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**After Nearly Four Decades of Impactful Giving, Moran-Ventre Charitable Foundation
Passes the Torch**

*Rhode Island Foundation to continue Moran-Ventre's mission of supporting individuals with
intellectual and developmental disabilities*

WARWICK, R.I. (Sept. 30, 2025) – After nearly four decades of impactful service across the state of Rhode Island, the Moran-Ventre Charitable Foundation recently made the decision to sunset its operations and transfer its fund to the Rhode Island Foundation, the Moran-Ventre Foundation's Board of Directors announced today.

Founded in 1986 by Gerald P. Ventre and the late John E. Moran, Sr. the Moran-Ventre Charitable Foundation is focused on improving the quality of life for Rhode Islanders with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Throughout its history, the Foundation has quietly supported a wide range of community-based programs, contributing grant funding to everything from providing basic needs for individuals, to scholarships to strengthen the Special Education workforce, to adaptive yoga classes aimed at individuals of all ages with disabilities, to residential group home improvements.

“Following the example of our founders, the Moran-Ventre Charitable Foundation has always prioritized our work over recognition,” said **Gerald P. Ventre**, the Foundation's longtime president. “Our sole goal has been to make real, lasting, concrete improvements in the lives of the people we serve, and we are incredibly proud of what we have been able to accomplish with our friends, colleagues and supporters across the state.”

Among the Foundation's most meaningful initiatives was its \$150,000 pledge to the Rhode Island College Foundation in 2020 to establish the Ben Moran Scholarship Fund. Named in memory of John E. Moran, Sr.'s grandson, this scholarship program supports college students who are pursuing careers in the special needs community.

“As our leadership team began entering its retirement years, we prioritized developing a plan to ensure the mission of our Foundation would continue to receive the attention, time and passion it deserves,” said Ventre. “We are thrilled to pass the torch on this critical work to the Rhode Island Foundation, and we have full confidence that their team's strong track

record of success in Rhode Island will be invaluable to the communities and causes we have supported throughout our history.”

"These two families have a long history of service to Rhode Islanders with disabilities. We are looking forward to working together to continue their impressive legacy of helping others," said David N. Cicilline, CEO of the Rhode Island Foundation.

"My father often reminded us, ‘It’s not all yours, you know.’ That spirit of giving shaped our family and this foundation,” said **Tim Moran**, vice president of the Moran-Ventre Charitable Foundation. “By focusing on small but meaningful acts – funding a wheelchair van, an air conditioner, a washing machine, or making a shower accessible – this foundation has truly mattered. These grassroots efforts have changed individual lives, and the gratitude we’ve witnessed is the true legacy of my parents, our donors and our larger community."

“The Foundation has always been guided by faith, compassion, and a sincere belief in the dignity of every person,” said **Rev. Msgr. Gerard O. Sabourin**, who leads the Diocesan Apostolate for the Handicapped and has partnered with the Foundation on past initiatives. “Its legacy may not be on display, but its impact is visible every day—in classrooms, homes, and lives across our state.”

The Moran-Ventre Charitable Foundation’s assets and operations will be officially transferred by Sept. 30, 2025, to create the Rhode Island Foundation’s new **Moran-Ventre Charitable Fund**. Donors seeking to support this effort can learn more by [clicking here](#).

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About the Moran-Ventre Charitable Foundation

Established in 1986, the Moran-Ventre Charitable Foundation (formerly the John E. Moran Foundation) was dedicated to enhancing the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Rhode Island. With a philosophy rooted in humility and service, it quietly funded education, community engagement, and inclusive programming across the state.

About the Rhode Island Foundation

The Rhode Island Foundation is the largest and most comprehensive funder of nonprofit organizations in Rhode Island. Through civic leadership, fundraising and grant-making activities, together with neighbors and partners, the Foundation is helping to create progress that lasts. For more information, visit rifoundation.org.