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WILSON-GRAY YMCA YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTER RECEIVES 15,000 AWARD FROM TRAVELERS FOUNDATION FOR Y ACHIEVERS PROGRAM

The Travelers Foundation, the charitable arm of Travelers, provided the Wilson-Gray YMCA Youth and Family Center in Hartford with an award of \$15,000 for its Y Achievers Program. Y Achievers is a mentoring program for students and their families that encourages the pursuit of higher education and vocational training as an avenue to pursue their dreams.

"The Y Achievers program helps develop life and leadership skills in our community's young people," says Clinton Hamilton, interim executive director of the Wilson-Gray YMCA Youth and Family Center. "The Travelers Foundation, through its support of Y Achievers, is setting a foundation for a brighter future for our youth achievers, for their families, and for Hartford."

Tara N. Spain, Vice President of the Travelers Foundation, added: "Travelers is committed to increasing the pipeline to higher education for underrepresented students. By providing financial support for organizations like the Wilson-Gray YMCA Youth and Family Center, students will receive access to mentoring and higher education programs that will increase their college and career readiness."

Y Achievers offers a rich curriculum that pairs students with inspiring role models and prepares them for the workforce of tomorrow. Through participation in life skills workshops and service learning projects, the students gain experience and exposure to new education and career options. While the students work with YMCA Adult Achievers, their adult family members participate in enrichment workshops designed to help them become stronger leaders in their families and communities—from financial planning and voter registration to stress management and healthy family building.

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About the Travelers Foundation

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