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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER ST. LOUIS ANNOUNCES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS, MONICA COLE OF WELLS FARGO AND DR. SEAN JOE OF BROWN SCHOOL

St. Louis, MO, October 1, 2015 – Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis welcomes new Board Members Monica Cole, Executive Vice President, Wells Fargo and Dr. Sean Joe, Benjamin Youngdahl Professor of Social Development at Brown School.

Monica Cole is responsible for the regional commercial banking offices in St. Louis, Kansas City, Louisville, Austin and San Antonio. She started her career with Norwest Corporation in Minneapolis in 1994, a Wells Fargo predecessor, in the corporate bank training program. She has held roles in structured finance, risk management and asset based lending. In July 2014, she was promoted to division manager of the Southern Division in the commercial banking group and relocated from Atlanta to St. Louis.

Sean Joe, PhD, MSW, joined the Brown School in Fall 2014 as the Benjamin Youngdahl Professor of Social Development. His research focuses on Black adolescents' mental health service use patterns, the role of religion in Black suicidal behavior (NIMH), salivary biomarkers for suicidal behavior, and development of father-focused, family-based interventions to prevent urban African American adolescent males from engaging in multiple forms of self-destructive behaviors (e.g., suicidal behavior). Previously, he held a joint position as associate professor in the School of Social Work and the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan's School of Medicine.

For more information on how the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis is helping our community, visit <u>www.bgcstl.org</u>.

About the Boys & Girls Club of Greater St. Louis

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis (BGCSTL) is to inspire and enable youth ages 6 to 18 to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. For nearly 50 years, BGCSTL has been providing after-school, teen, sports and summer programs to youth in the St. Louis area while also providing a safe place for them to learn and grow. The Clubs now serve St. Louis youth at six locations (Adams Park Club, Ferguson Middle School Club, Herbert Hoover Club, O'Fallon Park Club, Hazelwood Southeast Middle School Club and Twillman Elementary School Club) and within several other schools (including Normandy High School and Roosevelt High School) and through our Mentor St. Louis Program. We are also a proud member of the United Way of Greater St. Louis.