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### **TruServ and True Value Name Kuhr New CFO**

Chicago, Ill., January 14, 2000 -- Len Kuhr, 41, has been named chief financial officer for TruServ Corporation, the world's largest cooperative of independent hardware retailers, including more than 7,000 True Value stores worldwide.

Mr. Kuhr joins TruServ from Cardinal Health, a \$21 billion Fortune 100, diversified health care distribution and services company, where he served as corporate vice president and treasurer. Prior to his service with Cardinal Health, Kuhr served from 1996 to 1999 as vice president and treasurer of the Allegiance Corporation, which was acquired by Cardinal in February, 1999. Kuhr also served as vice president of finance for Baxter International's Surgical Group and controller of the Specialty Business Group, in addition to a variety of increasingly responsible management positions in the corporate finance and tax departments of Baxter and American Hospital Supply Corporation from 1979 to 1996.

As chief financial officer for TruServ, Kuhr will direct all finance operations for the hardware and home center cooperative applying his particular expertise in the areas of capital markets, financing, planning, analysis, forecasting, expense control and capital spending.

A resident of Park Ridge, Ill., Kuhr holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Loyola University in Chicago, a master's of science in taxation from DePaul University in Chicago and a master's in management from the Northwestern University J. L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management. He received his CPA in 1980 and serves as chairman of the Illinois CPA Society's CPA Executive Roundtable

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TruServ is the world's largest member-owned hardware and home center wholesale cooperative. The TruServ cooperative includes more than 10,000 independent retailers worldwide operating under the store identities of True Value, ServiStar Hardware, ServiStar Lumber Yards/Home Centers, Coast to Coast Hardware, Coast to Coast Home & Auto, Grand Rental Station, Taylor Rental, Home & Garden Showplace and Induserve Supply with annual retail sales of more than \$14 billion. In September, 1999, TruServ announced plans to combine the True Value, Coast to Coast and ServiStar names under one brand, True Value. Additional information on TruServ and its retail identities is available at [www.truserv.com](http://www.truserv.com).

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