

## Immediate Release

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## Supply Drive: Donate new & unopened learning materials *Bring selected supplies to McCoy Stadium on June 2; see the PawSox for FREE*

Providence (May 24, 2010) -- Five area summer learning programs desperately need brand new, unopened supplies for each of their nearly 750 school-aged children participating in programs throughout the summer.

Those who want to participate can drop off items at any BankNewport branch location during business hours or at United Way of Rhode Island (UWRI), 50 Valley St., Providence, weekdays, from 9 to 4. If you would like to be a collection volunteers, you can organize collections from friends, family and/or acquaintances between the end of May and June 11. (Drop supplies off at United Way of Rhode Island, 50 Valley St., Providence)

*On June 2, patrons gain entry to McCoy Stadium for FREE if they bring selected supplies listed below (valuing a suggested \$5) to that night's PawSox game, which starts at 7:05 p.m.*

Materials must be new and unopened packages. They are: Regular and colored pencils, pens, markers, crayons, composition and single-subject spiral notebooks, paper (lined, construction and specialty), scissors, refillable water bottles, glue and sunscreen.

United Way of Rhode Island (UWRI), the Rhode Island Afterschool Plus Alliance (RIASPA), UWRI Young Leaders Circle and the Pawtucket RedSox have teamed up for this volunteer effort. The organizations that benefit are the Boys and Girls Club of Pawtucket; Pawtucket COZ; Connecting for Children and Families, Woonsocket; Providence After School Alliance (PASA); and SCOPE Central Falls.

For more information visit, [www.LIVEUNITEDri.org](http://www.LIVEUNITEDri.org); call (401) 331-2638; or e-mail [adam.greenman@afterschoolri.org](mailto:adam.greenman@afterschoolri.org).

**About United Way of Rhode Island (UWRI)**

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).

**Rhode Island Afterschool Plus Alliance (RIASPA)** is a statewide advocacy organization whose mission is to influence public policy to expand and support high quality afterschool programs so that Rhode Island's children and youth are inspired to learn, grow and prepared to lead productive lives. RIASPA was founded by, and is currently funded and housed by United Way of Rhode Island and is one of thirty-eight statewide afterschool networks in the nation funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. Currently RIASPA has a broad-based network of over 400 individual members in Rhode Island. Participating organizations include direct afterschool providers, substance abuse task-forces, community groups serving youth during the afterschool hours, school personnel, and state agencies, among others.