



## Girl Scouts Elect Connie L. Lindsey New President of National Board of Directors

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**NEW YORK, N.Y.** — Girl Scouts of the USA has elected Connie L. Lindsey, an executive vice-president of Northern Trust Company, Chicago, as President of the National Board of Directors, the highest volunteer position in Girl Scouting. Lindsey is charged with providing guidance to the board and the GSUSA senior leadership team in matters of policy direction, fundraising and management.

Commenting on her new responsibilities, Lindsey, a former Girl Scout, said, "The board and I will be accountable not just for what we say, but for what we do. We will keep the Girl Scout Movement relevant in the lives of girls for the next one hundred years."

Lindsey was officially elected on Nov. 1, at the 2008 Girl Scout National Council Session/51st Convention in Indianapolis. The National Council Session, which is held once every three years, serves as a forum for voting on policy direction critical to the Girl Scouts Movement, including the election of the new National Board of Directors.

"Leadership is at the heart of the Girl Scout Movement, and there is no finer example of a leader than Connie," said Kathy Cloninger, CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA. "As a woman of courage, confidence and character she is the epitome of what Girl Scouting is all about. She will be a wonderful steward for the organization and I look forward to our partnership in leading the organization."

Lindsey began her career in the telecommunications industry, in Milwaukee, Wis. Since then she has steadily risen in prominence in the financial sector. She joined Northern Trust in 1993 where she has served in a series of increasingly responsible positions, culminating in her appointment as executive vice-president in 2006. She is the first African-American woman in Northern Trust's history to hold this title.

"When I joined Girl Scouts almost forty years ago at my church in Milwaukee, Wis. my leadership journey began," Lindsey said. "And I want to ensure that same opportunity is provided to the millions of Girl Scouts we serve today and in the future. We must show them that they matter to us and our world by empowering them with the leadership experiences that prove to them that the ideas and dreams they have right now—the ones which give their lives meaning and purpose—are right."

In addition to her work with Girl Scouts of the USA, Lindsey is a board

member of the Joffrey Ballet, former chair of the Joffrey diversity council and board secretary; a board member of Women Employed; a member of the board of governors of the Metropolitan Club of Chicago; an advisory council member, DePaul University School of Education; Fellow 2001 class – Leadership Greater Chicago; a board member of the Chicago Finance Exchange; a member of the Economic Club of Chicago and immediate past president of Bottomless Closet.

Lindsey has been recognized for her leadership professionally and in the community, including Chicago United Business Leaders of Color Award (2005), the Alpha Kappa Alpha Women Changing the World Award, the YWCA Leaders of Color Award, Chicago Defender Women of Excellence Award, Northern Trust's Chairman's Diversity Award, and Volunteer of the Year Award. An INROADS alumna, Lindsey has been inducted into the INROADS Alumni Hall of Fame. She has been featured in *Black Enterprise* for her commitment to mentoring.

### **About Girl Scouts**

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls with 3.6 million girl and adult members worldwide. Girl Scouting is the leading authority on girls' healthy development, and builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. The organization serves girls from every corner of the United States and its territories. Girls Scouts of the USA also serves American girls and their classmates attending American or international schools overseas in 90 countries. For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect or donate to Girl Scouts, call (800) GSUSA 4 U (800-478-7248) or visit [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org).

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