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OUR NEWS

The Conference in Chicago will be Bigger, Broader and Innovative!

Conveniently located in Chicago, Illinois this year - the 2018 Travelers Aid Annual Conference will be **Bigger** - we are expanding the program and starting with educational sessions on WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. Also, thanks to our host member, Heartland Alliance and Travelers Aid of O'Hare, we are expecting a record number of attendees to join us this year. But don't fear - we have also built in some time for

Tours to get you out of the conference room and see some sites in Chicago!

The 2018 Travelers Aid Annual Conference will be **Broader** - we are dividing sessions into THREE tracks this year - Leadership, Transportation and Social Services. There will be more for everyone so hopefully you can bring additional people from your organization!

And, the Travelers Aid Annual Conference will be **Innovative** - our Theme is "Power of the Past - Shaping the Future: Innovation Matters!" Last year, we focused on the amazing past of Travelers Aid in celebrating 100 years of the Travelers Aid Network. This year we will look at how the Travelers Aid movement is relevant not just today, but for the future. But to do that, we must always be innovative!

CONFERENCE AGENDA - This year, our session will focus on innovation and trends surrounding our members' issues and leading change for the future. We have created an [AGENDA](#) where all attendees will walk out of the conference with practical tools and innovative ideas to help move your organization forward.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION - Even with all of these changes, we are keeping the registration rate for members at \$225 per person. Additional attendees from your company can attend for a discounted rate of \$200 per person. Spouses and guests are welcome to join you for meals and social activities at just \$150 per person. You can [click HERE](#) to register. We know that it can be difficult to attend a conference on a tight budget, so **Barrington Scholarships** will be available to help members send one or more staff to this conference. Please [email Dave Asselin](#) for an application and more details.

CONFERENCE HOTEL - We have negotiated a great rate for a downtown Chicago hotel. The conference will be held at the **Hyatt Regency Chicago** and we have secured a nightly rate of \$219 (plus tax) so come early or stay late! **Reserve your [Hotel Room](#)**. We have a limited block at this rate, so please make your reservations ASAP. Room reservations must be made by May 22 to ensure our guaranteed rate.

More information about the Conference and Chicago is available on [our website](#). This site will be updated as speakers are confirmed.

DON'T DELAY - Check out the [AGENDA](#), [REGISTER](#) for the conference and reserve your [HOTEL ROOM](#)

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