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MENTOR Rhode Island Cuts Ribbon on New Headquarters!

(Warwick, RI) -- MENTOR Rhode Island has officially cut the ribbon on its new headquarters located at 2065 Warwick Avenue, Unit 1. The office adjoins the Coastway Community Bank branch on Warwick Avenue. The move was made possible by a generous, virtually no-cost, lease agreement with Coastway Community Bank, who are long-time supporters of mentoring.

"We're thrilled that we're able to expand our support for MENTOR Rhode Island in this way," says Bill White, President & CEO of Coastway Community Bank. "We have many Coastway employee mentors out in the community already, and this is just one more way Coastway can help Jo-Ann and her team do their important work."

"We are so thankful for this opportunity," says MENTOR Rhode Island President & CEO Jo-Ann Schofield. "This will allow us to move on from the distractions of owning and operating our own buildings and put a laser-like focus on our mission: to ensure youth have access to the motivational and supportive relationships they need to grow into confident, successful adults."

MENTOR Rhode Island would also like to thank its board chairwoman Deb Gormley, and her employer, The Washington Trust Company, who helped furnish the new office, and long-time supporter Jason Arabian of CMIT Solutions of Central RI, who donated his team's services to transfer the organization's IT. In order to pay that generosity forward MENTOR Rhode Island is allowing other non-profits to take anything remaining (desks, bookcases, chairs, etc.) at its former location.

MENTOR Rhode Island is the state leader in quality youth mentoring and is responsible for collaboration, training, and support among mentoring agencies so that each Rhode Island child who needs a mentor gets one. MENTOR Rhode Island offers the National Quality Mentoring System, an assessment and improvement process for mentoring programs to ensure the best possible youth outcomes and provides volunteer referral services, statewide marketing campaigns and advocacy for mentoring. MENTOR Rhode Island also directly operates The Feinstein Mentor Training Institute, which offers high-quality trainings for mentors and mentor program coordinators; and One-to-one school-based mentoring programs in Warwick, Woonsocket, Newport, Middletown, Cranston and Pawtucket where mentors meet for one-hour each week with their student mentees on school grounds, during school hours.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can become a mentor in Rhode Island, please visit: www.mentorri.org