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Michael Newman , Vice President , Travelers Foundation

As Vice President of the Travelers Foundation, Mike gives direction to the charitable contributions arm of the company and its foundation. Previously, he was Manager of North American Field Operation where he developed the capacity of field offices to implement the company's community affairs strategy. He joined The St. Paul in February 1997 after spending the early part of his career in the nonprofit and governmental arena.

At the state Department of Human Services, he directed community affairs and human resource, management, and organizational development for a department of 8,000 employees and 15,000 volunteers. Prior to that, he served as Chief of Volunteer Services for the department, providing training and consultation in volunteer management to local agencies. He has previously directed two local volunteer programs in addition to having done development work with the United Way of Minneapolis.

He served from 1995-1999 as President of the international Association for VolunteerAdministration and has served in numerous board capacities with the Admission Possible, Minnesota College Access Network, Page Education Foundation, Minnesota Association of Volunteer Directors, Dakota Woodlands, Minneapolis Red Cross, Minnesota Social Service Association, Minnesota Children's Trust Fund, the Arts and Culture Partnership, and other organizations. He has served or continues to serve as a volunteer with a diverse number and type of nonprofit organizations

Newman has a bachelor's degree in social work fromBemidjiStateUniversityand his graduate work was in Community Development at theUniversityofMinnesota. He and his wife, Deb, live inEaganwith two sons, Zachary (25) and Tyler (18), one daughter Sarah (20), one dog (Charlie, Sheltie), and two cats (Duke and Mia).

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