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Skyline at Waterplace

Welcome  
Mario Hilario, Emcee  
Anchor, NBC 10 Weekend Sunrise

Greetings  
Sister Maureen Mitchell, RSM  
Leader, Sisters of Mercy, Northeast

Heart of Mercy  
Awards Presentation  
Recognizing individuals and organizations  
that uphold the principles of the Sisters of Mercy

Fund-a-Need Auction

Closing Remarks  
Sister Irene Nerney, RSM
Edward “Ned” O. Handy, III is the Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer for Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc., the parent of The Washington Trust Company. Handy leads a team of more than 600 employees dedicated to providing a full range of financial services, including commercial banking, mortgage banking, personal banking and wealth management and trust services through offices located throughout Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

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Handy served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Washington Trust since November of 2013. Before joining the Bank, he spent 18 years at Citizens Financial Group, most recently serving as President of Citizens Bank Rhode Island and Citizens Bank Connecticut. He began his career in commercial lending at Fleet Financial Group.

A Brown University graduate and Rhode Island resident, Handy is the Chairman of the Board for the Rhode Island Community Food Bank and serves on the boards for both Delta Dental of Rhode Island and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce.
Marc Perlman is CEO and co-founder of Ocean State Job Lot, a closeout retailer based in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. Job Lot generates over $720 million in annual sales across 139 stores in nine states by creating extreme value for its customers.

A Long Island, New York, native, Marc graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 1969, took some graduate courses, and then worked in New York City as a cab driver, drug rehabilitation counselor, and real estate investor. He found himself drawn to the entrepreneurial endeavors of a few lower Manhattan retailers, who offered products at below-market prices. Marc liked what he saw, and together with his brother Alan and a college friend, chipped in $500 each to start Ocean State Job Lot in 1977.

Marc has led Job Lot to great success through entrepreneurial passion and creativity. As Job Lot has grown, the owners have expanded their business interests to include restaurants, car dealerships, a soap manufacturer, a honey producer, a water purification company and more. That’s because Marc and his partners are always looking for opportunities to create value.

Active philanthropically, Marc supports organizations ranging from Boston Medical Center and Providence’s Trinity Repertory Theater to building eight schools in Cambodia. Job Lot amplifies Marc’s philanthropic vision, supporting seniors, veterans, first responders and teachers in local communities. The company has also provided disaster relief assistance around the world and is the largest food donor in the Northeast, supporting dozens of food banks with over 12 million of pounds of nutritious food each year.

Marc lives in North Kingstown with his wife Claire. Their three grown sons are involved at Job Lot or affiliated companies.
Dr. Carol Reagan Shelton, a former Rhode Island College professor of nursing and a former Sister of Mercy, has dedicated her life to social justice. Like many Catholic schoolgirls in the 1950’s, Carol admired the Sister of Mercy teachers who taught her and joined them after high school, in 1955. She is forever grateful to the Mercy community for the education, friendships and commitment to social justice that the community gave her.

Carol earned a nursing degree from Salve Regina University, a master’s degree in public health nursing from the University of Minnesota and taught at St. Mary Academy – Bay View and Salve Regina University for several years.

The turbulent times for both the Church and the country in the 1960’s and 1970’s led Carol, along with other religious women and men, to become immersed in the problems of people who are poor and disenfranchised, as well as in Vietnam War protests. In 1970, Carol left the community to marry Henry Shelton, a former priest and well-know social advocate. For the next 47 years, the couple raised five children—four sons and a daughter—and worked with other advocates for a more just society.

A Rhode Island College professor of nursing for over 30 years, Carol has long been an advocate for childbearing women, especially for low-income and minority women. She earned a PhD from Brandeis University in 1991; her dissertation demonstrated how childbirth for poor, minority women improved when midwives provided care.

Over her long career, Carol has served on numerous agency boards of directors related to health care. In addition, she continues her Mercy relationship by serving on Salve Regina University’s Vision of Mercy Scholarship Committee, and with Sister Virginia Walsh, RSM, co-edits a university online publication, The Journal of Inter-disciplinary Feminist Thought.
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From Margaret and Howard Watson
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For more than 165 years, in response to the needs of the time, Sisters of Mercy have been instrumental in founding and staffing many ministries throughout Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts.

Among these ministries rooted in Mercy are many schools and social service agencies. Some have since closed, but many remain a vibrant part of the Mercy mission. We honor their contributions to making Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts a better place for everyone.

SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES

- Amos House, Providence
- Dorcas International, Providence
- Market Ministries, New Bedford
- McAuley Ministries, Providence
- Mount Saint Rita Health Centre, Cumberland
- Nazareth Hall, Attleboro
- Nazareth Hall, Cape Cod
- Nazareth Hall, Fall River
- Pine Harbor, Pascoag
- Re-Focus, Providence
- St. Aloysius Home, Greenville
- St. Vincent’s Home, Fall River

SCHOOLS

- Bishop Feehan High School, Attleboro
- Greater Woonsocket Catholic Regional School, Woonsocket
- Holy Family High School, New Bedford
- Holy Family School, New Bedford
- Holy Name School, New Bedford
- Holy Trinity School, West Harwich
- Immaculate Conception School, Westerly
- Mercymount Country Day School, Cumberland
- Mount St. Mary Academy, Fall River
SCHOOLS (continued)
Newport County Catholic Regional School, Newport
Our Lady of Mercy School, East Greenwich
Salve Regina University, Newport
Sophia Academy, Providence
St. Anthony School, West Warwick
St. Augustine School, Newport
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St. Timothy School, Warwick
St. Xavier Academy, Providence
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We hope we’ve included all ministries rooted in Mercy.
However, if we’ve left off a valued ministry, kindly let us know by calling Doreen Tucker, Donor Relations Officer, at 401-333-6333.

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NORTHEAST MINISTRY FUND

The Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Northeast announces the 2019-2020 Northeast Ministry and Education Assistance Awards. The purpose of the fund is to support ministries in which Sisters of Mercy of the Northeast serve persons who are materially poor. A total of $400,000 has been awarded as follows.

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- Mercy Focus on Haiti
- CREA
- Grace Academy
- St. Mary’s Church Outreach Center
- Sacred Heart Outreach Center
- Mercy Housing and Shelter Corp.
- Catholic Rural Ministry-Oil City Deanery
- Sophia Academy
- Mercy Mount Country Day School
- Mater Christi School
- Hartford Catholic Worker
- Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti
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- Partnership for Earth Spirituality
- Salve Regina Textbook Support

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AWARDS

- Blessed Sacrament School
- Catholic Central High School
- Mercy High School
- Woodlawn Regional Catholic School
- University of St. Joseph, CT
- Maria College, Albany
- Sophia Academy
- St. Mary Academy - BayView
- College of St. Mary Omaha
- Mater Christi School
- Saint Joseph’s College, Maine
On March 11, 1851, Mother Frances Warde and four Sisters arrived in Providence from Pittsburgh at the request of the Bishop of Providence. Fearing the wrath of the city’s anti-Catholic Know-Nothings, they dressed in lay clothing and entered at night. Moving into a small house on High Street, now Weybosset Street, the small band of Sisters established the first permanent convent in New England by celebrating Mass there the following day. Immediately the Sisters began visiting the poor, establishing an orphanage and St. Xavier Academy for girls. The tension between the Sisters and the Know-Nothings reached a climax in 1855, when posters appeared announcing an attack on St. Xavier’s. The bishop and the mayor of Providence sent 400 men to come to the Sisters’ aid.

The Sisters are still supported today for their acts of mercy in the community. Sisters can be found at Mercy-sponsored ministries including McAuley Ministries, Mercy Ecology Center, Mercymount Country Day School, Saint Mary Academy-Bay View, and Salve Regina University as well as numerous other organizations rooted in Mercy such as Sophia Academy, Amos House and the Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence. Sisters continue to be actively involved in various other ministries such as hospice, pastoral care, religious education, and other parish work assisting with the critical needs of Rhode Island’s most vulnerable populations.
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