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2011 Epworth “Pillar of Strength” Honorees Announced ***Greg Boyce, Peabody Energy Chairman & CEO and Lisa Boyce, Community Advocate To Be Honored***

ST. LOUIS, MO — September 2010 — Epworth Children & Family Services and the Friends of Epworth announce that the Chairman and CEO of Peabody Energy, Greg Boyce, and his wife Lisa, a community advocate and volunteer, have been selected as the 2011 “Pillar of Strength Award” honorees. The award, established in 2005, is given to individuals or organizations that have demonstrated a passion for helping people find and build their strengths to achieve success and happiness at work, in their communities and at home. The award embodies the mission of Epworth, an organization dedicated to helping at-risk youth uncover their strengths and build upon them so that they can focus on a positive vision for their futures and learn the skills necessary to thrive in society.

“Greg and Lisa have proven to be true pillars of our community through their leadership and involvement in many organizations benefiting children of all ages,” say Nancy Haas and Lisa Smith, co-chairs of the 2011 Pillar of Strength Celebration and members of Friends of Epworth, a philanthropic volunteer organization that created the Pillar award. “They have shown sincere interest in improving the lives of the youth served by Epworth, with particular concern for youth who are aging out of Missouri’s foster care system. Together, they make a great team and we are delighted to pay tribute to them in the coming months.”

The Boyces will be honored at a dinner celebration on Friday, February 4, 2011 in the Khorassan Ballroom of the Chase Park Plaza, which will also showcase the efforts of Epworth and highlight some of the youth who have been helped by the organization.

Greg Boyce has been at the helm of Peabody Energy (NYSE: BTU), the world’s largest private-sector coal company, since 2006. He joined Peabody in 2003 as President and Chief Operating Officer. During his tenure, the company has earned more than 100 major honors for safety, financial and environmental excellence. The company’s coal products fuel 10 percent of U.S. electricity and two percent of electricity worldwide. Previously, Greg was the Chief Executive Officer-Energy for Rio Tinto, an international mining company based in London. He is the only CEO to be named among top chief executives for both the energy and mining sectors. Currently, he is Vice Chairman of the National Mining Association and serves on multiple boards, including the Coal Industry Advisory Board of the International Energy Agency.

In addition to his nationally recognized business acumen, Greg has been instrumental at Peabody in creating and nurturing strategic community partnerships that benefit the entire St. Louis region. The company recently announced its commitment to the Peabody Opera House, aiding in its rehabilitation as a treasured cultural institution in St. Louis. The company also created a unique educational award program in partnership with Logos School, an alternative middle and high school, which provides competitive weekly monetary awards to educators, mentors,

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administrators or staff members in any regional public, charter or private school serving students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. A member of the Board of Trustees at St. Louis Children's Hospital, Greg placed Peabody as the signature sponsor of the hospital's annual "Holiday Festival" for the third straight year. He also was fifth in the country in 2009 in raising money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's annual lock-up fundraiser.

Lisa Boyce is a long-time community advocate and volunteer who originally began her career in the mortgage banking industry where she held numerous financial positions in production, management, quality control and underwriting, all of which translated easily into community leadership positions wherever she and Greg resided. In Gillette, WY, Lisa served as a board member and helped to raise funds for Children's Developmental Services of Campbell County. That led to the opening of a state-of-the-art, fully inclusive early childhood center that serves children with and without special needs. Since moving to St. Louis in 2003, Lisa has become an active board member for COCA and helped to launch the "Holiday Festival" for St. Louis Children's Hospital. In addition, Lisa is co-chairing the "Wings in the City" May 2011 event, a culmination of a current public art project that will showcase more than 50 butterflies throughout the region to benefit the Expressive Therapy Program of Wings, which is the BJC Pediatric Hospice and Palliative Care Program of BJC Home Care Services.

"Lisa and I are both honored and humbled to receive the 'Pillar of Strength' Award from Epworth, an organization that is vital to helping youth in crisis," says Greg Boyce. "We are advocates of empowering youth, and we're fortunate to live in a community where at-risk kids are able to obtain the services, help and guidance they need to grow their strengths. Epworth's success rate in empowering children, youth and families in need is phenomenal."

Lisa Boyce, as an ardent supporter of community service efforts that move the needle for kids seeking acceptance, says, "Our hope, as Pillar awardees, is to spread Epworth's message ... that through shared understanding, acceptance and effort, we can all make a fundamental difference in the lives of others in our community, especially children."

Of particular interest to the Boyces is the regional effort to help youth successfully age out of Missouri's foster care program. Called the St. Louis Aging Out Initiative, it was begun by nine St. Louis philanthropic organizations in 2007. Epworth serves as the lead agency for the initiative, which serves more than 250 regional youth. At the Boyce's request, the proceeds from the 2011 Pillar of Strength Celebration will be used to fund Aging Out programs.

The Aging Out Initiative works with kids for a number of years under the safety net of Epworth and other key youth services organizations, and then it helps these kids become a part of the community, with the ability to live productively on their own.

"Aging out of foster care is a real issue for our region, a significant focus for Epworth, and a cause that Lisa and I are passionate to get behind" says Greg. "Everyone – anyone – can make a difference in the life of a child if we just understand the issues and come together to provide support."

To participate in the 2011 Pillar of Strength Award Dinner, contact Epworth at (314) 961-5718 or visit Epworth.org.

About Epworth Children & Family Services

Epworth Children & Family Services was established in 1864 and serves the Greater St. Louis region. A founding member of the Child Welfare League of America, Epworth provides a wide variety of services to at-risk youth ages birth to 25 and their families. The organization offers intensive residential and day treatment programs for youth and is nationally recognized for its independent and transitional living programs. It also operates a youth emergency shelter with a

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24-hour youth hotline and provides therapeutic counseling and educational services in its accredited school. Epworth is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and has the BBB wise giving seal. Epworth is a Charter Member of the Missouri Coalition of Children's Agencies, and is a proud member of the United Way of Greater St. Louis. For more information about Epworth, log onto www.epworth.org

About Peabody Energy

Peabody Energy is the world's largest private-sector coal company and a global leader in clean coal solutions. With 2009 sales of 244 million tons and \$6 billion in revenues, Peabody fuels 10 percent of U.S. power and 2 percent of worldwide electricity.

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