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New CEO appointed to lead Boy Scouts of America in Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana

{Chicago, IL, March 22, 2017} – The Boy Scouts of America Pathway to Adventure Council, based in Chicago, IL, is thrilled to announce the selection of Jeff Isaac as its CEO effective April 1, 2017. Isaac will succeed Fred Wallace, a regional director with the Boy Scouts of America who stepped in as interim CEO in 2015 to oversee the unification of four Boy Scout councils in Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana now called the Pathway to Adventure Council (PTAC).

Isaac will take the helm of PTAC equipped with over 30 years of relevant experience. He has worked in Scouting in Montgomery, AL; Memphis, TN; and Flint, MI. Most recently, Isaac served as CEO of the Gulf Stream Council in Palm Beach Gardens, FL where he successfully led for over 11 years. Isaac holds a strong record of implementing effective and innovative programs geared toward inner-city youth and aims to carry that through to his work in Chicagoland.

"The Pathway to Adventure Council will continue to develop exciting programs for our youth and their families," Isaac said. "The enthusiasm and innovative drive of our volunteers and staff will make this happen. I am truly looking forward to working with the staff, community members, our dynamic lead volunteer Stephen Schwab, and our executive board."

One of the first initiatives Isaac will implement as CEO is a program he successfully piloted in Florida. Isaac's Restoring the Village program engages community leaders to provide life skills, outdoor adventure, and positive adult mentorship to youth in areas plagued by violent crime, gang activity, and wavering parental involvement.

Restoring the Village encourages young people to see life differently by teaching them valuable lessons through the Scouting program:

1. How to become an asset and not a liability to their community
2. Personal responsibility and respect for others
3. The importance of community service
4. Discipline and leadership
5. The values of the Scout Oath and Law

Isaac will reach out to community leaders, mayors, business owners, and other positive local figures within his first 45 days at PTAC in hopes of creating the foundation needed to launch the Restoring the Village program.

Council President Stephen Schwab, the chief volunteer for Scouting in this area, had this to add: "I am thrilled to partner with Jeff, our staff, and volunteers on this important initiative. Jeff is exactly the leader we need right now as we strive to reimagine and reestablish Scouting in the south and west sides of Chicago and in Gary, IN," Schwab said. "He will provide a wonderful example. Our commitment to diversity and inclusion throughout Scouting's signature leadership development, community engagement, outdoor adventure, and community service programs could be a game-changer for our young people, their families and supporters."

About the Pathway to Adventure Council:

Pathway to Adventure Council provides the nation's foremost youth program for character development and values-based leadership training to more than 23,500 youth from kindergarten through high school in Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana. More than 8,000 adult volunteer leaders deliver Scouting's impactful programs to help young people be "Prepared. For Life." Last year, local Scouts and adult volunteers provided 206,000 hours of community service valued at \$4.7 million. Programs include: Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, co-ed Venturing, co-ed Sea Scouts, co-ed career Exploring, and co-ed STEM Scouts. To learn more, visit www.PathwayToAdventure.org.