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United Way of Rockland County receives state award recognizing exceptional 9/11 disaster relief work

West Nyack, NY – Naomi L. Adler, Esq., President and Chief Professional Officer of the United Way of Rockland County (UWRC), recently accepted an award from the United Way of New York State recognizing UWRC's exceptional work attending to the needs of the Rockland community immediately after September 11, 2001. This special award was presented at 7pm on May 14, 2002 in Albany, as part of the United Way of New York State Annual Conference.

“Although we have received a great deal of recognition for our work with those people directly affected by the World Trade Center disaster, this award is quite significant for our local United Way” stated Adler. “This is the first time that we have been selected by the state United Way organization to receive an award and we are extremely honored.”

C. Scott Vanderhoef, Rockland County Executive and long-time member of the United Way of Rockland County Board, commented, “United Way of Rockland County rose to the challenge of responding to the September 11th terrorist attack and is most deserving of this honor. Victim's families, displaced workers and the general population have received funding, counseling and support in the wake of this attack because of the incredible efforts of United Way. The County of Rockland has been proud to have United Way as its partner in setting up the Rockland Families Disaster Fund and the Rockland Assistance Center. ”

Although the United Way of Rockland County, Inc. has been praised for quickly distributing over \$1.1 million to those directly affected by September 11th and local non-profit agencies that provided crucial mental health assistance throughout the last few months, this award also recognizes the organization's additional work at the Rockland Assistance Center, now considered a model of successful collaboration.

The Rockland Assistance Center, a joint venture of the United Way of Rockland County with the County Executive's Office, the Rockland County Mental Health Department, the Mental Health Association of Rockland, United Hospice of Rockland and the Rockland Police Departments, is still in operation. Residents affected by the WTC disaster can still receive information about support services, counseling services, financial planning and legal services by calling 845-708-9252.

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