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Director, Central Houston, Boys and Girls Country Endowment Fund, Inc.

Michael is the Houston Office Managing Partner and the former Central Region Managing Partner for Business Advisory Services. In addition to his new responsibilities as the geographic leader for Grant Thornton Houston's full suite of Audit, Tax and Advisory services, Michael continues to serve Business Advisory Services clients with a significant portfolio of core advisory services. These include:

- Outsourced/co-sourced internal audit
- Governance, risk and compliance consulting
- IT risk management and IT change consulting
- SSAE #16 and other special attestation reports
- IT controls support for integrated financial audits

Michael has over 35 years of experience in auditing and business risk consulting as he spent 25 years with Andersen, first as a financial auditor for 15 years and additionally as a computer audit specialist and specialty service line leader for over 10 and has been with Grant Thornton since 2005 as a practice leader. His background also includes significant experience around organizational change management and facilitating strategy execution with C-level management. He is a former Managing Partner of Arthur Andersen's Assurance and Business Advisory solution segment, and was the first global practice leader for Andersen's Business Risk Consulting & Assurance service line.

CIVIC AND CHARITABLE INVOLVEMENT

Michael served on the Board of Boys and Girls Country from 2009-2016, most recently as Treasurer since 2013. Michael is currently serving on the Board of Boys and Girls Country Endowment Fund Inc. Michael is also Grant Thornton's member and participant in Central Houston, a 501(c)6 non-profit with an interest in downtown and the central city. He is also actively involved as Grant Thornton's representative on the University of Houston's Accounting Advisory Board.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Michael is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Information Systems Auditor. He is a member of the AICPA, the Information Systems Audit and Control Association of Houston and the Houston Chapter of the Texas Society of CPAs.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, University of Mississippi

National Association of Corporate Directors Texas TriCities Chapter

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