

## **MetLife Partners with Habitat for Humanity Newark**

*Leader in Insurance to Donate Funds, Pound Nails for Non-Profit Homebuilder*

**NEWARK, N.J. – June 24, 2010** – MetLife will be teaming up with Habitat for Humanity Newark to build a home for a hard-working, low-income family in Newark’s West Ward, company officials announced today.

About 20 employees of the insurance company, including “Snoopy”, MetLife’s company mascot, have volunteered to attend the MetLife Build Day on July 23. The company has also agreed to donate \$6,000 to Habitat Newark to supplement the efforts of the volunteers.

The house, known as the Women Build III House, is part of Habitat Newark’s Women Build program and most of the MetLife volunteers will be women.

“We’re extremely grateful to the MetLife volunteers for agreeing to work on the Women Build house,” said Lynne Blaesser, co-chairperson of the Women Build program. “And I’d like to thank MetLife for the donation, which will be put to good use.”

Habitat Newark’s Women Build program helps women learn building skills in an atmosphere where they feel comfortable even if they don’t have construction experience. Beginners are welcome to develop abilities that may be useful in their own homes and to join with other women to create affordable housing for hard-working, low income families. Seventy percent of Habitat Newark families consist of single women and their children.

For more information about Habitat Newark, call 973-624-3330 or visit [www.habitatnewark.org](http://www.habitatnewark.org).