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## **Rhode Island Community Food Bank Appoints 5 New Members to Board of Directors**

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.** The Rhode Island Community Food Bank is pleased to announce the appointment of five new members to their Board of Directors. The Food Bank, which has been helping Rhode Islanders in need for more than 25 years, is governed by a 24-member Board of Directors. Each year, the Food Bank's member agencies elect new members. The newest elected members are: Mark Freel, Arnold Friedman, Margaret Holland McDuff, Guia Sanchez and Cheryl Senerchia.

**Mark Freel** is a partner at Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge and was recently named one of the top litigators in Rhode Island in the 2008 edition of *Chambers & Partners: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. Mark has experience with a large range of litigation, having served as lead counsel in numerous cases involving constitutional and civil rights. A resident of Barrington, Mark has also been named a Rhode Island Super Lawyer since 2007 by *Law & Politics* magazine.

**Arnold Friedman** is the Vice President and Deputy General Counsel for Textron, Inc. and has been with the company for more than 30 years. A graduate of Cornell University and Harvard University Law School, Mr. Friedman worked with the Law Firm of Widett & Widett prior to joining Textron, Inc. A resident of Providence, Arnold chose to become involved with the Food Bank as an opportunity to work with an organization that provides a critical service to the community.

**Margaret Holland McDuff** is the CEO of Family Service Rhode Island and has been with the organization for nearly twenty years. During her tenure, she has served in a number of capacities including Senior Vice President and Director of Operations, among others. In 2008, she led the successful merger of AIDS Project RI with Family Service Rhode Island. A resident of Riverside, she has served as head of the Mayor's Substance Abuse Prevention Council in Providence and as a member of the Governor's Transition Team on Health Care.

**Guia Sanchez** is the Executive Director of the Joslin Community Center in Providence, a member agency of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. One of the Food Bank's largest member agency partners, the Joslin Community Center distributed more than 130,000 pounds of food to families in need during this past year. A resident of Providence and dedicated to helping others, Ms. Sanchez has also served her community as a United Way ambassador and holds a degree in communications from Syracuse University.

**Cheryl Senerchia** is a Senior Vice President of Citizens Bank Rhode Island and has been working with the company since 1990. Previously, she worked with the Bank of New England and at the Center for Individualized Training & Education as a Special Education Teacher. A resident of East Greenwich, Cheryl is a graduate of Rhode Island College and holds an MBA from Bryant University. She chose to become involved with the Food Bank because of her desire to help others and enthusiasm towards finding long-term solutions to the problem of hunger.

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Currently, the Rhode Island Community Food Bank feeds more than 40,000 Rhode Islanders each month through a network of 285 certified member agency programs. According to the USDA, nearly 11% of all Rhode Island households, representing 115,000 people, are at risk for hunger.

**The Rhode Island Community Food Bank** is a non-profit organization located in Providence, RI. The Food Bank solicits, stores and distributes food products donated by supermarkets, wholesalers, food processors, local farmers and community food drives. The food is then distributed to the Food Bank's network of 285 member agencies. In the past fiscal year, the Food Bank distributed 8.3 million pounds of food. For more information about the Food Bank, please visit [www.rifoodbank.org](http://www.rifoodbank.org)

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