

**Allianz and Cathy A DeWitt, CEO and President of Lakeside Equity Partners Give
\$14,217 Grant to Plano Fire Department for Purchase of Interactive Training
Simulation System**

Minneapolis – Dec. 2, 2009 – Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America (Allianz) today announced it is making a \$14,214 HeritageSM Rewards grant on behalf of field marketing organization (FMO) Lakeside Equity Partners, in conjunction with Game Plan, to the Plano Fire Department in Plano, Texas. The department will use the grant to purchase a FLAME-SIM interactive training simulation system.

The Heritage Rewards grant will be presented to Plano Fire Chief Hugo Esparza during a special event on December 8 at 10 a.m. at the Plano Fire Department located 1901 K Ave. in Plano. Members of the media are welcome to attend the check presentation.

“Due to the size and population of our service area, it is a challenge to keep our 325 full-time firefighters up-to-date with uniform procedural training,” said Chief Esparza. “We want to thank Lakeside Equity Partners and Allianz for helping us purchase this simulation system and improve the training methods we use to keep our firefighters safe and effective.”

“We are glad that our relationship with Allianz enables us to make this donation possible,” said Cathy A Dewitt, CEO and President of Lakeside Equity Partners. “Our company understands the importance of training and education when it comes to financial security, so we’re thrilled to assist the Plano Fire Department with the purchase of the training simulation system that will help keep their staff secure.” Cathy A. DeWitt can be heard weekly on News Talk 820 WBAP for WomenMoneyandPower.com and on 570 KLIF Talk Radio for SafeMoneyTalkRadio.com. Dewitt specializes in financial solutions that help minimize the effects of market fluctuations and that provide retirement income during these volatile economic times.

In addition to providing grants to fire departments nationwide to ensure firefighters have the tools they need to protect and serve their communities, the Allianz Heritage Rewards program enables Allianz FMOs and agents to strengthen relationships in core communities. “Allianz is committed to supporting its network of financial service professionals with value-added programs that highlight their brand and their commitment to community,” said Eric Thomes, senior vice president of sales, Allianz. “The Allianz Heritage Rewards program allows us to add value to our agents and give life-saving support to those in need.”

The Allianz Heritage Rewards program enables FMOs to direct grants to fire departments in the communities where they live and work. The Heritage Rewards program is a key component of the overall Allianz Heritage ProgramSM, which is an extension of the acclaimed Fireman’s Fund Heritage® program, started in 2004 by Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company. Both Allianz and Fireman’s Fund are part of Allianz SE, a global financial services organization based in Munich, Germany. For more information, please visit: www.AllianzHeritage.com



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