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## **GENERATIONS UNITED ANNOUNCES SECOND SHARED SITES BEST PRACTICE AWARDS**

Today Generations United (GU) announced the second *Generations United/MetLife Foundation Intergenerational Shared Site Best Practice Awards*. These awards champion best practices of intergenerational shared sites while raising the visibility of these important programs and encouraging the development of new models.

Intergenerational shared sites are programs where people of different generations receive services at the same location and interact through planned activities and informal encounters, such as a senior center with an after-school program, an adult and child day care center, library with programs for younger and older people or a multigenerational community center.

Organizations recognized as contributing best practices will receive a cash award of \$2,500 and be highlighted in a report released at GU's 15th International Intergenerational Conference in Washington, DC in July 2009.

“Our first Shared Site Best Practice Awards were such a success that we eagerly anticipate the next group of winners,” said Donna Butts, Executive Director of Generations United. “We hope that by recognizing best practices and communicating their models to the public, the number of shared sites will continue to increase. We thank MetLife Foundation for continuing to support programs that enhance life for children, youth and older adults.”

The *Generations United/MetLife Foundation Intergenerational Shared Site Best Practice Awards* nomination can be found on the GU web site at [www.gu.org/ShareBestPractices.asp](http://www.gu.org/ShareBestPractices.asp). The deadline for nominations is Friday, November 14, 2008.

*Generations United, a membership organization of over 100 national, state, and local organizations representing more than 70 million Americans, works to improve the lives of children, youth, and older people through intergenerational strategies, programs, and public policies.*