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United Way of Rockland County and M & T Bank Announce UWRC Grand Opening Celebration to be held on September 18, 2002

Thanks to M & T Bank, the new home of the United Way of Rockland County is now located on the second floor of M & T Bank's Nyack, New York branch. The grand opening celebration, to formally recognize M & T Bank as well as other volunteers who made this important event occur, will take place on September 18, 2002 at 11:30am at the new office.

“We are so grateful to M & T Bank for completely donating this prime office space”, states Naomi Adler, President and Chief Professional Officer for United Way of Rockland County. “As a result of this move, we are now more accessible to those in need and have a much more visible presence in the community.”

United Way of Rockland County is a local, independent non-profit organization led by a large partnership of community volunteers and a small professional staff. From pre-schoolers to the elderly, one in three people in Rockland are touched by the health and human service programs that receive support from United Way of Rockland County. In addition to raising money for non-profit programs, United Way of Rockland County works to foster community service and volunteerism, provides comprehensive Information and Referral services and advocates for non-profit agencies. Recently the organization received local, state and national recognition for its work as a lead agency providing local disaster relief to the Rockland area during the aftermath of the attack on the World Trade Center.

M&T Bank is the 26th largest bank in the United States with more than 450 branches in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia. The bank has a long history of collaborating with community based agencies and has for many years recognized the need for the outreach programs offered through the United Way of Rockland County.

Woody Collins, M&T Bank's Hudson Valley Division president, will visit the M&T and United Way offices in Nyack for the grand opening celebration. "This is an opportunity to express our appreciation for the many efforts by the local United Way team in making our community stronger," said Collins. "We anticipate an expanding economy in the Hudson Valley Region and good, solid community based ingenuity is the only way to assure that everyone benefits from that growth," he said.

Arrangements can be made for interviews with Mr. Collins by contacting Jean Hill, vice president Corporate Communications, at (716) 842-4606.

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