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Date: February 28, 2008
To: Board of Directors
From: Barbara J. Bonifas, CEO
Subject: Girl Scout Center Addition – Great Rivers Region

At the March 2008 Girl Scouts of Western Ohio board meeting, board members will be provided with information on a proposed Girl Scout Center addition in the Great Rivers Region, including updated design and engineering information, a proposed budget, and a discussion of funding. The board will be provided with the opportunity to discuss the information presented and to make recommendations about next steps for this project.

Information on the Great Rivers Center proposal was provided to the Council Realignment Committee (CRC) as part of the agreement by all councils to bring any material changes to the attention of the CRC for approval. The CRC indicated support for the project, but requested that the Great Rivers board delay action on the building addition due to the impending vote of the members and the message that this action might unintentionally send. The CRC supported a recommendation that this action be brought before the new Girl Scouts of Western Ohio board and that the new board be encouraged to support this project.

Background:

In June 2007 the Girl Scouts—Great Rivers Council board was presented with preliminary information about the need for an addition to the Girl Scout office. This request was based on the impact of expanded space requirements needed to address changing volunteer and program needs on the existing Girl Scout Center. The board recommended that the Great Rivers Camp Construction Task Group investigate feasibility and cost of an addition, including consideration of the potential future needs of the facility.

In August 2007 the task group provided a follow-up presentation to the Great Rivers board that supported the feasibility of the project, including a preliminary design, project budget, and analysis of project funding using the council asset replacement fund. In order to facilitate continued progress on the project plan, while respecting the request from the CRC to give the future Girl Scouts of Western Ohio board the final approval of the project, the Great Rivers board made the following motions:

1. To approve funds, not to exceed \$80,000, to obtain detailed drawings, permits, and other preliminary work on the building project.
2. To designate \$1.6 million from the asset replacement fund to the Great Rivers Region Girl Scout Center building project.

Our Mission

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.