**United Way of Pioneer Valley – Centennial Award recipient remarks for June 2, 2022**

Congratulations to the United Way of Pioneer Valley – 100 years is an amazing feat! As your “older colleague,” welcome to the 100 Club. Thank you for the terrific work you do on behalf of community members from Chester to Holland, from Granby and South Hadley to, of course, MassMutual’s hometown of Springfield. I’m honored to accept the Centennial Award on behalf of everyone at MassMutual.

The United Way of Pioneer Valley and MassMutual have a long history of “living mutual” – working hard to ensure that everyone has, as you say, “the building blocks for a good quality of life: education, health, and financial stability.” MassMutual is proud of our long history of partnering with the UWPV to ensure that everyone has access to these fundamental building blocks. We are particularly proud to support the Thrive Financial Success Centers, which provide clients the opportunity to access free, confidential, one-on-one financial coaching in order to build financial resiliency and relieve financial stress. We are proud to share this goal of strengthening financial wellness for all, regardless of zip code.

Here’s to another 100 years!

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