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BCFS APPOINTS DR. DAVID MARKS CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

SAN ANTONIO – BCFS today announced the appointment of San Antonio critical care physician, Dr. David Marks, as chief medical officer. In this role, Marks will direct BCFS' care of thousands participating in programs throughout the U.S. as well as Eastern Europe, Latin America, Southeast Asia and Africa.

"David has proven himself to not only be a superb physician, but to also be fully dedicated to the mission of caring for those who are struggling," said BCFS President/CEO Kevin C. Dinnin. "We are pleased to have him as part of our team that brings relief to individuals and communities facing crisis around the world."

Marks has worked with the agency for more than 3 years, providing medical care and oversight during several emergencies including the recent earthquake in Haiti, during which the BCFS IMT was asked to provide incident command of a local hospital. He has also travelled with BCFS to Eastern Europe, Africa, and Mexico, rendering critical medical care to children and villagers living in desolate conditions. In addition to overseeing medical efforts for BCFS' international and emergency response programs, Marks will also direct the care of those in the agency's residential youth program, emergency sheltering for abused and neglected children, mental health programs, and pre-natal and post-partum health services.

"I am honored to be part of a team that never waivers in answering the call for help," said Marks.

Marks will deploy to Haiti with BCFS for a second time beginning March 26. At the request of Hospital Adventist in Haiti, BCFS will support medical rotations and fulfill other unmet needs. The agency is also working with a number of Texas universities, hospitals, and human service organizations to coordinate long-term recovery efforts in the country.

For more information about BCFS' work in Haiti or to volunteer as a medical professional on a future mission trip, please visit www.bcfs.net.



PHOTO CAPTIONS: Dr. Marks deployed with BCFS' its first mission to Haiti following the January earthquake. The BCFS team will again travel back to the island nation this week to support Hospital Adventist.

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BCFS is a health and human services organization with locations and programs in the United States as well as Eastern Europe, Latin America, Southeast Asia and Africa. The organization is a national leader in medical sheltering and provides critical emergency support services to state and local governments during disasters. BCFS also provides residential services and emergency shelters for abused or neglected children, assisted living services and vocational training for special needs adults, mental health services for children and families, foster care and adoption services, pre-natal and post-partum health services, and international humanitarian aid for children living in impoverished conditions in developing countries.