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## **TRUST FOR INSURING EDUCATORS GIVES TO CHARITIES DURING BALTIMORE MEETING**

BALTIMORE – The Trust for Insuring Educators (TIE), a consortium of 66 national education associations, donated nearly \$10,000 to two charities as part of its annual business meeting, held September 14-17 in Baltimore.

TIE gave \$5,000 to The Baltimore Station, a residential treatment center for homeless veterans that has been active in Baltimore for more than 25 years. In addition, TIE donated \$4,937.50 to Clean the World, an organization dedicated to distributing hygiene kits to impoverished children and families.

During TIE's annual meeting, association executives assembled 1,210 premium hygiene kits consisting of recycled soap donated by hotels, a washcloth, toothbrush, tooth paste and other personal hygiene products. The kits will be distributed at two facilities operated by The Baltimore Station.

Visit Baltimore was host for the TIE annual meeting and provided lodging and hospitality to executives from TIE's associations.

"In that spirit, our associations were proud to take part in a service project and excited to have the opportunity to contribute towards helping The Baltimore Station and Clean the World charities," said Steve Barbato, executive director of the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association and chairman of TIE's Executive Committee.

Amy Calvert, senior vice president of sales and services at Visit Baltimore, said the organization was honored to host this year's TIE meeting.

"We are also incredibly grateful to the TIE members for spending their time in Baltimore giving back to the community," she said. "We have seen an increasing number of visiting meetings and conventions groups like TIE use their combined resources to volunteer or work on service projects. We commend TIE for working with our partners, The Baltimore Station and Clean the World, to leave a lasting positive impact on the community."

The Trust for Insuring Educators was established in 1973 by the National Association of Elementary School Principals and Forrest T. Jones & Company (FTJ), a Kansas City, MO-based insurance broker and third-party administrator.

Many other associations soon joined the Trust to give their members access to affordable and quality insurance plans and financial services. Today, more than 1 million educators nationwide and their families have access to TIE's insurance program.

### **About The Baltimore Station**

The Baltimore Station is a therapeutic residential recovery program that helps homeless men— primarily veterans—bound by drug and alcohol addiction break the cycle and become self-sufficient members of society. The only long-term residential program in the area, we provide up to 24 months of clinical care and life skills development to encourage a smoother transition to the real world and guaranteed lifelong success. At The Baltimore Station, we turn lives around. [www.baltimorestation.org](http://www.baltimorestation.org).

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