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### **MWV Hosts Luncheon to Celebrate \$350k Community Fund**

#### Suppliers of MWV's Interior Headquarters Construction Project Give Back to Community Organizations

Richmond, Virginia (April 15, 2010)—Several Richmond organizations received a generous helping hand today from the contractors and sub-contractors that were part of the MWV headquarters tenant improvement construction phase (or the building's interior). The MWV Community Fund, created by MWV and general contractor Whiting-Turner, generated \$350,000 in grants for local organizations focused on education, diversity, youth and safe environments.

MWV developed the fund concept as an extension of its commitment to supplier diversity and the local Richmond community. The Fund, of which United Way serves as the fiscal agent, is comprised of 2 percent of the tenant improvement construction costs from the contractors and sub-contractors. Today at MWV's new downtown headquarters the company hosted a luncheon to honor the gracious donors and recipients.

"As far as we're aware, this is the first fund-raising effort of its kind," said Linda Schreiner, senior vice president, MWV. "We are proud to have originated the concept, but this couldn't have been accomplished without the commitment of our suppliers, which include local minority- and women-owned businesses that are the foundation of the Richmond business community. These grants will help promote education and life skills, and reduce crime and violence in our area."

The grants were awarded to the following organizations: Communities in Schools; Violence Free Zone; Challenge Discovery; Boaz & Ruth; FIRST Contractors; J. Sargeant Reynolds; Partnership for the Future; and St. Catherine/St. Christopher Saturday Academy. A total of 25 contractors and sub-contractors contributed to the fund.

#### **About MWV**

MeadWestvaco Corporation (NYSE: MWV), provides packaging solutions to many of the world's most-admired brands in the healthcare, beauty and personal care, food, beverage, media and entertainment, home and garden, tobacco, and commercial print industries. The company's businesses also include Consumer & Office Products, Specialty Chemicals, and the Community Development and Land Management Group, which sustainably manages the company's land holdings to support its operations, and to provide for conservation, recreation and development opportunities. With 20,000 employees worldwide, MWV operates in 30 countries and serves customers in more than 100 nations. MWV

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