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## **Girl Talk adds 72 more chapters**

ALBANY — Girl Talk, an Atlanta-based nonprofit organization founded in Albany and dedicated to helping middle school girls through student-to-student mentoring programs, announced today the addition of Bell Capital Management as the organization's first founding sponsor.

The management group will donate a total of \$100,000 to be used in part to offset operational expenses, expand new technology and marketing efforts, among other things, a news release states. Ron Bell, chairman and founder of Bell Capital Management, chose Girl Talk because of the organization's unique approach to helping young girls, the release noted.

"There are over 12 million teenage girls in the United States alone in need of a mentor," said Albany's Haley Kilpatrick, 20, Girl Talk founder and 2004 CosmoGIRL of the Year winner. "Girl Talk's mission is to continue to reach each and every one of them, one girl at a time. Thanks to people like Ron Bell, we are able to further our mission and reach many more young girls in need of a mentor."

Since 2006-2007 school year began three weeks ago, Girl Talk has added 72 chapters. The organization has four chapters in Albany, 22 in Georgia and 314 total in 19 states, along with chapters in the Virgin Islands and Zambia, Africa. Girl Talk formed in September 2002.