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**Speaker Bios For**  
***Finding Resources to Support Mentoring Programs and Services for Youth***

***Thursday, December 18, 2008 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM EST***

Since 2004, **Jenny Turner Koltnow** has served as the Executive Director of the Memphis Grizzlies Charitable Foundation, winner of the 2007 Steve Patterson Award for Excellence in Sports Philanthropy and the 2008 “Outstanding Foundation of the Year” by the Association of Fundraising Professionals’ Memphis Chapter. Jenny directs all Foundation programs, partnerships and events, and she has facilitated the donation of over \$21 million in charitable grants. In addition, Koltnow drives a community-wide mentoring initiative and leads efforts to engage Grizzlies players and personnel in the community. Prior to her current position, Jenny served as the Manager of Community Investment of the Memphis Grizzlies. A native of Wisconsin, Koltnow completed her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. She serves on the boards of The Leadership Academy, the Memphis Grantmakers Forum, the Alliance for Nonprofit Excellent, Healthy Memphis Common Table, the Memphis Mentoring Partnership and the Vanderbilt University Memphis Alumni Board. Information on the Memphis Grizzlies Charitable Foundation is available at <http://www.nba.com/grizzlies/community/foundation-mentoring.html>.

**Carolyn Becic** has spent the last 20 years working in the non profit sector with organizations that support disadvantaged children and adolescents. She has experience in direct service as a teacher, coach, and youth program manager for at-risk youth in Los Angeles and Miami. Her management experience includes being the Executive Director and Development Director for youth organizations. Her experience includes board development, board training and recruiting; volunteer recruiting and management; program development and evaluation; fund raising, event planning, grant writing, and major gifts; strategic planning and organizational leadership; branding, marketing and public relations. Since 2005, she has been the executive director of Oregon Mentors, the state partnership for mentoring programs in Oregon.