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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **SISTERS GIVING BACK<sup>SM</sup> CONSOLIDATES WITH GIRLS ACTION NETWORK<sup>®</sup>**

New York, NY – Effective July 1, 2012, the **Sisters Giving Back<sup>SM</sup>** (SGB) group, an unincorporated nonprofit association consolidated with **Girls Action Network, Inc.** (GAN), a nonprofit corporation. In 2011, SGB was formed to deliver educational and career services to girls in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey. GAN was founded in 2002 to educate and empower girls in grades middle school and high school with special emphasis on girls from underserved communities in the United States, and to address the related policy issues. GAN encourages girls to shatter stereotypes that limit girls' education and career options and enables them to fully explore their opportunities and guide their own direction toward personal success with a particular focus on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. For reasons related to administrative efficiency and corporate governance support in the case of SGB, and for greater impact and expansion of GAN programs and services, in the case of GAN, the two entities agreed that a consolidation was in their mutual best interest.

Elisa Basnight, Founder and President of GAN, stated, "When I founded GAN, the aim was to follow through on a simple concept ~ shatter stereotypes and unlock opportunities for young women, particularly those from underserved communities, with respect to their education and career options and increase awareness among decision-makers of an untapped and vital human capital pipeline." Basnight further commented that, "We believe this program consolidation model offers a unique solution to increasing the future socio-economic value creation of GAN operations with the consolidation of the energized SGB group."

The GAN Board of Directors approved the consolidation and established the SGB Committee to deliver GAN programs and services in the Philadelphia and southern New Jersey region. The GAN SGB Committee will be led by Chairwoman, Gail Hannah.

#### **The Girls Action Network<sup>®</sup> (GAN).**

GAN is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that educates and empowers girls in grades middle school and high school with special emphasis on girls from underserved communities. Girls Action Network<sup>®</sup> encourages girls to shatter stereotypes that limit their education and career options and enables them to fully explore their opportunities and guide their own direction toward personal success with a particular focus on STEM fields. [www.girlsactionnetwork.org](http://www.girlsactionnetwork.org)

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