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### **Rhode Island Mentoring Partnership Unveils New Name & Logo Becomes MENTOR Rhode Island**

**(Warwick, RI)** -- The Rhode Island Mentoring Partnership is pleased to unveil its new name and logo. The Partnership will now be known as MENTOR Rhode Island, an acknowledgement to its affiliation with MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership. To further illustrate that affiliation, MENTOR Rhode Island will adopt the “Building Block Heart” logo used by MENTOR and several of its affiliates across the country.

“MENTOR Rhode Island remains an independent affiliate of MENTOR,” says President & CEO Jo-Ann Schofield. “We have our own leadership structure, our own 501 (c) 3 designation, conduct our own fundraising, and provide our own quality mentoring services to youth and youth mentoring programs across Rhode Island.” “Our effort to align our brand with MENTOR’s will simply allow us to take advantage of the national relationships MENTOR has developed in support of the Mentoring Movement,” said Schofield. Those relationships include joint initiatives with the NBA, Nike, and LinkedIn.

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.

MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership (MENTOR) is the unifying champion for expanding quality youth mentoring relationships in the United States. For more than 25 years, MENTOR has served the mentoring field by providing a public voice; developing and delivering resources to mentoring programs nationwide; and promoting quality for mentoring through evidence-based standards, innovative research and essential tools. MENTOR has developed and supports a national network of affiliate Mentoring Partnerships that provide regional, state and local leadership and infrastructure necessary to support the expansion of quality mentoring relationships. Together, we engage with the private, public and nonprofit sectors to ensure that

all youth have the support they need through mentoring relationships to succeed at home, school and, ultimately, work.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can become a mentor in Rhode Island, please visit: [www.mentorRI.org](http://www.mentorRI.org)