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## **BankRI to Host Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation's "Hope Bus" at its Wakefield Branch on July 11**

*Members of the community are invited aboard the resource center on wheels to learn about available programs and services, and to create a "Hope is..." bookmark in honor of a loved one touched by cancer*

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.** – To help bring important information about programs and services available to women battling breast cancer, survivors of the disease, and their families, **Bank Rhode Island (BankRI)** will welcome the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation's "Hope Bus" to its Wakefield branch on Wednesday, July 11. The 38-foot long, bright pink Wellness and Resource Center on wheels will be on-site from 10am to 2pm at 290 Main Street.

The "Hope Bus" visit is open to all members of the community and provides visitors an opportunity to learn about the wide-range of programs, services and resources offered by the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation.

In recent years, the Foundation has expanded its offerings through establishing the Gloria's Angels Program, which provides patients and survivors with extra supports during their journey with cancer. The program has four primary components; a Healthy Meals Delivery Service, Comfort Care Bags for newly-diagnosed patients, Light Housekeeping, and Oncology Massage for post-treatment survivors suffering from the lasting and often permanent side effects of cancer treatment. In support of the Healthy Meals Delivery Service, BankRI recently awarded the program a \$2,500 charitable grant.

Attendees will also have an opportunity to create a special "Hope is..." bookmark in honor of a loved one whose life has been touched by cancer by capturing what hope means to them. Additionally, breast cancer survivors will be on-hand to share their personal journeys with cancer and the support they received from the Foundation.

By stepping aboard the "Hope Bus," visitors receive immediate access to free resources that include one-on-one consultations, information on patient and survivor support groups, and walk-in breast health classes. In Rhode Island, one out of seven women will be diagnosed with breast cancer during her lifetime.

### **About Bank Rhode Island**

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