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METLIFE FOUNDATION AWARDS \$500,000 TO FOOD BANKS ACROSS COUNTRY

Support to Fight Hunger Exceeds \$2 Million Over Past Three Years

NEW YORK, September 14, 2011 – As part of Hunger Action Month, MetLife Foundation has announced \$500,000 in grants to thirteen food banks across the United States through its 2011 Food Bank Initiative. Since the economic downturn began in 2008, MetLife Foundation has increased its support for nonprofit organizations to help them meet the growing demand for services.

Today in the United States, one-in-six, or more than 46 million people, struggle with hunger, including many children. The Food Bank Initiative grants will enable food banks in the following locations to increase their ability to serve their communities: New York City and Syracuse, NY; Hillside, NJ; Providence, RI; Tampa, FL; Bloomfield, CT; Boston, MA; Dallas, TX; Atlanta, GA; Geneva, IL; Bridgeton, MO; Dayton, OH; and Des Moines, IA.

“Promoting healthy and strong communities is a cornerstone of our work,” said Dennis White, president and CEO of MetLife Foundation. “Food banks play a vital role in meeting basic needs, especially for children and older adults.”

Since 2008, MetLife Foundation has awarded more than \$2 million in this area. This support includes food banks, Meals on Wheels programs, the MetLife Healthy Families Program at the New York Botanical Garden and an online tool created by AARP Foundation to help raise additional funds for local hunger relief organizations focused on serving older adults.

About MetLife Foundation:

MetLife Foundation was established in 1976 to carry on MetLife’s longstanding tradition of corporate contributions and community involvement. The Foundation is committed to building a secure future for individuals and communities worldwide. Through programs focusing on empowering older adults, preparing young people and building livable communities, MetLife Foundation increases access and opportunities for people of all ages. Since it was established, MetLife Foundation has made more than \$500 million in grants and \$75 million in program related investments. For more information visit www.metlife.org

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