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GIRL TALK SEEKS ONLINE VOTES TO CREATE AWARENESS

The Montel Williams Show recognizes Haley Kilpatrick

ATLANTA – October 25, 2006 – Haley Kilpatrick, founder and President of national nonprofit, Girl Talk, has spent the last five years making a difference in the lives of young girls nationwide. Recently, her story captured the attention of Charming Shoppes and daytime talk show host, Montel Williams. Out of over 2,000 submitted nominations, Kilpatrick, 20, is the youngest of five finalists in the “2006 Voices - One Voice Can Lead to a Chorus for Change®” campaign, an annual partnership between Charming Shoppes and the MONTEL show. She will appear November 24th, 2006 on MONTEL where she will be honored with the other four finalists. Girl Talk will also receive a \$20,000 donation from Charming Shoppes CEO, Dorrit Bern. In addition, the finalist with the most online votes received by November 10th will be awarded the grand prize.



Earlier this month, MONTEL’s film and production crew followed Kilpatrick all around Georgia and captured “a day in her life.” And last week, while in New York City for a taping with the MONTEL show, she was able to meet the other four finalists. Starting today, viewers will be able to meet all five finalists and learn about their remarkable efforts and causes. It will all come down to the most votes!

Middle and high school girls across America are teaming up to help Kilpatrick win this contest in hopes of creating additional awareness for Girl Talk. To vote for Kilpatrick and Girl Talk, visit www.montelshow.com and click on the “Voices” link which will allow voters to watch a video on Kilpatrick, learn more about her efforts and vote for her as many times as they desire.

Haley Kilpatrick is the founder and executive director of Girl Talk, a student-to-student mentoring program that pairs high school girls with middle school girls. The high school girls meet weekly with the middle school girls to listen and to offer support. Girl Talk is free to any female high school leader that truly wants to make a difference in her school and community. Girl Talk is a national non-profit organization that is now in 19 states, reaching over 10,000 girls. www.desiretoinspire.org

Votes will be taken until November 10th and the winner will be announced on the MONTEL show November 24th. The winner will receive a 2007 Hyundai Entourage and each finalist will be awarded a \$20,000 grant toward their charitable cause.



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"I am honored to be a part of this year's Voices campaign as today, young teenage girls are more driven and inspired than ever before," says Kilpatrick, founder and President of Girl Talk. "I am thrilled to have this opportunity to further spread the word about Girl Talk in hopes of inspiring many young girls across America to start a Girl Talk chapter in their communities.

There are over 12 million middle school girls in need of positive mentoring and with the help of Charming Shoppes and MONTEL viewers, our mission remains to have chapters in all 50 states by 2010. It is our goal to reach as many of these girls as possible. If you or anyone you know is interested in starting a Girl Talk chapter for FREE, log on to our Web site and download the Girl Talk Handbook." In addition, Kilpatrick added, "It was such an honor to meet Montel Williams. He is so genuine and radiates passion for his cause, multiple sclerosis." Kilpatrick also told Montel how proud she was to represent the great state of Georgia in that she is the only finalist from the East coast.



Haley Kilpatrick after taping the Montel Show

About Girl Talk

Girl Talk is a nonprofit organization that desires to inspire young teenage girls to build self-esteem through positive weekly programs as well as encourage each girl to have a unique sense of individuality. Organized and led by inspirational high school girls who serve as mentors, the girls participate in various activities and conversations that promote self-worth. The bonds and lessons that are learned in Girl Talk meetings are something the girls will carry with them wherever they go in life and because of this, each girl will grow into a confident and independent young woman. For more information, visit www.desiretoinspire.org.

About Voices

"Voices- One Voice Can Lead to a Chorus for Change®" is an annual campaign that honors everyday women across America for their passion, leadership and achievements as they raise their voices to create positive change. The campaign is sponsored by Charming Shoppes, parent company of Fashion Bug, Lane Bryant, Catherine's Plus Sizes and Old Pueblo Traders. Visit www.charmingvoices.com for more information.

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