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### Institutional LDP Team Offers Helping Hands in Louisiana



In July, the Institutional Leadership Development Program (LDP) team took time away from their quarterly program meeting to volunteer at the Community Center of Saint Bernard Parish in Arabi, LA, one of the areas hit hardest by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Arabi is still being rebuilt, and the Community Center provides hurricane survivors with recovery resources, assists with family contact, helps to rebuild businesses and homes and distributes donated supplies. In addition, the center is a shelter where the community can connect and enjoy a hot meal.

The LDP team provided assistance in many capacities. In the morning, associates helped clean and prepare the community center for the day. They also broke ground for the new community center garden and worked in the kitchen preparing, cooking and serving lunch. Some team members stocked shelves, assisted with inventory management and the distribution of goods, and helped complete the annex where the local Girl Scouts are having a summer camp. MetLife Foundation supported their efforts by making a Volunteer Project Fund grant of \$2,500.

In addition to volunteering at the center, the team also had the opportunity to hear from a local resident who was a victim of Hurricane Katrina. He showed home videos and clips of the storm and shared his personal experiences. The stories helped the group understand what happened during and after the hurricane. All in all the events of the day provided an eye-opening experience for the team members, who were proud to represent MetLife and make personal contributions in the recovery of a

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