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## **GIRLS INCORPORATED HONORS THORNTON TOMASETTI'S AINE BRAZIL**

### ***Brazil Recognized as a Leader and Role Model for Young Women***

NEW YORK, NY (March 12, 2008) Girls Inc. will honor Aine Brazil at the annual Girls Inc. New York Celebration Luncheon at the New York Hilton on March 13<sup>th</sup>. A powerful gathering of more than 1,000 business and community leaders committed to the Girls Inc. mission of inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold, the event recognizes women and men who, by their work and example, are creating a better future for girls.



As one of 11 managing principals of Thornton Tomasetti, Inc, Aine Brazil helps guide the international engineering firm of 650 employees in the design of high-rise office and residential buildings, hotels, hospitals and other projects. After 30 years in the field, her accomplishments include leading the design of the following Times Square properties: 5 Times Square, Times Square Tower and 745 Seventh Avenue, all totaling over three million square feet. She is also responsible for the 975-foot-tall Comcast Tower in Philadelphia and the tallest building in New Jersey.

“As a woman who often sat alone in the engineering classroom and later in the boardroom, Aine Brazil is a pioneer for young women and girls,” said Girls Inc. President and CEO, Joyce Roché. “She is an incredibly hard working, persistent woman who has found success in a traditionally male-dominated field. Girls Inc. is delighted to celebrate Aine and her accomplishments.”

Brazil holds a B.S. degree from the University College in Galway, Ireland and an M.S. degree in engineering from the Imperial College of Science and Technology in London. She was the first president of Structural Engineers Association of New York (SEAONY), a past board member of Women Executives in Real Estate New York (WX), and a member of the NYC Mayor’s Commission for the Adoption of a Model Code. She has been featured in *The New York Times* and *Crain’s New York Business*’ “New York’s 100 Most Influential Women in Business.”

Girls Inc. will also honor Joyce Chang, managing director, global head of Emerging Markets Strategy and Emerging Markets Americas Client Business, JPMorgan Securities, Inc.; Renee

Levy, president, High IntenCity Corporation; Jean Otte, founder and CEO, WOMEN Unlimited, Inc.; and Jeffrey R. Immelt, chairman and CEO, GE will accept the Corporate Vision Award.

**About Girls Inc.**

*Girls Incorporated is a nonprofit organization that inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. With local roots dating to 1864 and national status since 1945, Girls Inc. has responded to the changing needs of girls and their communities through research-based programs and advocacy that empower girls to reach their full potential and understand, value, and assert their rights.*

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