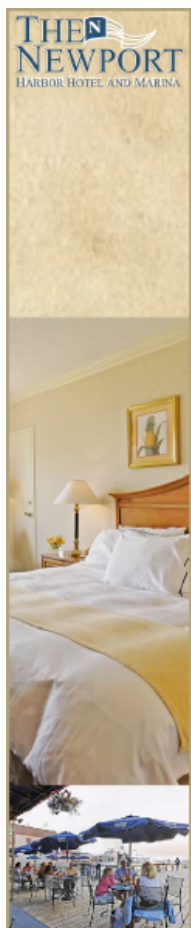


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BankRI donations help youth organizations

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PROVIDENCE – Bank Rhode Island recently provided a \$30,500 helping hand to 15 youth organizations during summer vacation and assisted youngsters in other ways, too.

Youth organizations and events receiving support from BankRI this summer included:

- The March of Dimes 2008 Citizen of the Year event to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.
- The 18th Annual Johnson & Wales University Golf Classic to help raise scholarships for students in need.
- The YMCA of Greater Providence’s “Strong Kids Campaign.”
- Re-Focus Inc.’s efforts to develop day options for developmentally disabled young adults as they get too old for the Rhode Island educational system.
- Providence City of Arts for Youth summer camp programs.
- Riverzedge Arts Project for the expansion of studios and to provide services and programs to underserved Woonsocket children.
- Junior Achievement of Rhode Island’s Economics for Success program.
- Megastar Productions’ filming of a documentary aimed at deterring underage drinking.
- The Comprehensive Community Action’s Smile Maker Program, which provides pediatric dental care services to disadvantaged children in Warwick and Cranston
- The John E. Fogarty Center’s Bridging the Gap Campaign, part of which will provide additional classroom space for early child education and allow new programming for children with special needs.
- Before- and after-school programs for Capital City Community Centers.



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RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE student Adryan Waite, who BankRI hosted as a part-time intern through The Institute for the Study & Practice of Nonviolence, was among the beneficiaries of the financial institution’s giving.

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- The annual golf tournament of St. Philip’s School in Smithfield.
- The Boys & Girls Club of Warwick’s 30th Annual Golf Tournament.
- Year Up, which provides young adults in urban areas with skills, experience and support to start professional careers and higher education.
- Providence Summerbridge, a year-round academic enrichment program for Providence public middle school students with limited economic opportunities.

In addition, BankRI offered an internship through the Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence’s Beloved Community Summer Jobs Program. Rhode Island College student Adryan Waite worked in the bank’s community relations and retail lending departments over the summer. Other support provided by BankRI includes the involvement of the banks’ leadership team and employees on the boards and committees of many youth-focused organizations.

“While BankRI supports a range of giving initiatives, it’s extremely rewarding for the bank to support our community’s young people and play a strong role in transforming their lives,” said Patricia Saracino, vice president of community relations for BankRI. “By responding to the needs of our youth, we are able to help them be healthy, grow in safe environments, hone artistic skills and pursue their personal and professional goals.”

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