



# MetLife Foundation

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## **Rebuilding Together Boston and MetLife Volunteers Team Up to Repair Local Veteran's Home**

**Boston, MA - April 29, 2011**– On April 30, 2011, Rebuilding Together Boston (RTB) and 40 local volunteers from MetLife will team up to help repair the home of the Mr. Hicks who is a Korean War Veteran and has resided in his home in Mattapan for 30 years. In addition to funding Rebuilding Together Boston, MetLife Foundation aims to assist veterans nationwide with similar projects in other communities, which will result in a \$135,000 national investment in Rebuilding Together.

“Rebuilding Together is grateful for the financial and volunteer support of MetLife Foundation and MetLife associates,” said Gary Officer, President and CEO, Rebuilding Together. “As we strive to deliver safe and healthy housing solutions to thousands of low-income homeowners throughout the United States, we are dependent on socially-responsible corporations that share a commitment to our neighborhoods. We’re excited to recognize MetLife for its continued support.”

The Rebuilding Together and MetLife teams will work together to ensure that needed home modifications are done to increase accessibility and safety for the senior citizen and his family. In addition, RTB and the volunteers will address energy efficiency needs and other home improvement features.

"MetLife and MetLife Foundation are committed to building healthy communities. Expanding and maintaining affordable housing is an important element in every community," said Dennis White, president and CEO of MetLife Foundation. “It’s a great feeling, being able to give back to the community and make a real, appreciable difference in people’s lives.”

Rebuilding Together Boston is part of Rebuilding Together, a national nonprofit organization working to preserve affordable homeownership and revitalize neighborhoods by providing significant and critical repair and renovation services at no cost to those in need. Through the support of corporate sponsors, local businesses and the hands-on work of over 200,000

volunteers, Rebuilding Together renovates and repairs nearly 10,000 homes and nonprofit facilities annually.

In addition to its core home repair work, Rebuilding Together renovates community centers and conducts home modification and repair programs that focus on elder home safety, energy efficiency, veterans housing, and disaster recovery and reconstruction. Rebuilding Together has more than 200 affiliates nationwide.

RTB is a twenty-year-old non-profit which provides no-cost home repairs and renovations for the City's economically disadvantaged homeowners as well as for non-profit-owned facilities. To date, the value of Rebuilding Together Boston's work has totaled over \$6 million and helped some 270 recipients. The nonprofit undertakes its projects through the generous support of foundations, corporations and individuals along with in-kind donations from skilled laborers and corporate vendors. More information is available at: [www.rtboston.org](http://www.rtboston.org)

MetLife Foundation was established by MetLife in 1976 to carry on its longstanding tradition of corporate contributions and community involvement. Grants support health, education, civic and cultural programs. In volunteerism, MetLife Foundation supports programs that promote and recognize volunteering among young people, older adults and MetLife associates. For more information about the Foundation, visit [www.metlife.org](http://www.metlife.org).

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