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The Global Fund for Children Announces Sarah Perot, of Dallas, Texas, to Join Board of Directors

WASHINGTON, May 30, 2008 — The Global Fund for Children (GFC) is pleased to announce that Sarah Perot has joined its board of directors. Perot is a civic and cultural arts leader in Dallas, Texas. She serves on the nonprofit boards of numerous educational and arts organizations.

“The Global Fund for Children has become a change agent, a proven model with measurable results that addresses the ills that stem from deep poverty,” said Perot. “It is my privilege to be part of a group that has the tools to help transform lives and provide innovative solutions to the most challenging human conditions on the planet.”

“Sarah Perot’s leadership role on community and cultural arts issues brings a wealth of talent and knowledge to our board,” stated Juliette Gimon, chair of GFC’s board of directors. “Sarah’s experience and insight will prove invaluable as we continue along a path of growth and expansion.”

Perot’s work in West Dallas, one of the poorest urban areas in the US, resulted in securing grants that helped launch what is now known as the West Dallas Initiative, an urban redevelopment and education center. She is currently raising funds for the largest arts district in the US as the vice president of the executive board for the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts. To date, over \$300 million has been raised from private funds, and the center is due to open in October 2009.

“I am absolutely thrilled to welcome Sarah to the board of directors of The Global Fund for Children,” said Maya Ajmera, president and founder of The Global Fund for Children. “Her commitment to bettering the lives of children around the globe, along with her strong leadership and vast experience in the nonprofit field as a philanthropic leader, provides exactly the qualities we need as a dynamic, growing organization.”

Perot’s civic involvement has included positions on the executive boards of the Meadows School of the Arts and the John G. Tower Center for Political Studies at Southern Methodist University; the Vice President’s Residence Foundation in Washington, DC; the Texas Christian University Chancellor’s Advisory Council; and the Dallas Symphony Board of Governors. She received her BA in broadcast journalism from Southern Methodist University. She is a consultant for the Hillwood Development Company, the tenth-largest real estate company in the US. She and her husband, Ross Perot Jr., have four children. The family resides in the US and the UK.

About The Global Fund for Children

The Global Fund for Children’s mission is to advance the dignity of children and youth around the world. GFC pursues its mission by making small grants to innovative community-based organizations working with some of the world’s most vulnerable children and youth. To date, The Global Fund for Children has given 1,933 grants valued at more than \$10.7 million. These grants have served 323 community-based organizations in 66 countries. More than 1 million children have benefited from the work of The Global Fund for Children.

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