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GENERATIONS UNITED ANNOUNCES NEW SHARED SITE BEST PRACTICES RECOGNITION PROGRAM

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October 8, 2007 (Washington, D.C.) – Generations United (GU) today announced a new Intergenerational Shared Site Recognition Program, funded by MetLife Foundation. The awards are designed to champion the best practices of sites and facilities that connect and serve two or more generations. This national recognition program aims to raise the visibility of these important programs while encouraging the development of more intergenerational shared site models.

Organizations that are recognized as contributing to Best Practices will receive a cash award and will be highlighted in a report released at a celebration in Washington, DC in spring 2008. Up to five grand prize winners will be selected and receive a cash award of \$2500. Up to five additional shared site programs will be selected as honorable mentions and receive \$1000 awards.

“This is a wonderful new initiative that will give us the opportunity to showcase shared site programs across the country that are creatively enriching society by connecting the generations. We hope that by recognizing intergenerational Best Practices sites and sharing outstanding models others will be encouraged to develop these innovative, cost saving shared sites,” said Donna M. Butts, Executive Director of Generations United. “We thank MetLife Foundation for their continued commitment to enhancing the quality of life for children, youth and older adults.”

The Intergenerational Shared Site Best Practices Nomination can be found on the Generations United website at <http://www.gu.org/Curre6271219.asp>. Applications are due December 31, 2007. Please contact GU at 202-289-3979 or gu@gu.org for more information.

Generations United is the only national membership organization focused solely on improving the lives of children, youth, and older people through intergenerational strategies, programs, and public policies. For more information, visit www.gu.org.

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