



ROYAL FAMILY KIDS, INC APPOINTS NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Former United States Congressional Candidate Brings Expertise to Enhance Mentorship Opportunities for Children in Foster Care

Santa Ana, Calif. (August, 16, 2018) — Royal Family KIDS, Inc. (RFK), a California nonprofit organization that encourages and mentors foster children, recently appointed Paul Martin as its new chief executive officer.

Martin, a resident of Costa Mesa, was a recent candidate for United States Congress in California's 48th congressional district and former nonprofit executive. Ignited with passion to be a mentor to the at-risk youth in the foster care system, Martin has a long history of volunteerism and executive leadership in youth mentoring campaigns. Martin holds a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy from University of California, Los Angeles and a Master of Arts in the philosophy of religion and ethics from Talbot School of Theology (Biola University). With Martin's background in nonprofit leadership and his recent time in the public sector as a congressional candidate, he brings a wide array of expertise to RFK that will allow the nonprofit to extend their services and impact the lives of many underserved youth living in the foster care system.

"Studies have shown that 90% of youth with 5+ placements will enter the justice system," says Lettie Cowie, RFK chairperson. "It is clear to us that having the leadership of Paul Martin will allow for us to grow this remarkable organization to have a profound impact on these children and our nation."

In the 1980s, Wayne Tesch, a Christian pastor, was convicted by the biblical passage that defines "true religion" as one that cares for orphans. Tesch envisioned a "vacation" for troubled children — a camp where the most abused and neglected children, ages 6-12, would be moved out of their troubled environments, and treated like "royalty." The first camp was hosted 1985 in southern California. To achieve its mission, RFK works with Child Protective Services across the nation.

Today, over 200 weeklong camps are held throughout the U.S. In 2018, RFK will serve more than 9,000 foster children, and close to 1,000 internationally. Quite often, children are adopted by their former camp counselors.

"The pain inflicted on abused and neglected kids is insidious," says Martin. "And, foster children have also experienced ongoing abandonment. I am humbled to lead this remarkable organization that has a powerful 30-year history of providing comfort, positive affirmation, acceptance, and love to over 100,000 innocent children."

In addition to camps, RFK also provides mentoring throughout the school year for campers with its Mentoring Club program. The program provides a mentoring environment by which children who attended camp can reconnect with staff members, as well as build lasting friendships with other foster children attending the program.

About Royal Family KIDS

Royal Family KIDS provides a safe and sustainable platform for abused and neglected children in the foster care system. Through this platform, camps and mentoring clubs are held for children ages 6-12 across the U.S., and internationally. Working alongside individuals, church leaders, and businesses, Royal Family KIDS is changing the trajectory of thousands of children's lives by creating life-changing moments.