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## Elizabeth Burke Bryant Honored for Service in Health Care in Rhode Island

**Warwick, RI** – Elizabeth Burke Bryant, JD, executive director of Rhode Island Kids Count, was honored with the 2006 HARI Award for Public Service by the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI) at its annual Celebration of Excellence. The award traditionally honors individuals who have been advocates for quality health care in Rhode Island.

This year's recipient was honored for her remarkable contribution to health care issues, not only in Rhode Island, but regionally and nationally as well. The health of children and families is a major focus of her work. Her leadership role in health care includes legislative advocacy on such critical issues as lead poisoning in children and access to oral health care. She has been a major force in the health care marketplace regarding health insurance for children and families, especially through her involvement with RIte Care.

Burke Bryant is a graduate of the University of Vermont and the George Washington University Law School. Prior to her current position, she worked for the City of Providence and was a consultant to the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation, The Rhode Island Foundation and the Women's Prison Mentoring Project.

Edward Iannucilli, MD, FACP was presented the Benjamin R. Sturges Distinguished Service Award for his dedication to the health care community.

The employees of the year from HARI's member hospitals were also recognized during the program.

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*Pictures of the award recipients are available electronically by request.*