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## The Barnett Group Announces New Employees

*Memphis, Tenn., April 10, 2008* – Memphis-based employee benefits and financial services company The Barnett Group recently announced the addition of two new employees: Bob Ellis, vice president of operations, and Joel Kimbrough, partner.

Ellis comes to The Barnett Group with nearly 30 years of experience in human resources and corporate insurance from First Tennessee Bank and is a founding board member of the Memphis Business Group on Health, where he served for 20 years. In his current role, he is involved in business development for the firm as well as utilizing his extensive human resources experience for clients.

An accounting graduate from the University of Mississippi, Ellis currently resides in Germantown. He and his wife, Debbie, have three grown children and attend the Highland Church of Christ.

As a partner at The Barnett Group, Kimbrough is responsible for the strategic alliance, development and marketing of the firm's prescription and medical benefit programs.

A certified public accountant, Kimbrough was the chief financial officer for the Accredo Health Group before it was purchased by Medco Health Solutions, Inc. in 2005. He serves as chair-elect for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-South and as a board member at the Regional Medical Center of Memphis (The Med). He also serves on the boards of Trust One Bank, Aldagen, Inc. and Bostwick Labs, Inc.

He is a graduate of the University of North Alabama, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in accounting before moving to Memphis and joining Ernst and Young in 1980.

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Founded in 1987, The Barnett Group provides a wide range of benefit and financial services for companies and individuals. Providing benefits for more than 54,000 individuals in the Mid-South, the company's areas of expertise include the design, implementation and administration of employee benefit programs and financial services. For more information, please call (901) 365-3447.

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