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**BankRI Raises \$18,545 for Junior Achievement of RI,
Named Top Overall Fundraiser of 34th Annual “Achieve-A-Bowl”**

Bank’s Scott Lajoie, of Warwick, named event’s Top Individual Fundraiser, raising \$6,660

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – For the fourth straight year, **Bank Rhode Island (BankRI)** has been named the Top Overall Fundraiser of Junior Achievement of Rhode Island’s annual “Achieve-A-Bowl” event. Coming together to knock down thousands of pins, BankRI’s team of two dozen bowlers raised \$18,545 to support the organization’s work to help students succeed in school and in careers.

On an individual level, Scott Lajoie, BankRI’s Vice President of Commercial Lending and a member of Junior Achievement’s Board of Directors, earned the distinction of being named the event’s Top Individual Fundraiser, raising \$6,660. It is the fourth time Lajoie has earned the honor.

“Being recognized for a job well done is always nice, but the real winners here are Junior Achievement and the thousands of students who benefit from their leading educational programs,” said Lajoie. “Each year, it’s inspiring to see the number of people, my BankRI colleagues included, who come out to support an event that makes a real difference in the lives of young people.”

Junior Achievement is the country’s largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills to own their economic success, plan for their futures, and make smart academic and economic choices. Locally, Junior Achievement Rhode Island delivers in-school and afterschool programs focused on work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy to students in grades K-12. This academic year, the organization’s programs will reach more than 10,000 local students.

Now in its 34th year, “Achieve-A-Bowl” is Junior Achievement’s largest and oldest fundraiser. This year’s event raised \$106,674, bringing the overall total to nearly \$2 million since it was established in 1983. To see pictures of the BankRI team at the event and the winning trophies, please visit www.Achiveabowl.org.

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 55 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/BankRhodelsland.

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