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*Unison Health Plan and CSX Transportation donate
\$35,000 to Allegheny County Families*

Scholarship funds made possible through a donation through Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program.

Allegheny County – (April 3, 2007) – Unison Health Plan and CSX Transportation announced \$35,000 in scholarships today for families in Allegheny County. This donation is made possible through Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. Jennifer Kessler of Unison Health Plan joined Bridge Educational Foundation for two events in which she announced Unison Health Plan's EITC donation of \$30,000. Randy Cheetham of CSX Transportation joined Bridge for one event to announce their donation of \$5,000 in preschool EITC funds. Senator Sean Logan, Senator Jane Orie and Representative Marc Gergely joined them for these announcements with local Allegheny County private schools.

The first event was held at Serra Catholic High School in McKeesport. Jennifer Kessler and Randy Cheetham were joined by Senator Sean Logan and Representative Marc Gergely to make their announcement to students, families and teachers of Serra Catholic. Later in the day, Jennifer Kessler teamed up with Senator Jane Orie at Vincentian Academy to announce awards to families attending Vincentian Academy, St. Alexis, St. Sebastian, St. John Newman, St. Bonaventure and St. John Newman schools.

At each event teachers, families, and the students from the schools attended the presentations in support of the EITC program, to thank Unison Health Plan and CSX Transportation for their tuition assistance and to thank Senator Logan, Senator Orie and Representative Gergely for their support of the EITC program.

"We at Unison Health Plan are strong believers in the education of our young people. Well-educated children tend to grow into happier, healthier adults. So, as we strive to provide quality healthcare services in the Commonwealth, we feel privileged to complement this mission by contributing to the education of our youngsters. I am grateful to Senator Logan, Representative Gergely and Senator Orie, as well as the Bridge Foundation, for supporting this program and making this opportunity possible," said Jennifer Kessler of Unison Health Plan.

Pete Gleason, Bridge Educational Foundation Chairman, explained, "Education is the key to the future of our youth. With support from our generous donors and local interested citizens, we are boosting the educational achievement opportunities for children and families that would otherwise not be available to them."

The scholarship funds were made possible by donations from Unison Health Plan and CSX Transportation to Bridge Educational Foundation through Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax

Credit (EITC program). The K-12 program provides companies with a 75 percent tax credit – 90 percent for a two-year commitment – for funds donated to approved, non-profit scholarship or educational improvement organization. The Pre-Kindergarten initiative provides companies with a tax credit equal to 100 percent of the first \$10,000 contributed to a pre-kindergarten scholarship organization during the taxable year, a tax credit equal to 90 percent of any additional amount contributed during the year, up to a maximum of \$100,000 per year.

Randy Cheetham, Regional VP Public Affairs stated, "CSX Transportation and its employees work hard to make Pennsylvania a better place to live by providing critical transportation service in a safe, efficient and economical manner. We also strive to be a positive presence in the many communities we serve, including those in Allegheny County."

"Because education is at the heart of what our communities do, CSXT is pleased to work with the Bridge Educational Foundation, utilizing the Educational Improvement Tax Credit program, to help fund scholarships in Pittsburgh."

Senator Jane Orie commented, "Expanding educational opportunities for families in need so that parents can choose the best individual education for each one of their children will benefit us all in the long run – it makes stronger families, stronger and better schools, and happier children. The educational improvement tax credit is an extremely efficient way to increase educational value in Pennsylvania."

"I am pleased to work with Unison to bring funds to parents of children attending Serra Catholic High School. Serra is a wonderful school and provides a quality education to its students," said State Senator Sean Logan.

"I am glad I was able to play a role in finding the recipients of this funding," State Representative Marc Gergely said. "I applaud the Bridge Educational Foundation's commitment to education, and to these local families and the community as a whole. I hope I can continue this fruitful relationship and we can work together to invest in the Mon Valley's in the future."

Joseph Gerdes, President of Bridge Educational Foundation concluded both programs stating, "The strong advocates of the EITC program that we have represented here today have had an amazing impact on Pennsylvania families. Bridge Educational Foundation is proud to stand before you today with our private and public partners to announce these scholarship awards. We are truly bridging the gap between community partners like Unison Health Plan, CSX Transportation and local families."

Bridge Educational Foundation is a scholarship organization recognized as an approved 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization and was established under the Educational Improvement Tax Credit program of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Foundation's core mission is to partner families and schools with Pennsylvania businesses to provide scholarship opportunities throughout Pennsylvania. Based in Harrisburg, PA, Bridge Educational Foundation is currently one of the largest and most innovative scholarship organizations of its kind, raising more than \$4 million to provide educational opportunities for low income families statewide. www.bridgeedu.org

With years of steady growth, Unison Health Plan has become a leader in public sector health plans, serving more than 300,000 members and 15,000 providers in New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Tennessee. Unison was ranked one of the top plans in the country among Medicaid companies by U.S. News and World Report/NCQA America's Best Health Plans 2005. Unison provides high quality, cost effective health care and responsive customer service that empowers its members and providers to work together for better health. For additional information visit www.unisonhealthplan.com.

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