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### **MetLife Foundation and Enterprise Recognize Excellence in Affordable Housing** *Six Community-Based Organizations Honored*

(CLEVELAND, Nov. 15, 2007) – Enterprise and MetLife Foundation announced the 2007 recipients of the MetLife Foundation Awards for Excellence in Affordable Housing this morning at the Enterprise Community Conference in Cleveland. Six community-based organizations were awarded a total of \$120,000 for leadership, innovation and effectiveness in the fields of supportive housing and property and asset management.

Celebrating its 12<sup>th</sup> year, the MetLife Foundation Awards program has recognized more than 70 community-based organizations across the country and provided more than \$1.2 million in unrestricted support to the winners. The awards recognize 501(c)(3) community-based or regional nonprofit organizations and Tribes/Tribally Designated Housing Entities who have excelled in property and asset management or successfully provided housing to people with special needs.

Applications were received from organizations nationwide, and affordable housing experts selected the award recipients. Three winners in each category receive a grant to sustain and expand their work in the community. First-place winners receive \$35,000; \$15,000 for second place and \$10,000 for third place. Through its website and publications, Enterprise will showcase the winning organizations as models of best practice for on-site services and effective management in affordable housing.

The following properties and organizations were recognized:

#### *Supportive Housing*

- **First Place:** The Senator Hotel, Community Housing Partnership, provides 89 permanent single-room homes in San Francisco to formerly homeless individuals and families.
- **Second Place:** The Rebecca Johnson Apartments, Deborah's Place, offer 90 permanent rental housing units in Chicago for formerly homeless single women who have a history of mental illness, substance abuse or a disability.
- **Third Place:** Plymouth Place, Plymouth Housing Group, provides 70 eco-friendly studio apartments in downtown Seattle and a supportive housing program for single, formerly homeless adults.

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*Property and Asset Management*

- **First Place:** Lincoln Way II, Intercommunity Mercy Housing, provides 50 apartments in Seattle for more than 200 low-income individuals, families and formerly homeless.
- **Second Place:** Babcock North, Phase I, Alamo Area Mutual Housing Association, offers 138 affordable apartments in San Antonio for single adults and single-parent households.
- **Third Place:** SANA Apartments, Sheldon Oak Central Inc., is an 11-building complex providing more than 250 apartments in Hartford, Conn., for low-income families and single adults, including seniors.

“Affordable, well-maintained housing is a vital element of healthy communities,” said MetLife Foundation President and CEO Sibyl Jacobson. “We are pleased to join Enterprise in recognizing the six award winners, who are meeting the needs of low-income individuals and families and transforming communities.”

“The MetLife Foundation winners have successfully created housing opportunities for low-income individuals and families who have no other options,” said Enterprise Chairman Bart Harvey. “Enterprise is proud of the work these organizations have done to ensure that decent, safe and affordable homes continue to be important ingredients in building and stabilizing our nation’s communities.”

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*MetLife Foundation was established in 1976 by MetLife to carry on its longstanding tradition of corporate contributions and community involvement. Grants support education, health, civic and cultural programs. MetLife and MetLife Foundation have supported Enterprise’s neighborhood revitalization activities with grants and loans of almost \$35 million. For more information about the Foundation, visit [www.metlife.org](http://www.metlife.org).*

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