

## **J. W. Childs Associates Announces Retirement of Co-Founder John Childs**

Boston, Feb. 25, 2019 – J.W. Childs Associates, L.P. (JWC), a private equity firm focused on providing operational expertise to middle-market growth companies, today announced the retirement of its co-founder, John Childs.

Mr. Childs, who is not currently active in the management of the firm, has stepped down as chairman of J.W. Childs Associates and as a director of the board at KeyImpact, a Fund IV portfolio company. As it has been over the past decade, the firm will continue to be led by Adam Suttin, managing partner, and David Fiorentino, Jeff Teschke and Bill Watts, partners.

“John built an enduring and strong business and we appreciate his many contributions to JWC,” said Suttin. “I look forward with confidence to the next chapter for our firm and wish John well.”

Mr. Childs, 77, has had a successful investment career spanning the past five decades. He established J.W. Childs Associates in 1995 and led the organization in its first three funds and many profitable investments, such as Beltone Electronics, Universal Hospital Services and Meow Mix. Before founding JWC, Mr. Childs was a senior managing director at THL where he led the investment in Snapple Beverage, one of the most successful leveraged buyouts in the industry. Before THL, Mr. Childs was a senior managing director for the Capital Markets Group at the Prudential Insurance Company of America.

### **About J.W. Childs Associates, L.P.**

J.W. Childs Associates, L.P. is a Boston-based private equity firm focused on investing in middle-market growth companies. Since inception in 1995, J.W. Childs has invested more than \$3.7 billion of equity capital in more than 50 companies across the consumer and healthcare industries. The firm’s success has been built on its industry focus and the extensive operating expertise of its partners. For more information, please visit [www.jwchilds.com](http://www.jwchilds.com).

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