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Tennessee Football Hall of Fame Coach Joins Suicide Prevention Organization

(Hendersonville, TN – January 22, 2019) The Jason Foundation, Inc. (JFI), a nationally recognized leader in youth suicide awareness and prevention, announced today that Coach David Martin will join its staff in June of 2019. Coach Martin, formerly the Head Football Coach at Stewarts Creek High School, was inducted into the Tennessee Football Coaches Hall of Fame in December of 2017 and will work within The Jason Foundation's Sports Affiliation Division.

"We are excited to have Coach Martin join our team at The Jason Foundation," said Clark Flatt, President of JFI.



"He will add a lot to our work with Coaches and athletic teams not only in Tennessee, but the nation as well." David Martin's 45 years as an educator, and insight as one of Tennessee's top high school coaches, will be a great asset for The Jason Foundation's mission.

"I am excited for the opportunity to work in the sports arena for The Jason Foundation to add to and continue the great work they are doing in educating young people and adults about the 'silent epidemic' of youth suicide," said David Martin.

The Jason Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to fighting the "silent epidemic" of youth suicide through educational programs for young people, educators, parents, and other community groups. All programs and materials are available at no cost to the public. JFI, headquartered in Hendersonville, TN, was founded in 1997 after the tragic death of Jason Flatt, the 16-year-old son of Clark Flatt. Today, The Jason Foundation is one of the nation's largest and oldest suicide prevention programs with 127 Affiliate Offices located in 34 states. Also of note, Coach Martin was Jason's football coach when the tragedy occurred. Coach Martin has worked as a volunteer and member of The Jason Foundation's Board of Directors since the organization was founded.

To find out more about The Jason Foundation, its mission or the national health crisis of youth suicide, visit <u>www.jasonfoundation.com</u>.