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GIRLS INC. CELEBRATES BOLD FEMALE LEADERS **July 9 Touchstone Awards luncheon to recognize four Indianapolis women**

INDIANAPOLIS — Girls Inc. of Greater Indianapolis will honor local leaders **Betsy Bikoff**, **Dr. Mercy Obeime**, **Maria M. Quintana**, and **Patricia Garrett Rooney** at the 2015 “Make Your Mark” Touchstone Awards.

The 28th annual luncheon will take place Thursday, July 9, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the JW Marriott. Approximately 520 guests and 80 Girls Inc. summer campers will attend the luncheon to celebrate the accomplishments of women who have achieved bold dreams.

“It is vital for young girls to have role models,” said Patricia Wachtel, Girls Inc. of Greater Indianapolis president and CEO. “It is my hope that the Touchstone Awards honorees inspire the girls we serve to make their mark.”

The 2015 Touchstone Awards honorees have made their mark in the Indianapolis community. **Betsy Bikoff** recently started her own philanthropic and nonprofit consulting practice. For 13 years, she served as Vice President & Chief Grant making Officer of the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation. **Dr. Mercy Obeime** is the Director of Community & Global Health at Franciscan St. Francis Health, Medical Director of Community Health Education at the St. Francis Family Medicine Residency Program, Director of Medical Education at the Marion County Public Health Department, and Assistant Clinical Professor at the Indiana University School of Medicine and Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine. **Maria Quintana** recently retired as the Executive Vice President of J.P. Morgan, where her focus has been with the Government Not-for-Profit and Healthcare business. She currently serves on the board of the Women’s Fund of Central Indiana, the United Way of Central Indiana, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, and the Indiana Latino Institute. **Pat Garrett Rooney** hosted Kindergarten College on Channel 13. She is an active member in the community serving and volunteering for several local organizations. A few the organizations include, Conner Prairie Interactive History Park, Central Indiana Community Foundation, Second Helpings, and Legacy Fund Community Foundation of Hamilton County.

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The Touchstone Awards will be hosted by 2011 Touchstone Awards honoree and President & CEO of RepuCare Inc., Billie K. Dragoo.

“As a former Touchstone Awards honoree, I am pleased to once again be involved with this amazing event,” said Billie Dragoo. “The Touchstone Awards honor an important group of compassionate responsible female executives, philanthropists, and business owners that help Indianapolis thrive.”

The Touchstone Awards luncheon is the only annual fundraising event for Girls Inc. of Greater Indianapolis. Visit www.girlsincindy.org for more information.

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