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Joe Jones Selected 2019 Baltimore Business Journal Leader in Diversity

BALTIMORE, Maryland—Thursday, June 6, 2019—Joe Jones, the founder and CEO of The Center for Urban Families (CFUF), was honored for his leadership in hiring highly-skilled, accomplished, and diverse talent and promoting diversity and inclusion throughout the region by the Baltimore Business Journal. CFUF employs 40+ plus employees who provide workforce development training and family strengthening programs (with a particular interest on fathers) that serve more than 1,100 Baltimore residents each year.

CFUF is a leading workforce-talent provider to the hospitality, medical, logistics, landscaping, manufacturing, packaging, and construction industries. Each year, CFUF secures more than 300 job placements in these and other industries. CFUF includes among its employer partners some of the leading companies in the region and nation including Whiting-Turner, Mechanical Engineering & Construction Corporation, McCormick and Company, Arnold Packaging, Pompeian Olive Oil, First Transit, Gray & Sons, Hyatt Regency, Horseshoe Casino, and Holly Poultry.

In addition, to providing leadership to CFUF, Joe is also involved in the community and has been recognized for this leadership. Joe's civic engagements include service on the boards of the Open Society Institute-Baltimore, Baltimore Workforce Development Board, and My Brother's Keeper-Baltimore. Mr. Jones has received numerous awards and honors for his leadership and programming including the Johns Hopkins University Leadership Development Program's Distinguished Leadership Award, an honorary Doctorate in Public Service from Morgan State University, the Walter Sondheim Public Service Award, and the White House Champion of Change Award. He is a 2004 Weinberg Fellow, a 2013 CNN Hero, and a current Aspen Institute Ascend Fellow.

About CFUF

CFUF's mission is to strengthen urban communities by helping fathers and families achieve stability and economic success. Central to our mission is the belief that men—the most disconnected and underserved citizens in urban communities—who connect with women, their children, and the workplace are key to the restoration of stability and optimism. CFUF accomplishes its mission through an integrated and comprehensive approach that includes services that target two critical areas: chronic unemployment and family stability. For more information about CFUF's programs, visit www.cfuf.org.

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