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**MEALS ON WHEELS OF RI ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS
OF MEGAN HERNE, JOE ROTELLA TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

PROVIDENCE, R.I.—Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island proudly announces the appointments of Megan Herne, human resources manager-North America, AstroNova, and Joe Rotella, business manager, Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation to its board of directors.

“As Meals on Wheels of RI continues its mission of helping our state’s homebound older adults to remain living independently in their own homes, it is crucial that we have a board of directors with diverse backgrounds, skill sets and interests to help guide us in being innovative in our efforts to expand our work,” said Executive Director Meghan Grady. “Joe and Megan each bring extremely valuable experiences and insights to our team and we are thrilled to welcome them to our board.”

Herne, a Newport resident, joined AstroNova, Inc., a global leader in developing and applying data visualization technologies, in 2016, where she is responsible for the development and administration of various human resource plans and procedures.

Dedicated to the service of others, Herne also serves on the board of trustees at Davies Career & Technical High School. In 2015, she was recognized by the R.I. Hospitality Association as an Emerging Leader Under 30 and by the Howley Bread Group as the Operations Support Person of the Year.

Herne earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Rhode Island and will complete her master’s degree in business administration with Southern New Hampshire University in spring 2020. She holds human resources certifications from the HR Certification Institute and the Society of Human Resources Management, and is a 2019 graduate of Leadership Rhode Island.

Rotella has worked with the R.I. Resource Recovery Corporation since 1994, and managed the Corporation's Eco-Depot program prior to becoming business manager of

the Material Recycling Facility. Since 2001, the Eco-Depot has diverted over 10,700,000 pounds of household hazardous waste from the state landfill, keeping the state's groundwater, rivers and bay safe. In 2016 he was the recipient of the Clean Water Action's Earth Day Champion Award.

Rotella is vice chair of the Johnston School Committee, and serves on several boards, commissions and social clubs. He resides in Johnston with his wife Jennifer and their two children.

Meals on Wheels of RI Board of Directors

Chair—Kevin Millonzi, owner, Millonzi Fine Catering and Millonzi's Kitchen Bar

Vice Chair—John Moran, retired, Meals on Wheels of RI

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Megan Herne—human resources manager-North America, AstroNova

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Corey McCarty—vice president, consumer segment, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island

Helen Macdonald—sales associate, Mott & Chace Sotheby's International Realty

Peter Marino—president and CEO, Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island

Patricia Paola—senior vice president, Webster Bank

Joe Rotella—business manager, Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation

About Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island

Since 1969, Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island has focused on meeting the nutritional and other special needs of the elderly in order to help them maintain their independent lifestyles. Meals on Wheels of RI directly addresses the issues of nutrition, health and safety in our senior

population, impacting thousands across the state every year with our Home-Delivered Meal Program, the only nonprofit meal delivery program of its kind in Rhode Island; the Capital City Café Program and Senior Restaurant Program, which offer community-based dining for more mobile seniors; an Emergency Meal Program; the Senior Wish Program, providing necessities for seniors in need; and the Pet Food Program.

Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island, a 501 (c) (3) organization, is not an affiliate of a national organization and relies on donations from individuals, corporate funding and sponsorship and foundation grants. All funding received directly provides services for RI residents.

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