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**Travelers Life & Annuity Donates
250 Computers to Weaver High School**

--100 to be installed Saturday, Nov. 13 at 10 A.M.--

(HARTFORD, November 12, 2004) – Holiday gifts are coming early for students of Weaver High School. On Saturday (Nov. 13) at 10 A.M., volunteers from Travelers Life & Annuity will visit Weaver High to install 100 of the 250 computers the company is donating to the school. The others will be delivered early next year.

The donation is part of Travelers Life & Annuity's special focus on helping to improve educational opportunities in Hartford through a long-term partnership with Hartford Public Schools. The partnership was first announced in August, 2003 and focuses on Weaver High School, Fox Middle School, and Milner Elementary School. All three have been identified as "Schools in Need of Improvement" under the federal No Child Left Behind law. The company's three-tiered program includes a financial contribution of more than \$600,000, the donation of more than 500 surplus computers, and a comprehensive employee

volunteerism initiative. The company has already donated and installed 30 computers at Milner Elementary and 250 at Fox Middle School.

Travelers Life & Annuity has also been instrumental in bringing the MOUSE program to Hartford. The program is run by MOUSE, Inc., a New York-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering students and schools to succeed in the Information Age. Members of Weaver High's "Mouse Squad," a team of students trained in IT support, have been busy this week installing various software programs in the 100 donated machines, such as Microsoft Office 2000 and Windows 2000.

"Computers and technology are indispensable educational tools in today's modern age," said Weaver Principal Paul Stringer. "Gifts like this open up learning opportunities for our students that, without this kind of support, we simply couldn't afford to provide. I'm particularly pleased that this donation responds to a specific recommendation made by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) during their last accreditation visit."

The computers are being installed in all math, science, English, social studies, and world languages classrooms, Stringer said.

Kate Preston, executive vice president of Travelers Life & Annuity, noted that the donation is part of the company's ongoing commitment to supporting forward-thinking educational programs for Hartford-area residents. "We're proud to call Hartford home, and proud of our company's focus on supporting educational initiatives," said Preston. "In our view, a strong future for Hartford depends on giving every child who lives here a strong and meaningful educational experience."

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