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BankRI’s Annual “*Holiday Giving Tree*” Invites Community to Help Brighten the Season for Local Kids

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – The heart of the season of giving is here, and **Bank Rhode Island (BankRI)** is making it easy for Rhode Islanders to help brighten the holidays for children across the state. On the Friday following Thanksgiving, the bank will kick-off its signature “*Holiday Giving Tree*” program to collect gifts for those less fortunate. It is the 22nd year of the initiative.

Beginning November 29, each of BankRI’s 20 branches statewide will display a “*Holiday Giving Tree*” decorated with ornaments featuring the name, age, and holiday wish of a child served by that branch’s nonprofit partner. During the multi-week effort, customers and community members are invited to visit their local branch to select an ornament and provide a gift for that child. Donors may then return to the branch with their unwrapped gift to be placed beneath the tree.

To reach children in-need, BankRI has partnered with 16 nonprofits who will distribute the gifts in time for the December holiday. The bank is hoping to surpass the 1,481 gifts the program collected in 2018.

“This is our longest-running community program and one that so many of our customers, staff and neighbors look forward to each year – it’s a small way we can all make a big difference in the life of a young person at a particularly special time of year,” said Mark J. Meiklejohn, President and CEO of BankRI.

BankRI’s nonprofit partners for its 22nd annual “*Holiday Giving Tree*” are:

- ❖ Adoption Rhode Island
- ❖ Boys & Girls Clubs of Warwick
- ❖ Comprehensive Community Action Program
- ❖ CrossroadsRI: Domestic Violence Program
- ❖ Kingstown Crossings
- ❖ Providence Housing Authority
- ❖ ‘Tis the Season Coventry/West Greenwich
- ❖ Tri-County Community Action Agency
- ❖ Aids Care Ocean State
- ❖ Community Care Alliance
- ❖ Connecting for Children & Families
- ❖ East Bay Community Action Program
- ❖ Lucy’s Hearth
- ❖ SSTARbirth
- ❖ East Greenwich Dept. of Human Services
- ❖ Welcome House of South County

For BankRI branch locations and hours of operation, please visit www.bankri.com/locations.

About Bank Rhode Island

Bank Rhode Island, a wholly owned subsidiary of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ:BRKL), is a full-service, FDIC-insured financial institution headquartered in Providence, Rhode Island. The bank operates 20 branches and more than 40 ATMs throughout Providence, Kent, Newport and Washington Counties. For more information, visit www.bankri.com. You can also find BankRI on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BankRhodeIsland.