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**Westfield REIT Announces Cash Distribution**

**February 17, 2005 – Winnipeg, Manitoba.** Westfield Real Estate Investment Trust (“Westfield”) (TSX Venture: WRT.UN) announced that its trustees have declared a cash distribution of \$0.0033 per trust unit of Westfield. Payment will be made on March 15, 2005 to shareholders of record on February 28, 2005.

*Westfield Real Estate Investment Trust, which is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol “WRT.UN”, has the objective of creating value in the field of real estate. Its objective is to acquire and/or develop a portfolio of quality properties that will enable investors to obtain a stable and growing source of income.*

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