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***Girls Inc. of Greater Indianapolis Names New President & CEO***

Indianapolis, IN – The Board of Directors of Girls Inc. of Greater Indianapolis is proud to announce the appointment of the agency’s new President & CEO, Elyssa Campodonico-Barr. In her new role Elyssa will oversee the Girls Inc. staff, work in partnership with the national Girls Inc. organization, and provide the strategic vision and direction needed by the agency to serve girls ages 6-18 in the Indianapolis area in ever more impactful ways. Elyssa expresses her excitement about the role, stating, “I am humbled by the opportunity to use my passion for the advancement of girls’ empowerment to lead Girls Inc. into a new phase of innovation and growth. Now is a critical time to focus on inspiring all girls to be strong, smart and bold.”

Elyssa last served as Chief of Staff of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles and advisor to the Commissioner. She was responsible for the development and execution of the BMV’s three-year Strategic Plan, the central coordination of staff activities, and advising the Commissioner on major projects and policy initiatives. Prior to her role as Chief of Staff, Elyssa was an attorney within Indiana University’s Office of the Vice President & General Counsel where she largely focused on Title IX and litigation matters. Before returning to her native Hoosier state, Elyssa worked in the international relations sector with a focus on gender equality and women’s empowerment. Elyssa holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence and a Master’s of Public Administration from Indiana University. Having volunteered with Girls Inc. of Greater Indianapolis as a program facilitator, Elyssa has inside knowledge of the organization and its programs.

Her commitment to civic engagement and service includes volunteering with the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic and graduating from the FBI Citizens Academy. She is currently participating in the Stanley K. Lacy Executive Leadership Series as a member of Class XLII.

Ellen Humphrey, Board Chair, and Andrea Farmer, Board Member, led the search committee as it identified a successor for Pat Wachtel, who retired from Girls Inc. in January 2018 after 11 years at the helm. Humphrey states, “Elyssa’s enthusiasm for empowering girls and her inspiring vision for how to do that in today’s environment meant that she quickly rose to the top of a competitive candidate pool. The Board was unanimous in our selection of Elyssa, and we look forward to supporting her as she elevates the work of Girls Inc. of Greater Indianapolis.”

Elyssa will formally join the agency in mid-May.

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*Girls Inc. of Greater Indianapolis inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. Girls Inc. provides hands-on programs that address the various challenges that girls face today, while also enhancing their skills to lead successful lives. We want girls to be healthy, educated, and independent. Girls Inc. partners with schools and community organizations and utilizes volunteers to deliver programs for girls. For more information, please visit [www.girlsincindy.org](http://www.girlsincindy.org) or call 317.283-0086.*