United Way of RI Honors Richard and Louise Carriere

Providence, R.I. (May 4, 2017): United Way of Rhode Island (UWRI) recognized long-time donors, Richard and Louise Carriere, with the prestigious 2016 Tocqueville Society Award on May 3. The award was presented at an annual thank you celebration for leadership donors. More than 250 people attended the event at the Roger Williams Park Botanical Center.

“With every aspect of Richard and Louise’s community involvement, their values embody what United Way is all about—improving lives today, and ensuring our ability to help the generations of tomorrow,” said Anthony Maione, President and CEO of United Way of Rhode Island. “It is thanks to the generosity of donors, including the Carriere’s, that we are able to launch and support programs that change lives and strengthen our communities. We are grateful for their commitment to helping Rhode Islanders in need.”

The Carriere’s have been members of United Way’s Tocqueville Society for 13 years; their commitment helps make significant and long-lasting change in people’s lives. (Please see biography below).

Founded in 1984, the United Way Tocqueville Society is an affinity program for leadership donors at United Way organizations across the country. The name recognizes Alexis de Tocqueville, a political thinker and historian whose work focused on creating social equality. The annual Tocqueville Society Award is the highest annual honor presented to United Way donors and volunteers. Rhode Island’s Tocqueville Society members contribute more than $3.6 million to United Way of Rhode Island each year.

Richard and Louise Carriere Biography

- Richard and Louise are life-long Rhode Island residents. Both were born and raised in Woonsocket, Rhode Island where they were taught the values of hard work and commitment that reflects the Tocqueville Society spirit and the UWRI Mission.

- Richard received his B.S. degree in Business Administration from Bryant University (’82) and his M.S. in Taxation from Bryant University (’87).
• Richard is a Senior Vice President of Wealth Management, and a co-managing Partner of The North Atlantic Group at Morgan Stanley. He has earned designations as a Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy and a Certified Financial Planner. He worked as an executive search consultant specializing in accounting and finance before founding his own staffing and search firm in Providence. The firm was acquired in 1996.

• Richard is the volunteer development director of the RI Business Plan Competition, which has accounted for over 300 entrepreneurial jobs in Rhode Island and currently serves on the Board of Incorporators for Johnson and Wales University. He is active in the RI Society of CPAs and the Estate Planning Council of RI.

• He was previously a member of Financial Advisor’s Board of the RI Foundation and the Community Advisor’s Board of United Way. Richard been an adjunct faculty member for Bryant University, Providence College and Johnson and Wales University. Richard was the Past President of the Bryant University Alumni Association.

• Richard and Louise were married in 1983 and have three children, Michael, Nicole and Kevin. They also have a wonderful daughter-in-law, Megan Carriere and the world’s most adorable granddaughter, Amelia Margaret Carriere.

• Prior to becoming a mother of three, Louise started her career at Bank of America as a bookkeeper for six years.

• Louise currently serves as Co-Treasurer for the Habitat for Humanity West Bay and Northern RI Chapter. She also is a member of the volunteer and fundraising committees and is a family partner to two local Habitat home owners. She has personally brought hammer to nails on five houses in her five years of service thus far.

• Louise is also majority owner of two family businesses, one being Classic Hassocks, a Woonsocket based manufacturer of Sports themed ottomans, and The Holy Spirit Center, inspired jewelry company from Richard's woodcarving hobby. Many non-profit organizations have benefited from the donations Sport ottomans for charity events.

• When she's not volunteering across Rhode Island, Louise is a Tax Preparer for Massachusetts CPA, Scott Sandstrom.

• Richard and Louise have volunteered for many organizations, including Crossroads Rhode Island, a hole in the wall ranch in Lake George, New York called The Double H. Ranch, Why Me, a Massachusetts organization that helps families who face childhood cancer, and the San Miguel School of Providence, to name a few.

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