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**A Glimmer of Hope Foundation Recruits
Lynne Skinner to Lead Marketing, Development Efforts**

(AUSTIN, Texas; September 9, 2008): A Glimmer of Hope Foundation, founded by Donna and Philip Berber in 2000, announced today they have named Lynne Skinner as Vice President of Marketing and Development. The addition of Skinner marks the second high profile Austin business executive hired in recent months by the foundation, having recruited Brian Cooper as CEO in May. Cooper is the founder and former CEO of Lombardi Software and, most recently, Affiniscape.

A Glimmer of Hope provides basic needs to people in rural Ethiopia, one of the poorest countries in the world. The organization – having built significant capacity and credibility in the region over the past seven years – has attracted the attention of other foundations and philanthropic groups needing a secure, reliable implementation partner for their programs in that country.

“Lynne has earned a reputation for blending her business acumen and intuition with her compassion for humanity,” explained Philip Berber, Chairman of A Glimmer of Hope. “At this stage of our organizational growth, her combined talents are exactly what we need to help scale our communication and partner development efforts.”

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A 25-year marketing veteran and community volunteer, Skinner was most recently president of GCI Group-Texas (now Cohn & Wolfe), a global public relations agency, where she served such clients as Dell, Seventh Generation, Farm Credit Bank and Vignette. Prior to her four years with GCI Group, Skinner worked with various Austin companies including: Austin Ventures; PricewaterhouseCoopers; the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Division; and, her own consulting firm, Ingage Communications.

As an active community volunteer, Skinner co-founded the Central Texas Entrepreneurs Foundation, served in the Leadership Austin program, chaired the Austin Police Department's Blue Santa program, and recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to accept the National Children's Alliance 2008 Volunteer-Group Award on behalf of Austin technology companies participating in The Austin Cup. The Austin Cup is a charity event she produces to benefit the Center for Child Protection in Travis County.

A Glimmer of Hope Foundation is having a significant impact on rural communities in Ethiopia and has been recognized for its cost-effectiveness and compassion in the areas of International and Humanitarian Aid. A Glimmer of Hope is focused on making a sustainable difference in the lives of the rural poor by working in small, isolated communities through indigenous self-help organizations. The foundation provides clean, accessible water; educational facilities; health care; veterinary clinics; irrigation; microloans and emergency relief in crisis situations. Since 2001, the foundation has helped more than a million people in Ethiopia alone. The foundation is based in Austin, Texas and also has offices and staff in Addis Ababa and London. For more information about A Glimmer of Hope Foundation, please visit www.aglimmerofhope.org.

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