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**Hillside Avenue Family & Community Medicine of Pawtucket Recognized
with Award and Names Food Bank Recipient of Grant Funds**
\$5,000 Gift will Help Provide Emergency Food to Families in Need

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Pawtucket-based Hillside Avenue Family & Community Medicine is not only making a difference in the lives of their patients each day, they're also helping to feed the growing number of Rhode Islanders experiencing hunger.

The practice recently earned a McKesson Distinguished Achievement Award for their work using the group's innovative Practice Partner® Electronic Health Record to improve the health of chronically ill patients. It's what came along with this prestige that will further make an impact for many more in our state.

As part of their award, Hillside received a \$5,000 grant from McKesson, one of the nation's largest healthcare services and information technology companies, to be donated to the charity of their choice. The group chose the Rhode Island Community Food Bank.

"We selected the Rhode Island Community Food Bank because we recognize the positive impact it continues to have on the community during times of struggle," stated Renee Bromley, Practice Administrator for Hillside. "We understand the increased need in light of how difficult the economy has impacted many Rhode Islanders. This is an opportunity to be a part of the Food Bank's outreach to help so many who are hurting."

Over the last two years, the Food Bank has experienced a dramatic 50 percent increase in the number of households requesting food assistance through its statewide network of emergency food programs. At food pantries in Rhode Island, four out of every ten served are families with children.

"The Food Bank currently serves more than 55,000 Rhode Islanders each month," stated Lisa Roth Blackman, Chief Philanthropy Officer of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. "As we work to keep up with the increased need, and ensure that no one in our state goes hungry, the generosity of Hillside Medical in selecting the Food Bank as the recipient of this donation will be of great help."

The Rhode Island Community Food Bank is a non-profit organization located in Providence, RI. The Food Bank solicits, stores and distributes food products donated by supermarkets, wholesalers, food processors, local farmers and community food drives. The food is then distributed to the Food Bank's network of more than 300 member agency programs. In the past fiscal year, the Food Bank distributed 9.7 million pounds of food. For more information about the Food Bank, please visit www.rifoodbank.org.

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