced organizational operations by training and mentoring staff, empowering leadership, developing personnel and financial policies, streamlining budgeting, and increasing volunteer participation and financial donations. James is also a professional speaker with vast experience with radio, newspaper interviews, television documentaries, universities, and schools.

As we say hello to James, we want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our outgoing leaders who are moving on to new endeavors. Top of the list is Ali Barekat. Ali served as Sunday Friends' Executive Director for five and a half years, leading us through program innovations and expansions and inspiring many through his passionate community outreach. Thank you, Ali, for all you gave through Sunday Friends.

We also thank Marybeth Affleck-Nacey who has served as our Interim Executive Director for the past 8 months, keeping our organizational ship sailing smoothly as our remarkable staff has continued to enrich our programs.

Let us know if you'd like to discuss the organizational changes with me ([janis@sundayfriends.org](mailto:janis@sundayfriends.org)) or to meet James ([james@sundayfriends.org](mailto:james@sundayfriends.org)). We'll be delighted to hear from you. We are excited for the future!

Warmly,

Janis Baron, Board President

P.S. We are also pleased to share with you the enclosed Annual Report for 2017.

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