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JRF Ortho Announces Next Executive Director:

Centennial, Colo. – May 12, 2020 – The Board of Directors of JRF Ortho is pleased to announce the appointment of Christian Bezenar as the organization's next Executive Director. Bezenar brings to the position a wealth of knowledge and an array of experiences in the tissue donation industry.

Bezenar holds a B.A. from California Lutheran University and an Executive M.B.A. from the University of Denver. Immediately prior to his current role as Director of Midwest and International Sales, he was the National Allograft Manager for AlloSource. He also previously worked as Technical Manager for the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank.

Bezenar feels this is a wonderful opportunity to build on the tremendous momentum of the past several years. "My passion is helping people and JRF Ortho is well-known and respected by the tissue banking community and orthopedic surgeons. I have admired the positive impact of the work we do at JRF Ortho, so it is an honor to be selected to lead this outstanding team. I'm really excited about this next step for our organization and I can't wait to see where we can go."

Diane Wilson, Chairman of JRF Ortho, says she and the rest of the Board of Directors are delighted to have Bezenar as its next Executive Director. "Christian's background in science, tissue banking industry, coupled with his outstanding interpersonal and communications skills, will ensure that JRF Ortho enjoys continued success in its role as the leader in fresh allografts, that it continues to honor its mission to help people improve their quality of life, and is positioned to take on new opportunities."

After an extended transition period, Bezenar will succeed Jim Czepiel, who has served as Executive Director since May 2011 and will retire from JRF Ortho early in 2021. "The Board of Directors would like to thank Mr. Czepiel for his stellar leadership over the past decade, and we wish him all the best in his retirement," says Wilson.

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About JRF Ortho

JRF Ortho specializes in providing orthopedic surgeons with the highest viability, most widely available cartilage solutions in the industry. Their goal is to provide innovative solutions for allograft joint repair to orthopedic surgeons who specialize in helping patients regain movement and improve their quality of life. Their unique member relationship with AlloSource® and Community Tissue Services® (CTS) enables them to offer the largest selection of specialized high-viability fresh osteochondral grafts, tendons and menisci in the industry. Through innovation and a commitment to clinical results and positive outcomes, JRF Ortho is redefining the standard for allograft joint repair. JRF Ortho is headquartered in Centennial, CO. For more information, please visit JRFORTHO.org.