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2011 Building Futures Luncheon to Feature Jill Bentz as Keynote Speaker

(Charleston, W.Va.) May 10, 2011 – On May 12, 2011, Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council will hold its annual Building Futures fund raising luncheon in Charleston, W.Va. at the Embassy Suites Hotel. This year, the council is honored to welcome Jill C. Bentz as the keynote speaker.

A successful business woman and community leader, Jill exemplifies the mission of Girl Scouts – building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. She is a Partner in the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl, where she chairs the Firm's Government Relations Practice Group. She has extensive legislative and administrative government relations, insurance, and health care experience and regularly defends her clients in federal and state courts throughout the region. She is the President of the West Virginia Insurance Federation, the state trade association for property and casualty insurance companies doing business in West Virginia and is the lead lobbyist for the insurance industry in West Virginia. She is a member of a number of non-profit and professional boards such as the Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia and Leadership West Virginia, and has served as President of the Junior League of Charleston.

Jill is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Chambers USA Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers*. In 2007, she was named a Leading WV Business Lawyer by *WV Inc.* magazine, and she was named a 2011 Young Gun by *WV Executive* magazine. Jill is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and the West Virginia University College of Law. She regularly speaks to groups about insurance, civil justice and work-life balance issues.

Key Sponsors for the Charleston Building Futures Luncheon are Chesapeake Energy, Brickstreet Insurance, Mike & Beth Walker, Steptoe & Johnson and Wells Fargo Insurance Services. Other sponsors include BB&T WV Foundation, Commercial Insurance, and Mutual of America.

Building Futures events raise funds to ensure that every girl in our community has the opportunity to reach their full potential by participating in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. For more information about the Building Futures Luncheon, or to make a reservation, contact Princess Young at 304.345.7722 or princess.young@bdgsc.org.

About Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council

Working in partnership with about 4,000 volunteers, Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council serves nearly 20,000 girls in 61 counties in West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio and Maryland. For more information on how to join, volunteer, or donate to Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council, call 1.800.756.7616 or visit the council's Web site at www.bdgsc.org. Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls, with 3.7 million girl and adult members worldwide. Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

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