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## **Boys & Girls Clubs of York County Welcomes New Chief Executive Officer: Grace Lewis**

ROCK HILL, SC (April 25, 2016) – Boys & Girls Clubs of York County (BGCYC) has named Grace M. Lewis as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). She will assume the role of CEO on May 23. With more than 15 years of experience in the non-profit arena, Grace brings a wealth of executive leadership experience to her role as CEO at the Boys & Girls Club of York County.

Gale DiGiorgio, BGCYC Search Committee and Board Governance Chair said, “Of the 78 applicants for our CEO position, Grace distinguished herself as a professional who excels in both program administration and developing strong external relationships that drive support for vital programming - a combination that is exactly what we sought in our next chief executive. We are so pleased to present someone we know is capable of leading our organization into its next stage of growth as we continue to meet the emerging needs of children and youth all across York County.”



Before joining the BGCYC, Grace served as Vice President of Resource Development at Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont. During her tenure, she grew overall giving by 33%, implemented processes and systems for better organizational management, and served on the council executive team. She is a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE), received her certificate in non-profit management from Duke University and is a graduate of Arizona State University’s Non-Profit Executive Leadership Program. Grace has received numerous awards for her community involvement including Paul Harris Fellow recognition in October of 2015.

Todd Lumpkin, Board Chairman, said, “Grace is someone who knows personally and professionally what York County has to offer and is ready to lead BGCYC into the next phase of operational excellence to deliver our mission of helping children and youth - especially those who need us most – to reach their potential as caring, productive, and responsible citizens. I know that Grace has the 'right stuff' to take BGCYC to the next level of excellence in serving children and youth of York County.”

Kim Keel, Interim Executive Director, commented, “Grace has established herself as a professional who inspires any team she leads to believe and achieve - she will challenge you to always give your best, reach for the stars, achieve extraordinary results, and have fun in the process! Look out, York County - The 'Queen of Positivity' is about to be back in our area delivering her special brand of inspiration and success for all who care about children and youth in our community!”

When her day is done and she goes home to her other job, she is the wife of Darrell Lewis and the mother of Matthew and Joseph and Grandma to Lilly (6) and Lucas (9 months).

Please join us in welcoming Grace to our Clubs and to York County.

**About Boys & Girls Clubs of York County:**

Since 1992, Boys & Girls Clubs of York County has maintained its mission to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. Serving over 850 members last year, Boys & Girls Clubs of York County operates 5 Clubs in Clover, Catawba, Rock Hill and Fort Mill including. Clubs provide a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun, friendship, and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours. Priority programs emphasize academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles. In a Harris Survey of alumni, 57 percent said the Club saved their lives. For additional information regarding the clubs and services, visit <http://www.bgcyc.org>.