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MetLife Foundation expands relationship with South County Habitat.

Charlestown, R.I. MetLife Foundation has awarded South County Habitat for Humanity a \$25,000 grant to help build more affordable housing in southern Rhode Island. In addition to financial support, over 100 local MetLife Auto & Home® volunteers will work on several Habitat housing projects throughout the remainder of 2019.

“Access to decent and affordable housing continues to be a major challenge for many families in southern Rhode Island,” stated Colin Penney, Executive Director of South County Habitat. “In fact, one in every seven families struggles with paying its monthly housing expenses, spending more than 50% of its income on housing. That leaves substantially less money for food, clothing, healthcare expenses, and transportation costs to get to work.”

“We are extremely grateful for the support that MetLife Foundation has provided us over the years to help tackle the challenges associated with affordable housing. The Foundation is truly helping us with our vision of a world where everyone has a decent and affordable place to call home,” added Penney.

“Serving our local communities and helping build houses for families to call home is core to our values and purpose at MetLife Auto & Home,” said Tim Bowen, assistant vice president, Home Operations, MetLife Auto & Home. “We are proud to support with South County Habitat and its vision to provide affordable housing to the residents, our neighbors, in southern Rhode Island.”

Volunteers from MetLife Auto & Home, headquartered in Warwick, R.I., will assist with the on-going construction of a new two-family home in Exeter, along with the rehabilitation of two homes in Charlestown. They will also help with the construction of a new single-family home in Wakefield, scheduled to begin later this summer.

About MetLife Foundation

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About South County Habitat for Humanity

South County Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating, and preserving homes, by advocating for fair and just housing policies, and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. For more general information, call 401-213-6711, or go to our website at www.southcountyhabitat.org.

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