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### **Blankinship & Foster CIO Leads Girl Scouts Board**

SAN DIEGO, CA — Blankinship & Foster, a nationally recognized wealth advisory firm in Solana Beach, California, announced that its Chief Investment Officer, Rick Brooks, has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of Girl Scouts San Diego. Brooks' tenure officially began January 5, just in time for the start of the annual Girl Scouts Cookie Program on Sunday, January 23.

“As a member of our investment, property and executive committees, Rick Brooks has provided invaluable financial expertise,” said Girl Scouts San Diego CEO Jo Dee C. Jacob. “And – as the first male to chair the board of our 98-year-old organization – he’s making history.”

“It’s an honor and privilege to be leading such a great organization,” said Brooks. “As a father of two former Girl Scouts, I know first-hand how Girl Scout programs develop girls as future community leaders. I see those leadership skills in my own daughters every day.”

Despite his demanding schedule as Chief Investment Officer of one of San Diego’s premier wealth advisory firms, Brooks is no stranger to service. He has served on the board of Girl Scouts San Diego for four years, and also participates in a number of other local organizations, including the San Diego Foundation and Presidio Little League. He is a Past President of the Chartered Financial Analysts Society of San Diego.

Brooks' appointment to lead Girl Scouts San Diego reflects the philanthropic and community support embodied by Blankinship & Foster. "Rick taking on this important role is a testament to his dedication and contribution to the community," said Stefan Prvanov, CFP<sup>®</sup>, Blankinship & Foster's President and CEO. "Rick exemplifies one of Blankinship & Foster core values and guiding principles: *to promote a culture of community involvement.*"

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### ***About Blankinship & Foster, LLC***

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### ***About Rick Brooks***

Rick Brooks, CFA, CFP<sup>®</sup>, has been helping clients with their financial affairs since 1996. Brooks joined Blankinship & Foster in 2004. He oversees the firm's efforts in investment research and portfolio management. Brooks also serves as a lead advisor, counseling clients on all aspects of personal financial management. He is a partner, a member of the firm's management team, and chairs the Investment Committee.

Learn more about [Rick Brooks](#)

### *About Girl Scouts San Diego*

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouting provides America's premier leadership experience for girls. Through Girl Scouts, girls discover themselves, connect with others, and take action to make the world a better place. Girl Scouts San Diego was founded in 1917. It provides activities for 40,000 girl and adult members, trains volunteers, and maintains two camps and four program and service facilities.

Learn more about [Girl Scouts San Diego](#)

Additional and high resolution photos available upon request.



### Cutlines

Rick Brooks accepts the Girl Scout flag from Girl Scout Junior Emersen Rider, daughter of Immediate Past Chair Debbie Rider (right).

Debbie Rider passes the board of directors gavel to incoming chair Rick Brooks.

New Girl Scouts San Diego Board Chair Rick Brooks is pictured with Anna Maria Chávez, CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA, during her recent visit.

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