



A periodic email newsletter from Anthony Maione, President & CEO, intended to provide community leaders and partners with information about United Way's ongoing efforts to reduce the number of people in need in Rhode Island.

United Way Moving to Olneyville

2008 will be an historic year for United Way of Rhode Island as we move personally closer to our work by relocating our headquarters from Wayland Square on the East Side of Providence to the Olneyville section of the Capital City. Our decision to move to 50 Valley Street is a concrete example of our commitment to community impact.

While it is an emerging area, Olneyville is still one of the State's most challenged neighborhoods. United Way has invested more than \$2 million in recent years to support local organizations such as the Nickerson House Community Center, The Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council and the Olneyville Housing Corporation. We hope to increase our involvement as we learn even more about our new neighborhood.

The sale of our Wayland Square property to RI Acquisitions LLC and our lease-to-purchase agreement with Streuver Bros. Eccles & Rouse, Inc. also benefits the City of Providence. Our soon to be former headquarters will be placed back on the tax rolls and 50 Valley Street will return to useful service.

We're humbled by the support we've received from members of the Olneyville community. Providence City Council President Pro Tempore Josephine DiRuzzo, who represents the area, has said that "residents throughout the neighborhood will feel hopeful and inspired by United Way's presence."

Frank Shea, Director of the Olneyville Housing Corporation, has said that "having United Way as a neighbor, in addition to a partner, can only benefit Olneyville residents."

As we look forward to our new home, we have enjoyed being a part of the Wayland Square neighborhood. We're also grateful to FM Global, who transferred the Waterman Street building to us in the 1970s. It has been a valuable asset that has helped us serve the community for more than 30 years. Its legacy will continue in Olneyville.

I look forward to welcoming you to our new office in the Spring. For more information about our move, please visit our website at www.uwri.org.

Tony