



## LOCAL METLIFE OFFICE CONTRIBUTES TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF MIAMI-DADE AND BROWARD COUNTIES

### **- Cypress Financial Group Honored with “Good Business Practices Community Award” -**

Ft. Lauderdale, FL, June 23, 2008 – MetLife recently announced that the Cypress Financial Group, an office of MetLife, has been honored with the company’s Good Business Practices Community Award.

In recognition of that award, the firm has been given the opportunity to direct a total charitable contribution of \$15,000 to nonprofit organizations of their choice. The firm has selected to donate funds to the Special Olympic chapters of Broward and Miami-Dade County. A check presentation is scheduled for the opening ceremony of Special Olympics Athletics Track & Field Competition and Area Summer Games Competition in February and March 2009, respectively.

“On behalf of my colleagues at Cypress Financial, I am truly honored and proud to accept this award” said Gil Cohen, managing director. “This award is only one example of our dedication to our community and clients, and most of all our commitment to maintaining the highest ethical standards when doing business.

The Good Business Practices Community Award annually recognizes MetLife agencies that exemplify good business practices, both currently and historically. Cypress Financial Group, an office of MetLife, is one of only two MetLife agencies recognized nationwide this year. The selection was based upon stringent criteria, including how customers view their service, the operation’s compliance and ethics practices, and an evaluation from management.

“On behalf of Special Olympics of Broward County, I would like to thank MetLife and Cypress Financial Group for the generous contribution to help make our program a success,” states Linda Mills, Director of Special Olympics Broward County.

“Thanks to the financial support of MetLife and the Cypress Financial Group, Special Olympics of Miami-Dade County can continue to expand opportunities for over 3,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities to be part of life-enriching experiences through year-round sports training and competition.” states Mark Thompson, Executive Director of Special Olympics Miami-Dade County.

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Special Olympics is an international nonprofit organization\* dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society

through sports training and competition. Special Olympics offers children and adults with intellectual disabilities year-round training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type summer and winter sports. (\*Special Olympics is recognized as a tax-exempt organization under U.S. Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).)

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