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### **Carol Peterson of Cranston, RI Receives Tocqueville Society Philanthropy Award** Retired FM Global Executive is Recognized for Outstanding Community Service

Providence, R.I. (June 16, 2010) Carol Peterson of Cranston, RI received United Way of Rhode Island's (UWRI) highest honor, the Tocqueville Society Philanthropy Award. She accepted the award at a dinner party held at UWRI's headquarters in Olneyville. Formerly Senior Vice President of Administration at FM Global, Ms. Peterson retired in 2001.

"Carol is a great example of how one, hard working and dedicated person can make a meaningful impact on the lives of others," said Anthony Maione, president & CEO, United Way of Rhode Island. "Time and time again, Carol has reached out a hand to help people in need. Over the course of her life, she has literally helped thousands of people to help themselves."

Ms. Peterson is currently involved in many community organizations, including:

- United Way of Rhode Island's Community Advisory Board
- Board member, San Miguel School
- Vice Chair of the Board, Bradley Hospital
- Board member, Providence Children's Museum
- Principal funder of TALKWORKS: an anti-bullying program for elementary school children

"I am grateful for this recognition," said Carol Peterson. "My connection to United Way of Rhode Island dates back more than 30 years. I strongly believe in the importance of helping people in need, and United Way of Rhode Island is impacting this community in a way that is unique and necessary. We've certainly had many challenges over the past few years, but if we work together, we can create real impact."

Since the late 1980s, UWRI annually has paid tribute to a person or family who embodies the values of Alexis de Tocqueville, a mid 19th-century French political thinker and historian who admired America's spirit of volunteerism and advancing the common good.

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L-R: Laurie Backall, United Way of Rhode Island; Carol Peterson; Christopher Belleau, owner of Belleau Gallery in Providence, RI. He is a local artist who created the unique glass sculpture that Carol received.

### **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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