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Dear Councilors:

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Thank you for your 2024 Gift to The Samaritans of RI

Thank you for your municipal appropriation of \$1000 to The Samaritans. We are grateful for your support of Rhode Island's Suicide Prevention and Education Center.

Irene Ogarek
Secretary

The pandemic's impact on The Samaritans of RI and those we serve has challenged our board, staff and volunteers in ways never imagined but the resolve to not give up matches our will to create new systems and protocols to reach those who need us – ***the isolated and alone, the hopeless, the suicidal, their caregivers and the grieving.***

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Supporting Suicide Prevention Barriers

Teresa Chopoorian, EdD, MSN

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As you know, The Samaritans of RI has been a local leader in advocating for and educating the public about the need for physical suicide prevention barriers on the state's bridges over Narragansett Bay. An initial \$1.7 million dollars has been appropriated to commission engineering studies for the four bridges but we are far from the finish line. Incredibly, the process has been slow and deaths continue. Please know we will continue to advocate for a creative, cost-effective permanent solution until our bridges are safe.

Bryan Ganley

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***With many challenges ahead, we again thank you for your support.
Working together, we are truly Rhode Islanders helping Rhode Islanders.***

Ann McCarthy

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Sincerely,

Denise Panichas, Executive Director

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One hundred percent (100%) of all charitable donations to The Samaritans of RI support our local, Rhode Island based charity.

Forever Home Campaign
Volunteer Architect, the late
Dana M. Newbrook

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