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Mrs. Kimberly Hutzell Named President/CEO

Greenville, SC – The President/CEO Search Committee is pleased to announce that Mrs. Kimberly (Kim) D. Hutzell has been named President/CEO of Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands, Inc. Ms. Hutzell will officially assume her duties on March 17, 2008.

Mrs. Hutzell is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Additionally, she holds a Master of Arts in Youth and Human Service Administration from the university and was a W.K. Kellogg Foundation Graduate Scholar. Mrs. Hutzell also holds additional certifications through The Fund Raising School, Indiana University Center for Philanthropy, as well as Girl Scouts of the USA as a Nationally Certified Girl Scout CEO.

Mrs. Hutzell has extensive experience in the nonprofit sector. Currently serving in a contractual leadership role as the interim Vice President/COO, Indirect Services for the newly formed Mountains to Midlands jurisdiction that services the Midlands and Upstate regions of South Carolina, she most recently served for seven years as the CEO of the Girl Scouts of the Piedmont Area Council, Spartanburg, SC. In addition to previous CEO and Director roles for three separate Girl Scout councils in Illinois and Iowa, Mrs. Hutzell has served as an Adjunct Instructor of Nonprofit Finance and Fundraising at the University of South Carolina Upstate and prior to Girl Scouting, was previously employed as a residential treatment Counselor. Mrs. Hutzell has been an active community volunteer holding various leadership roles with the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Rotary, the Mayor's Youth Services Executive Committee, and the national Association of Girl Scout Executive Staff. She currently serves on the American Humanics Advisory Board at the Institute for Nonprofit Leadership-USCU, serves as a state Board and Executive Committee Member of Prevent Child Abuse/Voices for Children of South Carolina and holds a South Carolina Governor's appointment as Vice Chair and Trustee of the South Carolina Children's Trust Fund. Mrs. Hutzell has been a recipient of the Business and Professional Women's *Woman of Achievement* Award, has represented South Carolina through the National Women's Issues Office of the White House, and is a Leadership Spartanburg graduate.

The President/CEO Search Committee, comprised of two previous board members from each of the three legacy councils prior to 2007's realignment to form Mountains to Midlands, went through a national search to find the best choice for the position. Committee Chair Ruth Cate highlighted that "We used input from our board, volunteers, donors, leaders, and employees to determine what skills were most necessary. We were delighted by the quality of the candidates we interviewed - including three national, one internal, and one local - but found that Kim Hutzell was our clear choice. The committee members were impressed with Kim's knowledge of Girl Scout operations, her view and plan of the future, and her demonstrated ability and work history to prioritize and then get the right work done. She was effective in helping us through the realignment process. She can think on her feet and never loses her cool. One member of the committee summed it up when he said, 'She is a strong leader and that's what we want.'"

Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands, Inc. serves 12,000 girls and 5,000 adults throughout nineteen counties supported through regional service centers in Columbia, Mauldin and Spartanburg.

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