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Digital Defenders Welcomes Matthew Francis as Treasurer

July 6, 2026 – As Digital Defenders continues to expand its mission of educating children about cybersecurity and digital safety, the organization is pleased to announce the appointment of Matthew Francis as Treasurer.

Francis, a graduate of the University of South Carolina with degrees in Finance and Business Administration, currently serves as a Senior Financial Analyst at The Home Depot. With extensive experience in financial planning, budgeting, and strategic analysis, he brings valuable expertise that will help strengthen Digital Defenders' financial stewardship and support the nonprofit's continued growth.

As Treasurer, Francis will oversee the organization's financial management, budgeting, and long-term fiscal planning while supporting the Board of Directors in ensuring responsible stewardship of the nonprofit's resources. His appointment reflects Digital Defenders' continued commitment to strong governance and sustainable growth as the organization expands its educational programs and community partnerships.

Marcus Pierre, Founder and President of Digital Defenders, is pleased to welcome Francis to the leadership team. Of the appointment, Pierre said:

"We are grateful for the service of Shirley Joseph-Kelly, whose contributions helped grow Digital Defenders during a formative period in our organization's history. As we look ahead, we are excited to welcome Matthew Francis as our new Treasurer. His financial expertise and strategic perspective will help strengthen our organization as we continue expanding our impact in cybersecurity education and digital advocacy."

For more information about Digital Defenders, visit www.thedigitaldefenders.org or contact Digital Defenders at contact@thedigitaldefenders.org.

About Digital Defenders

Digital Defenders is a nonprofit organization dedicated to equipping children with the knowledge and tools they need to stay safe online. Through engaging, age-appropriate education and community outreach, the organization empowers young people to become responsible digital citizens and confident, independent thinkers in an increasingly connected world.