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### **Families Forward Announces Three New Board Members**

*Families Forward welcomes two highly-regarded executives from the pharmaceutical and investment industries and a 25-year dedicated community leader.*

**IRVINE, CALIF. (September 30, 2015)** – Families Forward announces the appointment of three new members to its Board of Directors, bringing the full slate of officers and board member to 29 for the fiscal year 2016-2017.

Families Forward's three newest Board members are:

- **Kfir Ben-Zvi – Executive Vice President and Global Head of Procurement, PIMCO**  
Kfir Ben-Zvi is an executive vice president and global head of procurement in PIMCO's Newport Beach office. He also heads PIMCO's best execution working group. Previously at PIMCO, he held the role of portfolio pricing analyst. Prior to joining PIMCO in 2007, he was an associate director and global head of credit fixed income flow valuations at UBS Investment Bank. He has 15 years of investment and financial services experience and holds an MBA from the University of Connecticut and an undergraduate degree from Florida Atlantic University.
- **Meg English – Executive Board Member Saint Joseph's Health Support Alliance and QueensCare Health Centers and 25-year active community leader.**  
Meg brings a true passion for addressing the needs of low income families. Over a 20-year span of board leadership, she actively advocated healthcare access for low income families. This was largely accomplished through the operation of free and low cost health clinics as well as oversight for health related grants in the community. Meg has also been an active community volunteer for more than 25 years. Families Forward relies greatly on our volunteer corps of more than 2,000 individuals who provide more than 20,000 hours of service each year. For the last 8 years, Meg has played a leadership role in the creation of the Volunteer Advisory Committee and has contributed significantly to the expansion and effectiveness of using volunteer resources to serve more families in need without raising program costs.
- **David Vento – Executive Director of Commercial Compliance, Allergan Medical Aesthetics**  
David brings extensive experience with over twenty years in sales, marketing, commercial operations and healthcare compliance leadership in the life sciences industry. At various pharmaceutical, medical device and biotech manufacturing companies, he has also designed, operationalized, and helped operate strategy and tactics both in industry and for clients as a former consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP. Most recently he has accepted a position at Allergan in Irvine as the Executive Director of Commercial Compliance for Allergan's Medical Aesthetics businesses.

"We are delighted to welcome these three remarkable, new members to our Board of Directors," stated Margie Wakeham, Executive Director, Families Forward, "They each bring a breadth of experience and a vision to involve our local industry and to engage our community to solve the pressing issues of affordable housing and family homelessness in Orange County. As we look to the future, we must continue to expand the availability of realistic housing choices to create a vibrant community that welcomes all families."

#### **About Families Forward**

Since 1984, Families Forward has worked with families to help them achieve self-sufficiency through housing, food, counseling, career coaching, education, and other support services. Operating with a guiding principal of support with accountability, last year Families Forward improved the lives of 9,000 children and adults by providing safety-net services through the framework of our values: Dignity, Empowerment, Accountability, Community Spirit and Hope. For more information about Families Forward please contact us at 949-716-5858 or visit [www.families-forward.org](http://www.families-forward.org).

New Board Members Kfir Ben-Zvi, David Vento, and Meg English

