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## **Travelers Foundation Donates \$75,000 to Help Urban Youth**

*Travelers makes generous donation to local non-profit, Our Piece of the Pie*

**Hartford, CT.....** Travelers Foundation has committed \$75,000 to Our Piece of the Pie ® (OPP's ®) to help urban youth become successful adults. Funding will go directly toward bolstering OPP's signature *Pathways to Success* program.

OPP helps urban youth ages 14-24 earn economic independence through education and employment programs. Pathways to Success matches each young person with a Youth Development Specialist who serves as a mentor and helps the youth establish a concrete plan for the future. OPP's comprehensive strategy offers a holistic relationship-intensive approach to help young people access and attain a personalized mix of educational, employment, and personal skills that lead to success. OPP sites the key ingredient to its success as the relationship between a youth and a caring adult. The bond between the two guides and supports each youth towards academic and career success. In Pathways, each youth has the long-term goals of a college degree or vocational certification and/or employment in that young person's chosen field.

"Travelers Foundation has been a generous community partner of ours for several years," Chief Operating Officer, Hector Rivera stated, "without allies like them it would be impossible to cater to the unique needs of the, over 1,100, area youth we serve annually."

"Preparing Hartford's youth to become tomorrow's workforce through education and job-readiness training is critical to the economic development of our city," said Tara N. Spain, Vice President of the Travelers Foundation. "That's why Travelers is proud to support 'Our Piece of the Pie's' Pathways to Success program to ensure brighter futures for our young people."

Travelers Foundation's community giving platform highlights agency's such as OPP who provide quality education that can break down barriers for underrepresented students and provide limitless long-term opportunity. They do this by supporting initiatives that improve academic and career success for underrepresented youth. Additionally, Travelers Foundation supports programs that focus on community development and arts & culture programs.

To learn more about Our Piece of the Pie and its Pathways to Success program, please visit [www.OPP.org](http://www.OPP.org).

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