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## **MetLife Foundation Awards Grant to RI Community Food Bank**

**Providence, RI** MetLife Foundation today announced a grant to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. The grant, one of five awarded nationally, will help the Food Bank respond to the growing need for food assistance throughout Rhode Island.

MetLife Foundation is committed to building healthy communities and recognizes the critical role food banks play in meeting the needs of communities' most vulnerable residents, especially children, said Dennis White of MetLife Foundation. We are pleased to support the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, whose work is more vital now than ever. "

For more than 25 years, the Rhode Island Community Food Bank has been helping Rhode Islanders in need, growing to distribute more than 8.3 million pounds of food annually. The food is distributed through the Food Bank's network of 285 member agency programs, which provide assistance throughout the entire state.

This generous grant from the MetLife Foundation comes at a critical time, commented Andrew Schiff, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. Our member agency food pantries are experiencing a drastic increase in the number of people seeking help and this funding will help meet the growing need. "

**The Rhode Island Community Food Bank** is a non-profit organization located in Providence, RI. The Food Bank solicits, stores and distributes food products donated by supermarkets, wholesalers, food processors, local farmers and community food drives. The food is then distributed to the Food Bank's network of 285 member agencies. In the past fiscal year, the Food Bank distributed 8.3 million pounds of food. For more information about the Food Bank, please visit [www.rifoodbank.org](http://www.rifoodbank.org).

### **About MetLife Foundation**

MetLife Foundation was established by MetLife in 1976 to carry on its longstanding tradition of contributions and community involvement. Grants support health, education, civic and cultural programs. For more information about the Foundation, visit [www.metlife.org](http://www.metlife.org).

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**Photo Caption:** As shown (left to right): Mike Convery, Vice President & Chief Claim Officer of MetLife Auto & Home presents a MetLife Foundation grant to Andrew Schiff, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank.

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