

## Immediate Release

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Caption: Ingrid Armada, left, and Anthony Maione, president and CEO of United Way of R.I., pose with UWRI's Dante Mollo Community Service Award, which Armada won for her leadership and commitment to the annual National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive and the U.S. Postal Service.

## **UWRI Labor Community Service Award goes to Ingrid Armada**

*A leader in the U.S. Postal Service & National Association of Letter Carriers since 1983*

**Providence, RI** (May 15, 2009) – At the Institute for Labor Studies and Research's annual dinner and awards on May 14 at the Westin Hotel, Cranston's Ingrid Mary Armada, president of Branch 15 of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), received United Way of Rhode Island's prestigious Dante Mollo Labor Community Service Award.

The President and CEO of United Way of Rhode Island, Anthony Maione, handed Armada the award acknowledging her devotion and commitment to the annual Letter Carrier's Food Drive. The award, given out annually, goes to an individual in the labor community who is dedicated to improving and making a positive impact on the community. Armada's work embodies UWRI's core values of integrity, impact, engagement, inclusiveness and leadership.

Now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year, the NALC annual food drive is the largest single-day collection of non-perishable items in the nation. Letter carriers throughout the United States deliver the mail and then collect donations as they go along their routes.

Since 1983, Ingrid Armada has worked for the United States Postal Service. She has been part of Branch 15 of the National Association of Letter Carriers for nearly 27 years, and she delivered mail in the Garden City and on the East Side for the first 16 years of her postal career.

Armada has always been actively involved as an advocate with Cranston-based Branch 15 serving as Local Steward, Postal Scribe, Chief Steward and Recording Secretary. In April 1996, she was elected to the full-time position of Branch President, a post she has held for the past 13 years.

In 2004, Armada was elected to the post of delegate to the AFL-CIO at the NALC National Convention, a position she still holds today. She sits on the Executive Council and Executive Board of the Rhode Island AFL-CIO.

She has volunteered at the Providence Performing Arts Center. She is a continuing education student at the Rhode Island School of Design.

A graduate of Fordham University in New York City, she completed her graduate work at New York University. She has one son, Mathieu, who is 21, and he is a junior at New York University.

UWRI's Dante Mollo Labor Community Service Award is named for the late Dante Mollo, a leader with the United Steelworkers. He was director of United Way's Labor Community Service department from 1977 until he retired in 1990. Mollo was well known for his selfless service to others. When he died 1994, this award and the emergency fund that United Way administers to help those in need were named in his honor.

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### About United Way of Rhode Island

United Way of Rhode Island has been working to improve the quality of life in Rhode Island communities for over 80 years. UWRI's mission is to mobilize the caring power of the community to improve the lives of people in need and address the issues Rhode Islanders care most about. United Way's goal is to create long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place. We believe that all Rhode Islanders deserve the opportunity to have a better life, as when any one of us succeeds, we all succeed. At United Way, we refer to this as advancing the common good. For more information, visit [www.LIVEUNITEDri.org](http://www.LIVEUNITEDri.org).

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