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***Mobile Beacon awards community grant to
R.I. Office of Healthy Aging's digiAGE Collaborative***

Mobile Beacon is honored to donate a community grant in our anniversary series to Federal Hill House – a partner in the Office of Healthy Aging's (OHA) digiAGE Collaborative. To celebrate our 10-year anniversary, we are presenting 10 grants to anchors of the community to support and enable local and national organizations in pursuance of their missions.

We are honored to provide a \$10,000 monetary donation, as well as 10 laptops, 10 4G LTE hotspot devices, and free Mobile Beacon service to Federal Hill House. As a member of the digiAGE Collaborative, Federal Hill House is helping to bridge the digital divide for older Rhode Islanders by linking them to the technology and virtual opportunities that underpin modern life. Through Beacon's support, Federal Hill House will provide smart devices, internet service, and digital literacy training to older adults in communities hit hard by COVID-19 to help them access online resources and virtually connect with family and friends.

"We started the digiAGE Collaborative to empower people to engage with technology in new or deeper ways – especially during this pandemic," said OHA Director Rosamaria Amoros Jones. "A quarter of older Rhode Islanders aren't online; this affects their ability to connect with loved ones or access vital services and opportunities, such as food delivery and telehealth, right now. I am grateful to Mobile Beacon and Federal Hill House for their partnership as we work to get more Rhode Islanders connected and address digital inequities across our state."

Mobile Beacon is delighted to celebrate 10 years of providing mobile internet access and unlimited mobile broadband service to the anchors of communities: nonprofits, schools, libraries, and healthcare organizations. Through the 10 for 10 years grant series, Mobile Beacon wishes to give these community anchors resources to continue carrying out their missions, and hopes to increase awareness of the institutions we serve, their community initiatives, and beyond.

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About Mobile Beacon: Founded in 2010, Mobile Beacon's Educational Broadband Service (EBS) spectrum, licensed by the FCC, provides high-speed, low-cost, mobile internet access to the anchors of communities: nonprofits, schools, libraries, and healthcare organizations. In honor of our 10th anniversary, Mobile Beacon is awarding 10 community grants to anchors of our local community, who embody a similar mission in creating opportunities for underserved groups and investing in our nation's future. Through the broadband service, Mobile Beacon provides, organizations have an essential tool to fulfill their missions and maximize their philanthropic impact, which allows organizations to access more information, reach more people, and help more in their communities. Learn more at <http://www.mobilebeacon.org>.

About the Rhode Island digiAGE Collaborative: Created during the COVID-19 pandemic, the digiAGE Collaborative brings together industry, government and community partners to help bridge the digital divide for older Rhode Islanders and family caregivers through coordinated investments in smart devices, internet services, digital literacy training, and online content creation. Become a sponsor or learn more about the expanding list of digital programs and opportunities available to older Rhode Islanders by calling 401.462.3000 or visiting www.oha.ri.gov/digiAGE.

About Federal Hill House: Federal Hill House is a leader in the non-profit sector in Rhode Island, creating programs and opportunities that strengthen individuals and families in the community. This is accomplished through services and initiatives such as early childhood education, out of school programming, senior engagement, family support services, basic needs, and financial literacy. Learn more at: <https://www.federalhillhouse.org/>.