



The Human Rights Campaign in

RHODE ISLAND



The fight to win marriage equality in Rhode Island has been years in the making. The Human Rights Campaign began working in the Ocean State in 2011, sending eight field organizers to support the work of Marriage Equality Rhode Island.

Highlights of HRC's Rhode Island activities:

- Helped form Rhode Islanders United for Marriage coalition campaign and served on the campaign's board.
- Total HRC financial and staff contributions exceed \$100,000, including:
 - Financial contribution of **\$49,000** to Rhode Islanders United for Marriage.
 - Senior Regional Field Organizer David Turley, who led the campaign's efforts to secure support for marriage equality from Ocean State mayors and city councils.
 - Efforts led to the **creation of Rhode Island Mayors for Marriage Equality** and unanimous city council resolutions supporting marriage equality in four of Rhode Island's ten largest cities.
 - Faith Organizer Amelia Nugent, who led the campaign's efforts to **create Catholics for Marriage Equality and to secure support from clergy and people of faith**. She spearheaded large-scale public events featuring the national leaders of the United Church of Christ and the Unitarian Universalist Association.
 - Phone bank technology that allowed the campaign to host simultaneous phone banks at multiple locations in Rhode Island directly connecting voters with their lawmakers.
- Sent emails to HRC members and supporters in the state since January 2013, totaling **47,547 messages sent**, generating nearly **2,100 messages to legislators**.
- 28 online activists** recruited for offline volunteer work.
- 89 letters to the editor** submitted by HRC supporters to seven publications.
- Support from **HRC volunteers** in Boston and Greater New York for a **regional weekend of action**.



"For several years HRC has been a true partner in Rhode Island's efforts to win marriage equality in the Ocean State. HRC provided us with key boots on-the-ground that added to our state's unprecedented grassroots campaign to win marriage. Thank you, HRC." - Ray Sullivan, Campaign Manager, Rhode Islanders United for Marriage

"Through the many years of our struggle, the Human Rights Campaign has provided the necessary leadership and resources we needed to be successful. HRC was instrumental in getting the marriage bill passed in Rhode Island." - Rhode Island Representative Frank Ferri



With HRC's support, and that of our coalition partners, the Rhode Islanders United for Marriage Campaign achieved the following results:

