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METLIFE FOUNDATION, GENERATIONS UNITED PRESENT AWARDS TO AMERICA'S BEST INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNITIES

Today, 9.1 million people live in award-winning intergenerational communities, where residents of all ages engage in decision-making, problem-solving and relationship-building.

(Washington, DC) – MetLife Foundation and Generations United will present two communities with the 2016 MetLife Foundation/Generations United Best Intergenerational Communities Award.

The award is intended to heighten awareness of the important role that intergenerational solidarity plays in building strong, vibrant communities. This year's recipients are the **City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin** and the **Eastman Community Association of Grantham, New Hampshire**. A third – the **City of Coral Springs, Florida** – was named national finalist.

"Today's award recipients recognize the value of promoting strong bonds between the generations and working together to create a vibrant, meaningful place to live for every generation," said **Dennis White**, MetLife Foundation's president and chief executive officer. "Communities that care for and engage all members – regardless of age – deepen bonds between the generations and set an important example for other communities to follow. We applaud the two communities selected to receive the 2016 Best Intergenerational Communities Award, as well as the National Finalist."

"When all citizens are valued, it creates a positive environment for building strong, safe, and supportive communities," said **Donna Butts**, executive director of Generations United. "Such communities understand the wisdom of connecting generations rather than separating them into age-segregated programs and facilities. They are cutting edge communities that save dollars while making sense."

Amy St. Peter, of Maricopa Association of Governments, Arizona (a 2014 winner), said: "The award validated the work and was absolutely incredible for morale. People were so proud to be a part of the project and to be able to share the award collectively."

This year's honorees, combined, have a total of 730,000 residents, which brings the total population of people living in award-winning intergenerational communities to 9.1 million.

For full profiles of these remarkable communities, visit www.gu.org.

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About MetLife Foundation: *MetLife Foundation was created in 1976 to continue MetLife's long tradition of corporate social responsibility. The Foundation has provided more than \$650 million in grants and \$70 million in program-related investments. Today, we are dedicated to advancing financial inclusion, committing \$200 million to help build a secure future for communities worldwide. www.metlife.org.*

About Generations United: *For three decades, Generations United www.gu.org has been the catalyst for policies and practices stimulating cooperation and collaboration among generations, evoking the vibrancy, energy and sheer productivity that result when people of all ages come together.*