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**BankRI's Nancy Dufresne Honored by Connecting for Children and Families with the "Catherine Boisvert Walsh Outstanding Community Leader" Award**

*Dedicated to helping children in her hometown, Dufresne has served the organization's board for 11 years*

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.** – Nancy Dufresne, Vice President and Small Business Relationship Manager for **Bank Rhode Island (BankRI)** was recently honored by Connecting for Children and Families in Woonsocket. In recognition of her dedication to helping Woonsocket's children, Dufresne was presented with the organization's *Catherine Boisvert Walsh Outstanding Community Leader* award.

A resident of Woonsocket, where she also works in the BankRI office located at 1175 Cumberland Hill Road, Dufresne has served on the Connecting for Children and Families Board of Directors for 11 years. For the past 7 years, she has been the Board's treasurer.

"I am humbled to receive this honor, but more importantly, it has been a privilege to help advance the work of such an incredible organization that's doing so much good in this community," said Nancy. "I cannot think of anything more crucial to a child's future success than having access to high-quality educational opportunities, and that's exactly what Connecting for Children and Families helps to provide."

Established in 1995, Connecting for Children and Families is a community-based nonprofit whose work focuses on transforming the lives of Woonsocket children through high quality educational opportunities and family support. Serving one of Rhode Island's core urban communities, Connecting for Children and Families has grown to become one of the premier organizations in northern Rhode Island.

"On behalf of Connecting for Children and Families, I was thrilled to present Nancy Dufresne with the Catherine Boisvert Walsh Outstanding Community Leader Award for her tireless efforts on behalf of Woonsocket children and families," said Terese Curtin, Executive Director of Connecting for Children and Families. "We are a stronger organization because of Nancy's dedication and remarkable leadership; words alone cannot express how grateful we are for her continued support."

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