

GENWORTH FINANCIAL INC
Form 424B2
May 19, 2008
Table of Contents

The information in this preliminary prospectus supplement is not complete and may be changed. This preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell these securities and we are not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Filed Pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2)
Registration No. 333-138437

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED MAY 19, 2008

Prospectus Supplement

May , 2008

(To Prospectus dated November 3, 2006)

\$500,000,000

Genworth Financial, Inc.

% Senior Notes due 2018

Interest on the notes will be payable semi-annually on _____ and _____ of each year, beginning on _____, 2008. The notes will mature on _____, 2018. We may redeem some or all of the notes at any time before maturity at the make-whole price discussed under the caption Description of the Notes Optional Redemption.

The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and rank equally with all of our other unsecured senior debt from time to time outstanding.

The notes will not be listed on any exchange or quoted on any automated dealer quotation system. Currently, there is no public market for the notes.

Investing in the notes involves risks. See Supplemental Risk Factors beginning on page S-5 herein and **Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed February 28, 2008, which is incorporated by reference herein, for a discussion of factors you should consider carefully before investing in the notes.**

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Note	Total
Price to public (1)	%	\$
Underwriting discounts	%	\$
Proceeds to Genworth (before expenses) (1)	%	\$

(1) Plus accrued interest, if any, from _____, 2008, if settlement occurs after that date.
 The underwriters expect to deliver the notes in book-entry form only through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company, Clearstream or the Euroclear System on or about _____, 2008. Interest on the notes will accrue from _____, 2008 to the date of delivery.

Joint Book-Running Managers

Deutsche Bank Securities

Morgan Stanley

UBS Investment Bank

Table of Contents

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
Prospectus Supplement	
<u>About This Prospectus Supplement</u>	ii
<u>Forward-Looking Statements</u>	ii
<u>Summary</u>	S-1
<u>Supplemental Risk Factors</u>	S-5
<u>Use of Proceeds</u>	S-7
<u>Capitalization</u>	S-8
<u>Ratio of Income to Fixed Charges</u>	S-10
<u>Description of the Notes</u>	S-11
<u>United States Federal Income Tax Consequences</u>	S-21
<u>Benefit Plan Investor Considerations</u>	S-23
<u>Underwriting</u>	S-25
<u>Legal Matters</u>	S-28
<u>Experts</u>	S-28
<u>Where You Can Find More Information</u>	S-28
<u>Incorporation by Reference</u>	S-29
Prospectus	
<u>About This Prospectus Summary</u>	1
<u>Where You Can Find More Information</u>	1
<u>Incorporation by Reference</u>	1
<u>Use of Proceeds</u>	3
<u>Description of Securities</u>	3
<u>Selling Securityholders</u>	3
<u>Legal Matters</u>	3
<u>Experts</u>	3

Table of Contents

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into the prospectus. The second part, the accompanying prospectus, gives more general information, some of which does not apply to this offering.

If the description of this offering or the notes varies between this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. You should also read and consider the additional information under the captions *Where You Can Find More Information* and *Incorporation by Reference* in this prospectus supplement.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, in the accompanying prospectus and in any free writing prospectus with respect to the offering filed by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, any free writing prospectus with respect to the offering filed by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

The underwriters are offering to sell, and are seeking offers to buy, the notes only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering of the notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus must inform themselves about and observe any restrictions relating to the offering of the notes and the distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus outside the United States. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such an offer or solicitation.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement contains certain *forward-looking statements* within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements may be identified by words such as *expects, intends, anticipates, plans, believes, seeks, estimates,* words of similar meaning and include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the outlook for our future business and financial performance. Forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and assumptions, which are subject to inherent uncertainties, risks and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict. Actual outcomes and results may differ materially due to global political, economic, business, competitive, market, regulatory and other factors, including the items identified under *Supplemental Risk Factors* in this prospectus supplement and under *Item 1A. Risk Factors* in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed February 28, 2008, which is incorporated by reference herein. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

Table of Contents

SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. As used in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, unless the context otherwise requires, references to we, us, our, Genworth and the Company refer to Genworth Financial, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

Genworth Financial, Inc.

Genworth Financial, Inc. is a leading financial security company dedicated to providing insurance, investment and financial solutions that help meet the homeownership, life security, wealth management and retirement security needs of more than 15 million customers, with a presence in more than 25 countries. We are a leading provider of key products and related services whose growth we believe is benefiting from significant demographic, legislative and market trends that are increasingly shifting responsibility for building financial security to the individual. We distribute our products and services through extensive and diversified channels that include: financial intermediaries, advisors, independent distributors, affinity groups and dedicated sales specialists. We are headquartered in Richmond, Virginia and had approximately 7,000 employees as of December 31, 2007.

We have the following operating segments:

Retirement and Protection. We offer a variety of protection, wealth accumulation, retirement income and institutional products. Protection products include: life insurance, long-term care insurance, Medicare supplement insurance and a linked-benefits product that combines long-term care insurance with universal life insurance. Additionally, we offer wellness and care coordination services for our long-term care policyholders. Our wealth accumulation and retirement income products include: fixed and variable deferred and immediate individual annuities, group variable annuities offered through retirement plans, and a variety of managed account programs, financial planning services and mutual funds. Institutional products include: funding agreements, funding agreements backing notes and guaranteed investment contracts. For the year ended December 31, 2007 and the three months ended March 31, 2008, our Retirement and Protection segment's net income was \$565 million and \$44 million, respectively, and net operating income was \$762 million and \$162 million, respectively.

International. In Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Japan, Korea and multiple European countries, we are a leading provider of mortgage insurance products. We are the largest private mortgage insurer in most of our international markets. We also provide mortgage insurance on a structured, or bulk, basis which aids in the sale of mortgages to the capital markets and helps lenders manage capital and risk. Additionally, we offer services, analytical tools and technology that enable lenders to operate efficiently and manage risk. We also offer payment protection coverages in multiple European countries, Canada and Mexico. Our payment protection insurance products help consumers meet specified payment obligations should they become unable to pay due to accident, illness, involuntary unemployment, disability or death. For the year ended December 31, 2007 and the three months ended March 31, 2008, our International segment's net income was \$580 million and \$156 million, respectively, and net operating income was \$585 million and \$160 million, respectively.

Table of Contents

U.S. Mortgage Insurance. In the U.S., we offer mortgage insurance products predominantly insuring prime-based, individually underwritten residential mortgage loans, also known as flow mortgage insurance. We selectively provide mortgage insurance on a structured, or bulk, basis with essentially all of our bulk writings prime-based. Additionally, we offer services, analytical tools and technology that enable lenders to operate efficiently and manage risk. For the year ended December 31, 2007 and the three months ended March 31, 2008, our U.S. Mortgage Insurance segment's net income (loss) was \$171 million and \$(35) million, respectively, and net operating income (loss) was \$167 million and \$(36) million, respectively.

We also have Corporate and Other activities which include debt financing expenses that are incurred at our holding company level, unallocated corporate income and expenses, eliminations of inter-segment transactions, the results of non-core businesses that are managed outside of our operating segments and our group life and health insurance business, which we sold on May 31, 2007. We acquired Liberty Reverse Mortgage, Incorporated (Liberty), an originator of reverse mortgage loans, on October 31, 2007, as part of our focus on retirement needs and enabling consumers to have liquidity to meet certain financial obligations. The results of Liberty are included in our Corporate and Other activities. For the year ended December 31, 2007 and the three months ended March 31, 2008, Corporate and Other activities had a loss from continuing operations of \$162 million and \$49 million, respectively, and a net operating loss of \$141 million and \$42 million, respectively.

On a consolidated basis, we had \$12.7 billion of total stockholders' equity and \$113.6 billion of total assets as of March 31, 2008. For the year ended December 31, 2007 and the three months ended March 31, 2008, our revenues were \$11.1 billion and \$2.8 billion, respectively, and net income was \$1.2 billion and \$116 million, respectively.

Our principal U.S. life insurance companies have financial strength ratings of AA- (Very Strong) from Standard and Poor's (S&P), Aa3 (Excellent) from Moody's, A+ (Superior) from A.M. Best and AA- (Very Strong) from Fitch, and our rated mortgage insurance companies have financial strength ratings of AA (Very Strong) from S&P, Aa2 (Excellent) from Moody's, AA (Very Strong) from Fitch and/or AA (Superior) from Dominion Bond Rating Service (DBRS).

On February 13, 2008, S&P, as part of a broad reassessment of the U.S. mortgage insurance industry, affirmed the AA (Very Strong) ratings of our principal mortgage insurance subsidiaries and, at the same time, changed the rating outlook from stable to negative. The outlook for our life insurance subsidiaries and Genworth Seguros de Credito a la Vivienda S.A. de C.V. remains stable.

On January 31, 2008, Moody's, as part of a broad reassessment of the U.S. mortgage insurance industry, affirmed the Aa2 (Excellent) ratings of our principal mortgage insurance subsidiaries and, at the same time, changed the rating outlook from stable to negative. The outlook for our life insurance subsidiaries and Genworth Seguros de Credito a la Vivienda S.A. de C.V. remains stable.

The AA and AA- ratings are the third- and fourth-highest of S&P's 21 ratings categories, respectively. The Aa2 and Aa3 ratings are the third- and fourth-highest of Moody's 21 ratings categories, respectively. The A+ and A ratings are the second- and third-highest of A.M. Best's 15 ratings categories, respectively. The AA and AA- ratings are the third- and fourth-highest of Fitch's 21 ratings categories, respectively. The AA rating is the second highest of DBRS's 10 ratings categories. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time.

Our principal executive offices are located at 6620 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23230. Our telephone number at that address is (804) 281-6000. We maintain a variety of websites to communicate with our distributors, customers and investors and to provide information about various insurance and investment products to the general public. None of the information on our websites is part of this prospectus.

Table of Contents**The Offering**

Issuer	Genworth Financial, Inc.
Securities Offered	\$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of % senior notes due 2018.
Maturity date	, 2018.
Interest	Interest on the notes will accrue from their date of issuance at a rate of % per year and will be payable semi-annually on and of each year, beginning on , 2008.
Ranking	The notes will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations. The notes will not be obligations of, or guaranteed by, any of our subsidiaries. As a result, the notes will be structurally subordinated to all debt and other liabilities of our subsidiaries (including liabilities to policyholders and contractholders), which means that creditors of our subsidiaries will be paid from their assets before holders of the notes would have any claims to those assets. As of March 31, 2008, our subsidiaries had outstanding \$96,109 million of total liabilities, including \$3,455 million of debt (excluding, in each case, intercompany liabilities). The indenture under which the notes will be issued, which we refer to as the indenture, does not limit our ability, or the ability of our subsidiaries, to issue or incur other debt or issue preferred stock. As a holding company, we depend on the ability of our subsidiaries to transfer funds to us to meet our obligations, including our obligations to pay interest on the notes. See Risk Factors Risk Relating to Our Businesses As a holding company, we depend on the ability of our subsidiaries to transfer funds to us to pay dividends and to meet our obligations in Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed on February 28, 2008, which is incorporated by reference herein, and Description of the Notes in this prospectus supplement.
Optional Redemption	We may redeem all or a portion of the notes at any time, at our option, at the make-whole redemption price equal to the greater of (1) 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes being redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of redemption and (2) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest in respect of the notes being redeemed (not including any portion of the payments of interest accrued as of the date of redemption) discounted to the redemption date, on a semi-annual basis, at the treasury rate plus basis points, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of redemption. See Description of the Notes Optional Redemption in this prospectus supplement.
Sinking Fund	None.

Table of Contents

Denominations	The notes will be issued in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000.
Form of Notes	The notes will be issued as fully registered notes, represented by one or more global notes deposited with or on behalf of The Depository Trust Company, or DTC. Investors may elect to hold interests in the global notes through any of DTC, Clearstream or the Euroclear System.
Further Issuances	We may from time to time, without the consent of the holders of the notes, reopen the series of debt securities of which the notes are a part and issue additional notes having the same ranking and the same terms as the notes, except for the public offering price and the issue date and, if applicable, the initial interest accrual date and the initial interest payment date. Any additional notes having similar terms, together with the notes, will constitute a single series of debt securities under the indenture and will be fungible with the previously issued notes to the extent specified in the applicable pricing supplement.
Use of Proceeds	The net proceeds from the offering will be approximately \$498 million. We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for general corporate purposes.
Risk Factors	Your investment in the notes will involve risks. You should consider carefully all of the information set forth in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, any free writing prospectus with respect to this offering filed by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the documents incorporated by reference herein and, in particular, you should evaluate the specific factors set forth in the section of this prospectus supplement entitled <i>Supplemental Risk Factors</i> and the section entitled <i>Item 1A. Risk Factors</i> in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed February 28, 2008, before deciding whether to purchase any notes in this offering.
Listing	The notes will not be listed on any exchange or quoted on any automated dealer quotation system.
Governing Law	The notes will be governed by the laws of the State of New York.
Trustee	The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A.

Table of Contents

SUPPLEMENTAL RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the supplemental risks described below in addition to the risks described in Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed on February 28, 2008, which is incorporated by reference herein, as well as the other information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, before investing in the notes. You could lose part or all of your investment.

There are no financial covenants in the indenture.

Neither we nor any of our subsidiaries are restricted from incurring additional debt or other liabilities, including additional senior debt, under the indenture. If we incur additional debt or liabilities, our ability to pay our obligations on the notes could be adversely affected. We expect that we will from time to time incur additional debt and other liabilities. In addition, we are not restricted from paying dividends or issuing or repurchasing our securities under the indenture.

There are no financial covenants in the indenture. You are not protected under the indenture in the event of a highly leveraged transaction, reorganization, change of control, restructuring, merger or similar transaction that may adversely affect you, except to the extent described under Description of the Notes Consolidation, Merger and Conveyance of Assets as an Entirety; No Financial Covenants.

The notes will not be guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries and will be structurally subordinated to the debt and other liabilities of our subsidiaries, which means that creditors of our subsidiaries will be paid from their assets before holders of the notes would have any claims to those assets.

We are a holding company and conduct substantially all of our operations through subsidiaries. However, the notes will be obligations exclusively of Genworth Financial, Inc. and will not be guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries. As a result, the notes will be structurally subordinated to all debt and other liabilities of our subsidiaries (including liabilities to policyholders and contractholders), which means that creditors of our subsidiaries will be paid from their assets before holders of the notes would have any claims to those assets. As of March 31, 2008, our subsidiaries had outstanding \$96,109 million of total liabilities, including \$3,455 million of debt (excluding, in each case, intercompany liabilities).

An active trading market for the notes may not develop.

The notes constitute a new issue of securities, for which there is no existing market. We do not intend to apply for listing of the notes on any securities exchange or for quotation of the notes in any automated dealer quotation system. We cannot provide you with any assurance regarding whether a trading market for the notes will develop, the ability of holders of the notes to sell their notes or the price at which holders may be able to sell their notes. The underwriters have advised us that they currently intend to make a market in the notes. However, the underwriters are not obligated to do so, and any market-making with respect to the notes may be discontinued at any time without notice. If no active trading market develops, you may be unable to resell your notes at any price or at their fair market value.

Table of Contents

If a trading market does develop, changes in our credit ratings or the debt markets could adversely affect the market price of the notes.

The price for the notes will depend on many factors, including:

our credit ratings with major credit rating agencies;

the prevailing interest rates being paid by other companies similar to us;

the market price of our common stock;

our financial condition, financial performance and future prospects; and

the overall condition of the financial markets.

The condition of the financial markets and prevailing interest rates have fluctuated in the past and are likely to fluctuate in the future. Such fluctuations could have an adverse effect on the price of the notes.

In addition, credit rating agencies continually review their ratings for the companies that they follow, including us. The credit rating agencies also evaluate the insurance industry as a whole and may change their credit rating for us based on their overall view of our industry. A negative change in our rating could have an adverse effect on the price of the notes.

Table of Contents

USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds from the offering will be approximately \$498 million. We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for general corporate purposes.

S-7

Table of Contents**CAPITALIZATION**

The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as of March 31, 2008 on a historical basis and as adjusted to give effect to the sale of the \$500 million principal amount of notes offered hereby and the application of the net proceeds of that sale as described under Use of Proceeds.

You should read this information in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and our consolidated financial statements and the related notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed February 28, 2008, and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2008, each of which is incorporated by reference herein.

(Amounts in millions, except per share amounts)	March 31, 2008	
	Historical	As adjusted
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,768	\$ 4,266
Borrowings and other obligations:		
Short-term borrowings	\$ 200	\$ 200
Long-term borrowings:		
Yen notes (1)	572	572
Senior notes (2)	2,696	2,696
Senior notes offered hereby		500
Junior subordinated notes (3)	598	598
Series A Preferred Stock, mandatorily redeemable, liquidation preference \$50 per share	100	100
Total long-term borrowings	3,966	4,466
Non-recourse funding obligations (4)	3,455	3,455
Total borrowings and other obligations	7,621	8,121
Stockholders' equity:		
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value; 1.5 billion shares authorized; 521 million shares issued and 433 million shares outstanding	1	1
Additional paid-in capital	11,473	11,473
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(35)	(35)
Retained earnings	3,986	3,986
Treasury stock, at cost (88 million shares)	(2,700)	(2,700)
Total stockholders' equity	12,725	12,725
Total capitalization	\$ 20,346	\$ 20,846

- (1) Represents 1.6% notes due 2011, denominated in Japanese Yen. For a description of the Yen Notes, see note 14 to our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed February 28, 2008, incorporated by reference herein.
- (2) Represents 5.231% senior notes due May 16, 2009, 4.75% senior notes due June 15, 2009, 5.650% senior notes due June 15, 2012, 5.75% senior notes due June 15, 2014, 4.95% senior notes due October 1, 2015 and 6.50% senior notes due June 15, 2034. For a description of the senior notes, see note 14 to our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed February 28, 2008, incorporated by reference herein.

Table of Contents

- (3) Represents 6.15% fixed-to-floating rate junior subordinated notes. For a description of the junior subordinated notes, see note 14 to our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed February 28, 2008, incorporated by reference herein.

- (4) For a description of our outstanding non-recourse funding obligations, see note 14 to our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed February 28, 2008, incorporated by reference herein.

S-9

Table of Contents**RATIO OF INCOME TO FIXED CHARGES**

The following table sets forth our ratio of income to fixed charges for the periods indicated.

For purposes of determining the ratio of income to fixed charges, income consist of income from continuing operations before taxes and accounting changes plus fixed charges from continuing and discontinued operations. Fixed charges consist of (1) interest expense on short-term and long-term borrowings, including dividends on our Series A Preferred Stock and contract adjustment payments on our equity units and (2) the portion of operating leases that are representative of the interest factor.

	Three months ended March 31, 2008	Years ended December 31,				
		2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Ratio of income to fixed charges (including interest credited to investment contractholders)	1.35	1.78	1.97	2.01	1.95	1.70
Ratio of income to fixed charges (excluding interest credited to investment contractholders)	2.41	4.24	5.89	6.70	7.86	8.13

S-10

Table of Contents**DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES**

The descriptions in this prospectus supplement contain a description of the material terms of the notes and the indenture but do not purport to be complete. Reference is hereby made to the indenture, the first supplemental indenture, the second supplemental indenture, the third supplemental indenture and the form of note that are or will be filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement forms a part and to the Trust Indenture Act. References to we, us and our in the following description refer only to Genworth Financial, Inc. and not any of its subsidiaries.

General

We will issue the notes under an indenture, dated as of June 15, 2004, between us and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. (successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.), as trustee, as supplemented by a first supplemental indenture, dated as of June 15, 2004, a second supplemental indenture, dated as of September 19, 2005, a third supplemental indenture, dated as of June 12, 2007 and a fourth supplemental indenture, to be dated as of May , 2008, each between us and the trustee. We refer to the indenture, as supplemented by the first supplemental indenture, the second supplemental indenture, the third supplemental indenture and the fourth supplemental indenture, as the indenture. The trustee will initially be the security registrar and paying agent for the notes.

On June 15, 2004, we issued \$1.9 billion aggregate principal amount of notes under the indenture, consisting of \$500 million aggregate principal amount of LIBOR floating rate notes due 2007, \$500 million aggregate principal amount of 4.750% notes due 2009, \$600 million aggregate principal amount of 5.750% notes due 2014 and \$300 million aggregate principal amount of 6.500% notes due 2034. On September 19, 2005, we issued \$350 million aggregate principal amount of 4.950% notes due 2015. On June 12, 2007, we issued \$350 million aggregate principal amount of 5.650% notes due 2012. We are now issuing \$500 million aggregate principal amount of % notes due 2018.

When we use the term business day, we mean any calendar day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday in New York, New York and on which commercial banks are open for business in New York, New York.

The notes offered hereby will mature at par on , 2018. Interest on the notes will accrue from , 2008 and is payable semiannually in arrears in two equal payments on and of each year, beginning on , 2008, to the persons in whose names the notes are registered at the close of business on or (whether or not a business day), respectively, prior to each payment date at the annual rate of %; provided that the interest due on redemption or at maturity (whether or not an interest payment date) will be paid to the person to whom principal is payable.

For any full semi-annual period in respect of the notes, the amount of interest will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. For any period shorter than a full semi-annual period the amount of interest will be calculated on the basis of a 30-day month, and, for any period less than a month, on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed per 30-day month.

If an interest payment date, redemption date or maturity date for the notes falls on a date that is not a business day (as defined above), then interest will be paid on the next day that is a business day, and no interest on such payment will accrue for the period from and after such interest payment date, redemption date or maturity date. If a redemption date or the maturity date for any note falls on a date that is not a business day, the related payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest may be made on the next succeeding business day, and no additional interest will accumulate on the amount payable for the period from and after the redemption date or maturity date.

The notes will not be entitled to the benefit of any sinking funds.

The notes will be issued as fully registered notes (to be deposited with the depository or its custodian) and in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000.

Table of Contents

In addition to the notes, we may issue from time to time other series of debt securities under the indenture consisting of debentures, notes or other unsecured, unsubordinated evidences of indebtedness, but such other series will be separate from and independent of the notes. The indenture does not limit the amount of debt securities or any other debt (whether secured or unsecured or whether subordinated or unsubordinated) which we may incur.

We may from time to time, without the consent of the holders of the notes, reopen the series of debt securities of which the notes are a part and issue additional notes having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the notes, except for the public offering price and the issue date and, if applicable, the initial interest accrual date and the initial interest payment date. Any additional notes having similar terms, together with the notes, will constitute a single series of debt securities under the indenture and will be fungible with the previously issued notes to the extent specified in the applicable pricing supplement. No additional such notes may be issued if an event of default has occurred and is continuing with respect to the series of debt securities of which such notes are a part.

The trustee will maintain an office in the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York where we will pay the principal and premium, if any, on the notes and you may present the notes for registration of transfer and exchange.

Ranking

The notes will be our direct, senior unsecured obligations and will rank without preference or priority among themselves and equally with all of our existing and future senior unsecured debt.

We are a holding company and conduct substantially all of our operations through subsidiaries. However, the notes will be obligations exclusively of Genworth Financial, Inc. and will not be guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries. As a result, the notes will be structurally subordinated to all debt and other liabilities of our subsidiaries (including liabilities to policyholders and contractholders), which means that creditors of our subsidiaries will be paid from their assets before holders of the notes would have any claims to those assets. As of March 31, 2008, our subsidiaries had outstanding \$96,109 million of total liabilities, including \$3,455 million of debt (excluding, in each case, intercompany liabilities).

As a holding company, dividends from our subsidiaries and permitted payments to us under our tax sharing arrangements with our subsidiaries will be our principal sources of cash to pay principal and interest on the notes and meet our other obligations. The payment of dividends and other distributions to us by our insurance subsidiaries is regulated by insurance laws and regulations. In general, dividends in excess of prescribed limits are deemed extraordinary and require insurance regulatory approval. The ability of our insurance subsidiaries to pay dividends to us is also subject to various conditions imposed by the rating agencies for the subsidiaries to maintain their ratings. Our subsidiaries have no obligation to pay any amounts due on the notes.

As of March 31, 2008, we had outstanding \$4,066 million of unsecured and unsubordinated debt at the parent company level. The indenture does not limit our ability to incur senior, subordinated or secured debt, or our ability, or that of any of our existing or future subsidiaries, to incur other indebtedness and other liabilities or issue preferred stock.

Optional Redemption

We may redeem all or a portion of the notes at our option at any time or from time to time as set forth below. We will mail notice of such redemption to the registered holders of the notes to be redeemed at least 30 days and not more than 60 days prior to the redemption date. We may redeem such notes at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date; and

Table of Contents

the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest (exclusive of interest accrued to the redemption date) discounted to the redemption date on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate plus _____ basis points, plus accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount being redeemed to, but excluding, the redemption date.

Comparable Treasury Issue means the United States Treasury security selected by an Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term (Remaining Life) of the notes to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the notes.

Comparable Treasury Price means, with respect to any redemption date, (1) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (2) if the Independent Investment Banker obtains fewer than three such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such Quotations or, if only one such Quotation is obtained, such Quotation.

Independent Investment Banker means an independent investment banking institution of national standing appointed by us, which may be one of the Reference Treasury Dealers.

Reference Treasury Dealer means each of (1) Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and UBS Securities LLC and their respective successors, *provided* that if any of the foregoing shall cease to be a primary U.S. government securities dealer in the United States (a Primary Treasury Dealer), we will substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer and (2) any other Primary Treasury Dealer selected by us.

Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker by the Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m. on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

Treasury Rate means, with respect to any redemption date, (1) the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release designated H.15(519) or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption Treasury Constant Maturities, for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue (if no maturity is within three months before or after the Remaining Life, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue shall be determined and the Treasury Rate shall be interpolated or extrapolated from such yields on a straight line basis, rounding to the nearest month), (2) if the period from the redemption date to the maturity date of the notes to be redeemed is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year will be used, or (3) if such release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain such yields, the rate per annum equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date. The Treasury Rate shall be calculated by us on the third business day preceding the redemption date. The trustee shall not be responsible for any such calculation.

Table of Contents

Events of Default

Any of the following events will constitute an event of default under the indenture with respect to the notes:

failure to pay interest on the notes for thirty days past the applicable due date;

failure to pay the principal amount of, or premium, if any, on the notes when due (whether at maturity or otherwise);

failure to observe or perform any other covenant or agreement in the indenture, which continues for 60 days after written notice from the trustee or holders of at least 25% of the outstanding principal amount of the notes as provided in the indenture;

acceleration of more than \$100 million of our indebtedness for borrowed money by the terms thereof if the acceleration is not rescinded or annulled within 10 days after written notice from the trustee or holders of at least 25% of the outstanding principal amount of the notes as provided in the indenture, *provided* that this event of default will be remedied, cured or waived without further action upon the part of either the trustee or any of the holders if the default under our other indebtedness is remedied, cured or waived; and

specified events relating to the bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of us or any of our significant subsidiaries.

The term *significant subsidiary* has the same meaning as the definition of that term set forth in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Remedies

If an event of default arising from specified events of the bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of us or any of our significant subsidiaries occurs, the principal amount of all outstanding notes will become due and payable immediately, without further action or notice on the part of the holders of the notes or the trustee. If any other event of default with respect to the notes occurs, the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of outstanding notes may declare the principal amount of the notes to be due and payable immediately, by a notice in writing to us, and to the trustee if given by holders. Upon that declaration the principal amount of the notes will become immediately due and payable. However, at any time after a declaration has been made or the notes have otherwise become due and payable, but before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained, the holders of a majority in principal amount of outstanding notes may, subject to conditions specified in the indenture, rescind and annul that declaration or acceleration and its consequences.

Subject to the provisions of the indenture relating to the duties of the trustee, if an event of default then exists, the trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indenture at your request, order or direction, unless you have offered to the trustee reasonable security or indemnity. Subject to the provisions for the security or indemnification of the trustee and otherwise in accordance with the conditions specified in the indenture, the holders of a majority in principal amount of outstanding notes have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for and remedy available to the trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee in connection with the notes.

Notice of Default

The trustee will, within 90 days after the occurrence of an event of default with respect to the notes, mail to the holders of the notes notice of such event of default, unless such event of default has been cured or waived. However, the Trust Indenture Act and the indenture currently permits the trustee to withhold notices of events of default (except for certain payment defaults) if the trustee in good faith determines the withholding of such notices to be in the interests of the holders.

We will furnish the trustee with an annual statement as to our compliance with the conditions and covenants in the indenture.

Table of Contents

Legal Proceedings and Enforcement of Right of Payment

You will not have any right to institute any proceeding in connection with the indenture or for any remedy under the indenture, unless you have previously given to the trustee written notice of a continuing event of default with respect to the notes. In addition, the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding notes must have made written request, and offered reasonable indemnity, to the trustee to institute that proceeding as trustee, and, within 60 days following the receipt of that notice, the trustee must not have received from the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding notes a direction inconsistent with that request, and must have failed to institute the proceeding. However, you will have an absolute right to receive payment of the principal of and interest on that note at the place, time, rate and in the currency expressed in the indenture and the note and to institute a suit for the enforcement of that payment.

Consolidation, Merger and Conveyance of Assets as an Entirety; No Financial Covenants

We will covenant in the indenture that we will not merge or consolidate with any other person or sell, convey, transfer, or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets unless:

either we are the continuing corporation or the successor person is a corporation or limited liability company organized under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or the District of Columbia and this other person expressly assumes all of our obligations under the indenture and the notes; and

we are not, or such successor entity is not, immediately after such merger, consolidation, sale, conveyance, transfer or other disposition, in default in the performance of any obligations thereunder.

In case of any such consolidation, merger, sale, conveyance (other than by way of lease), transfer or other disposition, and upon any such assumption by the successor corporation or limited liability company, such successor corporation or limited liability company shall succeed to and be substituted for us, with the same effect as if it had been named in the indenture as us and we shall be relieved of any further obligations under the indenture and under the notes.

The indenture does not contain any financial or other similar restrictive covenants.

Modification of Indenture

We may enter into supplemental indentures for the purpose of modifying or amending the indenture with respect to the notes with the consent of holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the notes. However, the consent of each holder affected is required for any amendment:

to change the stated maturity of principal of, or any installment of principal of or interest on, any note,

to reduce the rate of or extend the time for payment of interest, if any, on any note or to alter the manner of calculation of interest payable on any note (except as part of any interest rate reset),

to reduce the principal amount or premium, if any, on any note,

to make the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any note payable in a different currency,

Edgar Filing: GENWORTH FINANCIAL INC - Form 424B2

to reduce the percentage in principal amount of the notes, the holders of which are required to consent to any supplemental indenture or to any waiver of any past default or event of default,

to change any place of payment where the notes or interest thereon is payable,

to modify the interest rate reset provisions of any note,

S-15

Table of Contents

to impair the right of any holder of the notes to bring a lawsuit for the enforcement of any payment on or after the stated maturity of any note, or

to modify provisions of the indenture relating to waiver of defaults or amendment of the indenture, except to increase the percentage in principal amount of notes whose holders must consent to an amendment or to provide that certain other provisions of the indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the holder of each outstanding note affected by the modification or waiver.

In addition, we and the trustee with respect to the indenture may enter into supplemental indentures without the consent of the holders of the notes for one or more of the following purposes:

to evidence that another corporation or limited liability company has become our successor under the provisions of the indenture relating to consolidations, mergers, and sales of assets and that the successor assumes our covenants, agreements, and obligations in the indenture and in the notes,

to add to our covenants further covenants, restrictions, conditions, or provisions for the protection of the holders of the notes, and to make a default in any of these additional covenants, restrictions, conditions, or provisions a default or an event of default under the indenture,

to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provisions that may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision or to make such other provisions in regard to matters or questions arising under the indenture that do not adversely affect the interests of any holders of notes, *provided* that any amendment made solely to conform the provisions of the indenture to the description of the notes contained in this prospectus were sold will not be deemed to adversely affect the interests of the holders of the notes,

to modify or amend the indenture to permit the qualification of the indenture or any supplemental indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 as then in effect,

to add guarantees with respect to the notes, and

to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment by a successor or separate trustee with respect to the notes.

Defeasance of Indenture

We have the right to terminate all of our obligations under the indenture with respect to the notes (other than the obligation to pay interest on and the principal of the notes and certain other obligations) at any time by depositing in trust with the trustee, under an irrevocable trust agreement, money or U.S. government obligations in an amount sufficient to pay principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the notes to their maturity or redemption, as the case may be, and complying with certain other conditions, including delivery to the trustee of an opinion of counsel, to the effect that you will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of our exercise of such right and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case otherwise.

In addition, we have the right at any time to terminate all of our obligations under the indenture with respect to the notes, other than (1) your right to receive, solely from the trust fund described below, payments of principal of, and interest on, the notes when due and (2) certain obligations relating to the defeasance trust and obligations to register the transfer or exchange of the notes, to replace mutilated, lost or stolen notes, to maintain a registrar and paying agent in respect of the notes, to pay compensation to, and expenses of, the trustee, and with respect to the resignation or removal of the trustee, by depositing in trust with the trustee, under an irrevocable trust agreement, money or U.S. government obligations in an amount sufficient to pay principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the notes to their maturity or redemption, as the case may be, and complying with certain other conditions, including delivery to the trustee of an opinion of counsel or a ruling received from the

Table of Contents

Internal Revenue Service, to the effect that you will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of our exercise of such right and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case otherwise, which opinion of counsel is based upon a change in the applicable federal tax law since the date of the indenture.

Miscellaneous Provisions

The indenture provides that the notes, including those for which payment has been deposited or set aside in trust as described under **Satisfaction and Discharge** below, will not be deemed to be outstanding in determining whether the holders of the requisite principal amount of the outstanding notes have given or taken any demand, direction, consent or other action under the indenture as of any date, or are present at a meeting of holders for quorum purposes.

We will be entitled to set any day as a record date for the purpose of determining the holders of outstanding notes issued under the indenture entitled to give or take any demand, direction, consent or other action under the indenture, in the manner and subject to the limitations provided in the indenture. In certain circumstances, the trustee also will be entitled to set a record date for action by holders. If such a record date is set for any action to be taken by holders of notes issued under the indenture, such action may be taken only by persons who are holders of such notes on the record date.

Satisfaction and Discharge

The indenture will generally cease to be of any further effect with respect to the notes, if:

we have delivered to the trustee for cancellation all outstanding notes (with certain limited exceptions),

all notes not previously delivered to the trustee for cancellation have become due and payable or are by their terms to become due and payable within one year, and we have deposited with the trustee as trust funds the entire amount sufficient to pay all of the outstanding notes, or

and if, in either case, we also pay or cause to be paid all other sums payable under the indenture by us.

The indenture will be deemed satisfied and discharged when no notes remain outstanding and when we have paid all other sums payable by us under the indenture.

Any monies and U.S. government obligations deposited with the trustee for payment of principal of, and interest and premium, if any, on, the notes and not applied but remaining unclaimed by the holders of the notes for two years after the date upon which the principal of, and interest and premium, if any, on, the notes, as the case may be, shall have become due and payable, shall be repaid to us by the trustee on written demand. Thereafter, the holder of the notes may look only to us for payment thereof.

Resignation and Removal of the Trustee

The trustee may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to us. The trustee may also be removed by act of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding notes. No resignation or removal of the trustee and no appointment of a successor trustee will become effective until the acceptance of appointment by a successor trustee in accordance with the requirements of the indenture.

Governing Law

The indenture is, and any notes will be, governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

Table of Contents

Book-Entry System

The Depository Trust Company, or DTC, which we refer to along with its successors in this capacity as the depository, will act as securities depository for the notes. The notes will be issued as fully registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co., the depository's nominee. One or more fully registered global security certificates, representing the total aggregate principal amount of the notes, will be issued and will be deposited with the depository or its custodian and will bear a legend regarding the restrictions on exchanges and registration of transfer referred to below.

The laws of some jurisdictions may require that some purchasers of securities take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. These laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in the notes so long as the notes are represented by global security certificates.

Investors may elect to hold interests in the global notes through either DTC in the U.S. or Clearstream Banking, société anonyme (Clearstream) or Euroclear Bank S. A. /N. V., as operator of the Euroclear System (Euroclear), in Europe if they are participants of such systems, or indirectly through organizations which are participants in such systems. Clearstream and Euroclear will hold interests on behalf of their participants through customers' securities accounts in Clearstream's and Euroclear's names on the books of their respective depositories, which in turn will hold such interests in customers' securities accounts in the depositories' names on the books of DTC.

DTC advises that it is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds securities that its participants deposit with it and facilitates the settlement among participants of securities transactions, including transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. The depository is owned by a number of its direct participants and by the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, Inc., and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to DTC's system is also available to others, including securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies that clear transactions through or maintain a direct or indirect custodial relationship with a direct participant either directly, or indirectly. The rules applicable to DTC and its participants are on file with the SEC.

Clearstream advises that it is incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg as a professional depository. Clearstream holds securities for its participating organizations (Clearstream Participants) and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between Clearstream Participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of Clearstream Participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. Clearstream provides to Clearstream Participants, among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Clearstream interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. As a registered bank in Luxembourg, Clearstream is subject to regulation by the Luxembourg Commission for the Supervision of the Financial Sector (Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier). Clearstream Participants are recognized financial institutions around the world, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to Clearstream is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Clearstream Participant, either directly or indirectly.

Table of Contents

Distributions with respect to interests in the notes held beneficially through Clearstream will be credited to cash accounts of Clearstream Participants in accordance with its rules and procedures.

Euroclear advises that it was created in 1968 to hold securities for participants of Euroclear (Euroclear Participants) and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear Participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and any risk from lack of simultaneous transfers of securities and cash. Euroclear includes various other services, including securities lending and borrowing and interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. Euroclear is operated by Euroclear Bank S. A. /N. V. (the Euroclear Operator). All operations are conducted by the Euroclear Operator, and all Euroclear securities clearance accounts and Euroclear cash accounts are accounts with the Euroclear Operator. Euroclear Participants include banks (including central banks), securities brokers and dealers and other professional financial intermediaries and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to Euroclear is also available to other firms that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Euroclear Participant, either directly or indirectly.

Securities clearance accounts and cash accounts with the Euroclear Operator are governed by the Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear and the related Operating Procedures of Euroclear, and applicable Belgian law (collectively, the Terms and Conditions). The Terms and Conditions govern transfers of securities and cash within Euroclear, withdrawals of securities and cash from Euroclear, and receipts of payments with respect to securities in Euroclear. All securities in Euroclear are held on a fungible basis without attribution of specific certificates to specific securities clearance accounts. The Euroclear Operator acts under the Terms and Conditions only on behalf of Euroclear Participants, and has no records of or relationship with persons holding through Euroclear Participants.

Distributions with respect to the notes held beneficially through Euroclear will be credited to the cash accounts of Euroclear Participants in accordance with the Terms and Conditions.

We will issue the notes in definitive certificated form if the depositary notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depositary or the depositary ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and a successor depositary is not appointed by us within 90 days. In addition, beneficial interests in a global security certificate may be exchanged for definitive certificated notes upon request by or on behalf of the depositary in accordance with customary procedures following the request of a beneficial owner seeking to exercise or enforce its rights under such notes. If we determine at any time that the notes shall no longer be represented by global security certificates, we will inform the depositary of such determination who will, in turn, notify participants of their right to withdraw their beneficial interest from the global security certificates, and if such participants elect to withdraw their beneficial interests, we will issue certificates in definitive form in exchange for such beneficial interests in the global security certificates. Any global note, or portion thereof, that is exchangeable pursuant to this paragraph will be exchangeable for security certificates, as the case may be, registered in the names directed by the depositary. We expect that these instructions will be based upon directions received by the depositary from its participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in the global security certificates.

As long as the depositary or its nominee is the registered owner of the global security certificates, the depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner and holder of the global security certificates and all notes represented by these certificates for all purposes under the indenture. Except in the limited circumstances referred to above, owners of beneficial interests in global security certificates:

will not be entitled to have the notes represented by these global security certificates registered in their names, and

will not be considered to be owners or holders of the global security certificates or any notes represented by these certificates for any purpose under the notes or the indenture.

Table of Contents

All payments on the notes represented by global security certificates and all transfers and deliveries of related notes will be made to the depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, as the holder of such securities.

Ownership of beneficial interests in the global security certificates will be limited to participants or persons that may hold beneficial interests through institutions that have accounts with the depositary or its nominee. Ownership of beneficial interests in global security certificates will be shown only on, and the transfer of those ownership interests will be effected only through, records maintained by the depositary or its nominee, with respect to participants' interests, or any participant, with respect to interests of persons held by the participant on their behalf. Payments, transfers, deliveries, exchanges and other matters relating to beneficial interests in global security certificates may be subject to various policies and procedures adopted by the depositary from time to time. Neither we nor the trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the depositary's or any participant's records relating to, or for payments made on account of, beneficial interests in global security certificates, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any of the depositary's records or any participant's records relating to these beneficial ownership interests.

Although the depositary has agreed to the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of interests in the global security certificates among participants, the depositary is under no obligation to perform or continue to perform these procedures, and these procedures may be discontinued at any time. We will not have any responsibility for the performance by the depositary or its direct participants or indirect participants under the rules and procedures governing the depositary.

The information in this section concerning the depositary, its book-entry system, Clearstream and Euroclear has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we have not attempted to verify the accuracy of this information.

Global Clearance and Settlement Procedures

Initial settlement for the notes will be made in immediately available funds. Secondary market trading between DTC Participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with DTC rules and will be settled in immediately available funds using DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System. Secondary market trading between Clearstream Participants and/or Euroclear Participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with the applicable rules and operating procedures of Clearstream and Euroclear, as applicable.

Cross-market transfers between persons holding directly or indirectly through DTC on the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Clearstream Participants or Euroclear Participants, on the other, will be effected through DTC in accordance with DTC rules; however, such cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to the relevant European international clearing system by the counterparty in such system in accordance with its rules and procedures and within its established deadlines (European time).

Because of time-zone differences, credits of the notes received in Clearstream or Euroclear as a result of a transaction with a DTC Participant will be made during subsequent securities settlement processing and dated the business day following the DTC settlement date. Such credits or any transactions in such notes settled during such processing will be reported to the relevant Euroclear Participant or Clearstream Participant on such business day. Cash received in Clearstream or Euroclear as a result of sales of the notes by or through a Clearstream Participant or a Euroclear Participant to a DTC Participant will be received with value on the DTC settlement date but will be available in the relevant Clearstream or Euroclear cash account only as of the business day following settlement in DTC.

Although DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear have agreed to the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of notes among participants of DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures and such procedures may be discontinued or changed at any time.

Table of Contents

UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES

This section summarizes the material U.S. federal income tax consequences to Non-U.S. Holders (as defined below) of the purchase, ownership and disposition of notes. This summary deals only with notes that are held as capital assets by Non-U.S. Holders that purchase the notes in this offering at the price indicated on the front cover of this prospectus supplement. A Non-U.S. Holder is a beneficial owner of notes and is generally an individual, corporation, estate or trust other than:

an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation (or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States or any subdivision thereof;

an estate the income of which is includible in gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes regardless of its source; and

a trust if a court within the U.S. is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or such trust has a valid election in effect under applicable Treasury regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

If a partnership holds notes, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Special rules may apply if a Non-U.S. Holder is a controlled foreign corporation or passive foreign investment company, as defined under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), and to certain expatriates or former long-term residents of the United States. If you fall within any of the foregoing categories, you should consult your own tax advisor to determine the U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences that may be relevant to you.

This summary does not describe all of the U.S. federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to the purchase, ownership and disposition of notes by a prospective Non-U.S. Holder in light of that investor's particular circumstances. In addition, this summary does not address other U.S. federal taxes (such as gift or estate taxes or alternative minimum taxes), state, local and foreign tax consequences that may be relevant to you.

This section is based upon the Code, judicial decisions, final, temporary and proposed Treasury regulations, published rulings and other administrative pronouncements, changes to any of which subsequent to the date of this prospectus supplement may affect the tax consequences described herein, possibly with retroactive effect.

Please consult your own tax advisor as to the particular tax consequences to you of purchasing, holding and disposing of notes in your particular circumstances under the Code and the laws of any other taxing jurisdiction.

U.S. Federal Withholding Tax

Subject to the discussion below concerning backup withholding, U.S. federal withholding tax will not apply to any payment of principal or interest on the notes, provided that in the case of interest:

you do not actually (or constructively) own 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our voting stock within the meaning of the Code and the Treasury regulations;

you are not a controlled foreign corporation that is related, directly or indirectly, to us through stock ownership; and

Edgar Filing: GENWORTH FINANCIAL INC - Form 424B2

(a) you provide your name, address and certain other information on an Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN (or a suitable substitute form), and certify, under penalties of perjury, that you are not a U.S.

S-21

Table of Contents

person or (b) you hold your notes through certain foreign intermediaries or certain foreign partnerships and certain certification requirements are satisfied.

Interest payments that are effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business by you within the United States (and, where an applicable tax treaty so provides, are also attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment maintained by you) are not subject to the U.S. federal withholding tax, but instead are subject to U.S. federal income tax, as described below.

If you cannot satisfy the requirements described above, payments of interest will be subject to a 30% U.S. federal withholding tax unless a tax treaty applies or the interest payments are effectively connected with the conduct of a U.S. trade or business. If a tax treaty applies to you, you may be eligible for a reduction of or exemption from U.S. federal withholding tax. To claim any exemption from or reduction in the 30% withholding tax, you should provide a properly executed Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN (or a suitable substitute form) claiming a reduction of or an exemption from withholding tax under an applicable tax treaty or a properly executed Internal Revenue Service Form W-8ECI (or a suitable substitute form) stating that such payments are not subject to withholding tax because they are effectively connected with your conduct of a trade or business in the United States.

U.S. Federal Income Tax

If you are engaged in a trade or business in the United States (and, if a tax treaty applies, if you maintain a permanent establishment within the United States) and interest on the notes, including interest received on redemption or retirement, is effectively connected with the conduct of such trade or business (and, if a tax treaty applies, attributable to such permanent establishment), you will be subject to U.S. federal income tax (but not U.S. withholding tax assuming a properly executed Form W-8ECI (or a suitable substitute form) is provided) on such interest on a net income basis in generally the same manner as if you were a U.S. person. In addition, in certain circumstances, if you are a foreign corporation you may be subject to a 30% (or, if a tax treaty applies, such lower rate as provided) branch profits tax.

Any gain or income, other than interest which is taxable as set forth above, realized on the disposition of a note (including a redemption or retirement) will generally not be subject to U.S. federal income tax unless:

such gain or income is effectively connected with your conduct of a trade or business in the United States (and, where an applicable tax treaty so provides, is also attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment maintained by you); or

you are an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the disposition and certain other conditions are met.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

Unless you are an exempt recipient, such as a corporation, interest payments on the notes and the proceeds received from a disposition (including a redemption or retirement) of notes may be subject to information reporting and may also be subject to U.S. federal backup withholding at the applicable rate if you fail to comply with applicable U.S. information reporting or certification requirements. The certification procedures required to claim the exemption from withholding tax on interest described above will satisfy the certification requirements necessary to avoid the backup withholding tax as well.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts so withheld under the backup withholding rules may be refunded or credited against your U.S. federal income tax liability, provided you timely furnish the required information to the Internal Revenue Service.

The preceding discussion of certain material U.S. federal income tax consequences is general information only and is not tax advice. Accordingly, you should consult your own tax advisor as to the particular tax consequences to you of purchasing, holding or disposing of notes, including the applicability and effect of any state, local or non-U.S. tax laws, and of any changes or proposed changes in applicable law.

Table of Contents

BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR CONSIDERATIONS

The following discussion was not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used, for the purpose of avoiding United States federal tax penalties. This discussion was written in connection with the promotion or marketing of the notes.

The following is a summary of certain considerations associated with the purchase of the notes by employee benefit plans that are subject to the U.S. Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA), by plans that are subject to Section 4975 of the Code or by persons whose underlying assets are considered to include plan assets of such plans (each, an ERISA Plan). Certain benefit plans may be subject to federal, state, local, non-U.S. or other laws that are similar to such provisions of ERISA or the Code (collectively, Similar Laws) and, accordingly, may be subject to similar risks (together with ERISA Plans, Plans).

Prohibited Transaction Issues

Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code prohibit ERISA Plans from engaging in specified transactions involving plan assets with persons who are parties in interest (as defined in ERISA) or disqualified persons (as defined in Section 4975 of the Code), unless an exemption applies. A non-exempt prohibited transaction may have to be rescinded, and a fiduciary of an ERISA Plan that permits such a transaction may be subject to penalties and liabilities under ERISA.

The issuer may be a party in interest or disqualified person with respect to ERISA Plans from time to time, and the extension of credit is a transaction to which Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code applies. The acquisition and/or holding of notes by any ERISA Plan as to which the issuer and certain of its affiliates is considered a party in interest or a disqualified person may result in a direct or indirect prohibited transaction under ERISA and/or Section 4975 of the Code, unless a statutory, class or individual prohibited transaction exemption applies.

Section 408(b)(17) of ERISA and Section 4975(d)(20) of the Code exempt the involvement of the assets of an ERISA Plan in connection with the sale or exchange of property with, the lending of money or other extension of credit with, or the transfer of plan assets to, or the use of plan assets by or for the benefit of, a person who is a party in interest or disqualified person if: (i) such person is a party in interest or disqualified person solely by reason of providing services to the ERISA Plan or by reason of certain relationships to such a service provider and is not a fiduciary (including by reason of rendering investment advice) with respect to the investment of plan assets involved in the transaction and (ii) the ERISA Plan pays no more and no less than adequate consideration (as defined in such Sections).

In addition, the U.S. Department of Labor has issued prohibited transaction class exemptions, or PTCEs, that may apply to the acquisition and holding of the notes. These class exemptions include, without limitation, PTCE 84-14 (relating to transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers), PTCE 90-1 (relating to transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts), PTCE 91-38 (relating to transactions involving bank collective investment funds), PTCE 95-60 (relating to transactions involving life insurance company general accounts) and PTCE 96-23 (relating to transactions determined by in-house asset managers). A purchaser of any notes should be aware that there can be no assurance that all of the conditions of any such exemptions will be satisfied and that the scope of the exemptive relief provided by any such exemption might not cover all acts which might be construed as prohibited transactions.

The notes should not be purchased or held by any Plan unless such purchase and holding will not constitute or result in a non-exempt prohibited transaction under ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code or a similar violation under any applicable Similar Laws.

Table of Contents

Representation

By acceptance of a note, each purchaser and subsequent transferee of a note will be deemed to have represented and warranted that either: (i) no portion of the assets used by such purchaser or transferee to acquire or hold the note constitutes assets of any Plan or (ii) the purchase and holding of the note by such purchaser or transferee will not constitute or result in a non-exempt prohibited transaction under ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, or a similar violation under any applicable Similar Laws.

The preceding discussion is general in nature and is not intended to be all-inclusive. Fiduciaries or other persons considering purchasing the notes on behalf of, or with the assets of, any Plan should consult with their counsel regarding the potential applicability of ERISA, Section 4975 of the Code and any Similar Laws to such investment, including the applicability of any exemption thereto. Each purchaser and holder of the notes has exclusive responsibility for ensuring that its purchase and holding of the notes does not violate the fiduciary and prohibited transaction rules of ERISA, Section 4975 of the Code and any Similar Laws. The sale of any notes to any Plan is in no respect a representation by us or any of our affiliates or representatives that such an investment meets all relevant legal requirements with respect to investments by Plans generally or any particular Plan, or that such an investment is appropriate for Plans generally or any particular Plan.

Table of Contents**UNDERWRITING**

Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and UBS Securities LLC are joint book-running managers.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the underwriting agreement dated the date of this prospectus supplement, the underwriters named below have severally agreed to purchase from us, and we have agreed to sell, the principal amount of notes listed opposite their names below at the public offering price less the underwriting discount set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement:

Underwriters	Principal Amount of Notes
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.	\$
Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated	\$
UBS Securities LLC	\$
 Total	 \$ 500,000,000

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the several underwriters to purchase the notes offered hereby are subject to certain conditions and that the underwriters will purchase all of the notes offered by this prospectus supplement if any of these notes are purchased.

We have been advised by the underwriters that the underwriters propose to offer the notes directly to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and to certain dealers at such price less a concession not in excess of % of the principal amount of the notes. The underwriters may allow, and such dealers may reallow, a concession not in excess of % of the principal amount of the notes to certain other dealers. After the initial public offering, the underwriters may change the offering price and other selling terms.

We estimate that our share of total expenses of this offering, excluding the underwriting discount, will be less than \$1 million.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, and to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make in respect of any of these liabilities.

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or quoted on any automated dealer quotation system. The underwriters may make a market in the notes after completion of the offering, but will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market-making activities at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for the notes or that an active trading market for the notes will develop. If an active trading market for the notes does not develop, the market price and liquidity of the notes may be adversely affected.

In connection with the offering of the notes, the underwriters may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the notes. Specifically, the underwriters may overallocate in connection with the offering, creating a short position. In addition, the underwriters may bid for, and purchase, the notes in the open market to cover short positions or to stabilize the price of the notes. Any of these activities may stabilize or maintain the market price of the notes above independent market levels, but no representation is made hereby that the underwriters will engage in any of those transactions or of the magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the market price of the notes. The underwriters will not be required to engage in these activities, and if they engage in these activities, they may end any of these activities at any time without notice.

Table of Contents

The underwriters and their affiliates have from time to time provided, and expect to provide in the future, investment banking, commercial banking and other financial services to us and our affiliates, for which they have received and may continue to receive customary fees and commissions. Certain underwriters in this offering have participated in the prior offerings of our outstanding notes, Class A Common Stock and Equity Units. Affiliates of certain underwriters in this offering are also lenders under our revolving credit facilities. We believe that the fees and commissions paid in respect of participation in the credit facilities were customary for borrowers with a credit profile similar to ours, for a similar-size financing and for borrowers in our industry.

Selling Restrictions

European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive, each underwriter has represented and agreed that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Member State it has not made and will not make an offer of notes to the public in that Member State, except that it may, with effect from and including such date, make an offer of notes to the public in that Member State:

at any time to legal entities which are authorized or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorized or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;

at any time to any legal entity which has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than 43,000,000; and (3) an annual net turnover of more than 50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts; or

at any time in any other circumstances which do not require the publication by us of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive (except in reliance on Article 3.2(b) of the Prospectus Directive).

For the purposes of the above, the expression an offer of notes to the public in relation to any notes in any Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State and the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC and includes any relevant implementing measure in that Member State.

United Kingdom

Each underwriter has represented and agreed that it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) in connection with the issue or sale of the notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of such Act does not apply to us and it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of such Act with respect to anything done by it in relation to any notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

Table of Contents

Hong Kong

The notes may not be offered or sold by means of any document other than: (i) in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap.32, Laws of Hong Kong), or (ii) to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap.571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder, or (iii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a prospectus within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap.32, Laws of Hong Kong), and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the notes may be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purpose of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere), which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder.

Japan

The notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities and Exchange Law of Japan (the Securities and Exchange Law) and each underwriter has agreed that it will not offer or sell any notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Securities and Exchange Law and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

Singapore

This prospectus supplement has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus supplement and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the notes may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the notes be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than: (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the SFA), (ii) to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA, or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 by a relevant person which is: (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary is an accredited investor, shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest in that trust shall not be transferable for six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the notes under Section 275 except: (1) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA; (2) where no consideration is given for the transfer; or (3) by operation of law.

Table of Contents

LEGAL MATTERS

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, New York, New York will pass upon the validity of the notes on behalf of Genworth. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the underwriters by Davis Polk & Wardwell, New York, New York.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements and schedules for Genworth Financial, Inc. as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2007, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing. The audit reports covering the December 31, 2007 and 2006 consolidated financial statements and schedules included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 refer to a change in the method of accounting for deferred acquisition costs in connection with modifications or exchanges of insurance contracts in 2007, and share-based payments and pension and other postretirement plan obligations in 2006.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You can inspect and copy these reports, proxy statements and other information at the public reference facilities of the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the Public Reference Room. The SEC also maintains a web site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC (www.sec.gov). Our internet address is www.genworth.com. However, the information on our website is not a part of this prospectus supplement. In addition, you can inspect reports and other information we file at the office of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

This prospectus supplement is part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The registration statement, including the attached exhibits, contains additional information about us. You may inspect the registration statement and exhibits without charge at the office of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, and you may obtain copies from the SEC at prescribed rates.

Table of Contents

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus supplement, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring to those documents. We hereby incorporate by reference the documents listed below, which means that we are disclosing important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and in some cases supersede this information. Specifically, we incorporate by reference the following documents or information filed with the SEC (other than, in each case, documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with SEC rules):

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007;

Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2008;

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on January 8, January 11, February 15 and April 1, 2008; and

Future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 after the date of this prospectus and before the termination of this offering.

Upon your oral or written request, we will provide you with a copy of any of these filings at no cost. Requests should be directed to Leon E. Roday, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Genworth Financial, Inc., 6620 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23230, Telephone No. (804) 281-6000.

Table of Contents

PROSPECTUS

GENWORTH FINANCIAL, INC.

DEBT SECURITIES

COMMON STOCK

PREFERRED STOCK

WARRANTS

RIGHTS

UNITS

We may from time to time offer to sell our debt securities, common stock or preferred stock, either separately or represented by warrants or rights, as well as units that include any of these securities or securities of other entities. The debt securities may consist of debentures, notes or other types of debt. Our Class A Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and trades under the ticker symbol GNW. The debt securities, preferred stock, warrants, rights and units may be convertible or exercisable or exchangeable for common stock or preferred stock or other securities of ours or debt or equity securities of one or more other entities.

We may offer and sell these securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis. These securities also may be resold by security holders. We will provide specific terms of any securities to be offered in supplements to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest.

Our principal executive offices are located at 6620 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23230. Our telephone number is (804) 281-6000.

Investing in these securities involves risks. See Item 1A Risk Factors beginning on page 72 of our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, which is incorporated by reference herein.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is November 3, 2006

Table of Contents

Table of Contents

<u>About This Prospectus</u>	1
<u>Where You Can Find More Information</u>	1
<u>Incorporation By Reference</u>	1
<u>Use of Proceeds</u>	3
<u>Description of Securities</u>	3
<u>Selling Securityholders</u>	3
<u>Legal Matters</u>	3
<u>Experts</u>	3

Table of Contents

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of an automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, as a well-known seasoned issuer as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933. By using a shelf registration statement, we may sell, at any time and from time to time, in one or more offerings, any combination of the securities described in this prospectus. As allowed by the SEC rules, this prospectus does not contain all of the information included in the registration statement. For further information, we refer you to the registration statement, including its exhibits. Statements contained in this prospectus about the provisions or contents of any agreement or other document are not necessarily complete. If the SEC's rules and regulations require that an agreement or document be filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, please see that agreement or document for a complete description of these matters.

You should read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with any additional information you may need to make your investment decision. You should also read and carefully consider the information in the documents we have referred you to in **Where You Can Find More Information** below. Information incorporated by reference after the date of this prospectus is considered a part of this prospectus and may add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Any information in such subsequent filings that is inconsistent with this prospectus will supersede the information in this prospectus or any earlier prospectus supplement. You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus and any supplement. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with other information.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You can inspect and copy these reports, proxy statements and other information at the public reference facilities of the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the Public Reference Room. The SEC also maintains a web site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC (www.sec.gov). Our internet address is www.genworth.com. However, the information on our website is not a part of this prospectus. In addition, you can inspect reports and other information we file at the office of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

We have filed a registration statement and related exhibits with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933. The registration statements contain additional information about us and the securities we may issue. You may inspect the registration statement and exhibits without charge at the office of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, and you may obtain copies from the SEC at prescribed rates.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring to those documents. We hereby incorporate by reference the documents listed below, which means that we are disclosing important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and in some cases supersede this information. Specifically, we incorporate by reference the following documents or information filed with the SEC (other than, in each case, documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with SEC rules):

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005;

Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended March 31, 2006, June 30, 2006 and September 30, 2006;

Table of Contents

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on January 20 (pursuant to Item 2.03 only), February 14 (both Current Reports filed on that date), February 24, February 27, March 8, March 27, May 31, July 21, August 23, September 22, October 20 and October 25, 2006;

The description of our Class A Common Stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on May 24, 2004;

The description of our Equity Units contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on May 24, 2004;

The description of our Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on May 24, 2004; and

Future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 after the date of this prospectus and before the termination of this offering.

Upon your oral or written request, we will provide you with a copy of any of these filings at no cost. Requests should be directed to Leon E. Roday, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Genworth Financial, Inc., 6620 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23230, Telephone No. (804) 281-6000.

Table of Contents

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise stated in the prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, we will use the net proceeds from the sale of any debt securities, common stock, preferred stock, warrants, rights or units that may be offered hereby for general corporate purposes. Such general corporate purposes may include, but are not limited to, the funding of our insurance operations, reducing or refinancing our indebtedness or the indebtedness of our subsidiaries, financing possible acquisitions and redeeming outstanding securities. The prospectus supplement relating to an offering will contain a more detailed description of the use of proceeds of any specific offering of securities.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

We will set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement a description of the debt securities, common stock, preferred stock, warrants, rights or units that may be offered under this prospectus.

SELLING SECURITYHOLDERS

Information about selling securityholders, where applicable, will be set forth in a prospectus supplement, in a post-effective amendment, or in filings we make with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, New York, New York.

EXPERTS

The financial statements and schedules for Genworth Financial, Inc. as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2005, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, have been incorporated by reference herein and in the registration statement in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing. The reports refer to a change in accounting for certain nontraditional long-duration contracts and for separate accounts in 2004.

Table of Contents

\$500,000,000

Genworth Financial, Inc.

% Senior Notes due 2018

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

May , 2008

Joint Book-Running Managers

Deutsche Bank Securities

Morgan Stanley

UBS Investment Bank