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Dixie Travelstead from DuQuoin selected as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois

Glen Carbon, Illinois – Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois (GSSI) is pleased to announce that Dixie Travelstead from DuQuoin has been named GSSI's Board of Directors Chair. Dixie brings not only a love of Girl Scouting to GSSI, but also outstanding leadership and team building skills and business expertise. She is an experienced community fund raiser, business manager and teacher. Ms. Travelstead replaces Rebecca A. Clark, who resigned as BOD Chair for personal reasons.

“We are pleased to have Dixie as the Board of Directors Chair and believe she will play an important role in making GSSI even better and stronger for our girls and adult volunteers,” said Villie M. Appoo, GSSI Chief Executive Officer. “I am confident that Dixie will provide outstanding leadership to GSSI just as Rebecca had done during the Girl Scouts' historic transformation and realignment to the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois last year.”

Dixie has served as the President of the DuQuoin Youth Club Board for many years, currently serves on the Boards of the United Way of Southern Illinois and Women for Health and Wellness of Southern Illinois, and is involved in many civic and youth organizations. In addition, Dixie has had "hands-on" Girl Scouting experience, having served as Service Unit Cookie Chairman and Troop leader for ten years and Shagbark Alumni

Organization. Most recently, she served as the 1st Vice Chair of GSSI's BOD and is the co-chair of the GSSI Fund Development Committee.

The Girl Scout Mission is that *Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.* Today's Girl Scouts not only enjoy camping and crafts, but they also explore math and science and learn about diversity, good citizenship, leadership and teamwork. Girl Scouting is the place where girls experience the fun, friendship and power of girls together.

Girl Scouts is the world's pre-eminent organization dedicated solely to girls - all girls - where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adults, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives - like strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth.

Girl Scouting has inspired more than 50 million girls and women since its founding in 1912. As we approach the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouting, councils nationwide are joining in a historic organizational transformation centered around the best leadership development experience for girls in the 21st Century, while ensuring the traditions and values that have been core to Girl Scouting since its beginning remain strong and relevant.

The Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois is a not-for-profit organization supported by various United Ways throughout the region. The Girl Scouts is a Proud Partner of United Way.

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