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## **United Way of Rhode Island Bestows Highest Honor on Margaret and Thomas Lamb with Tocqueville Society Award**

**Providence, R.I.** (May 21, 2019) United Way of Rhode Island (UWRI) has presented long-time philanthropists and volunteers Margaret and Thomas Lamb with its prestigious Tocqueville Society Award. The East Greenwich couple was honored at UWRI's annual thank you celebration on May 8, held at Isle Brewers Guild in Pawtucket.

"There is no question that our communities and the lives of many of our neighbors have been made stronger thanks to Peggy and Tom's commitment to giving back," said Cortney Nicolato, president and CEO, United Way of RI. "With everything they do, the Lambs' values and dedication to helping others embody the United Way mission and our belief that anything is possible when we work together."

Founded in 1984, United Way's Tocqueville Society is an affinity program for leadership donors at United Way organizations across the country. Its name honors Alexis de Tocqueville, a political thinker and historian whose work focused on creating social equality. The Tocqueville Society Award is the highest annual honor presented by United Way. In Rhode Island, Tocqueville Society members contribute more than \$3.5 million to UWRI each year.

Recently retired from Bank of America as SVP and a mortgage executive, Peggy led a national team responsible for developing mortgage solutions for customers, with a special focus on ensuring sustainable homeownership for low-to-moderate income buyers.

In the community, she serves on the Executive Committee of Women United – a group of professional women working through UWRI to improve childhood education and early childhood literacy in the Ocean State. With Women United, Peggy helped design and implement Young Minds in Motion, a volunteer-led initiative to enhance STEM learning opportunities for local elementary and middle school students.

Tom is the retired CEO and Chairman of the Board of Centreville Bank. During his time at the helm, he reinvigorated with bank through its rebranding, expansion of products, and the revitalization of the Centreville Charitable Foundation and employee gift match program.

Among Tom's volunteerism, he has served on the boards of the Rhode Island Bankers Association, Kent Hospital Foundation, and the Arctic Village Association.

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